

Meet, greet artists at Bay Avenue Gallery

View art demonstrations, ask questions, enjoy sweet treats

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Bay Avenue Gallery will feature “A Day With the Artists” from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The gallery will be filled with artists, some working as they demonstrate their techniques and others discussing and howing off their latest work.

The public is invited to come meet the artists, enjoy the art and share some sweet treats.

After six years, Bay Avenue Gallery is celebrating its best year ever. Owner and artist Sue Raymond believes this success is the result of a wonderful collection of Northwest artists.

This summer, a new glass artist moved to the peninsula. Bonnie McBride fills clear glass shapes with small square tesserae. Each stands, allowing the light to filter through. They can be view from the front or the back as the bright colors glow.

Upcycling was popular at the gallery this summer. Cynthia Pride uses jar lids to create colorful mini mosaics about beach life. New this week are woven doormats made from recycled crab pot rope. These nautical knot-work mats are beautifully functional.

The gallery studio is always a hive of activity. There will be artists working on Bay Avenue’s well-known clay flowers as well as the gallery’s newest specialty ceramic totems. These totems range from 1 foot to 3 feet tall. Each is made from ceramic sculptures stacked onto a center pole mounted on stone or wood. Currently on display are ceramic vegetables, sea life, shapes and animals.

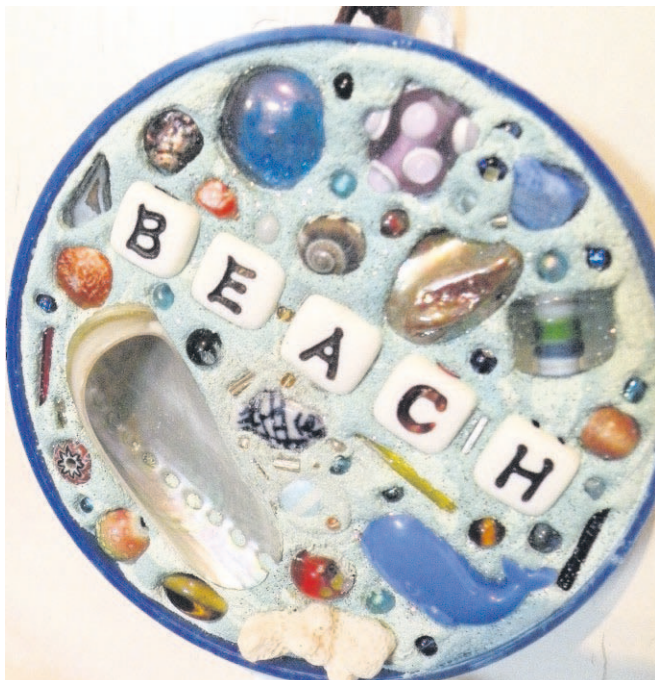
Come meet artists like Ed Thompson, who works in concrete, creating containers of all sizes as well as small sculptures. Thompson is also a computer expert using technology in creative ways.

Painter Carol Thompson is a internationally known seascape artist. She visits the ocean each day gathering inspiration for her realistic ocean views. Her collectors love to see the huge



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The gallery will feature many artists giving art demonstrations.



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Cynthia Pride uses jar lids to create colorful mini mosaics about beach life.

waves crashing on the horizon, or the sea foam swirling among the rocks. She works in oil and pastel and can share her knowledge in each medium.

Bay Avenue Gallery is located at 1406 Bay Ave. For more information about Bay Avenue Gallery events, call the gallery at 360-665-5200, visit bayavenuegallery.com or follow the gallery on Facebook.



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Artists will work on Bay Avenue Gallery's well-known clay flowers during the meet and greet event.

Find monsters, fantasy at Seaside library

Author Melissa Eskue Ousley shares myths, newest book

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Library will host award-winning Oregon Coast author Melissa Eskue Ousley at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22. Ousley will talk about monster myths of the Pacific Northwest and beyond and will read from “Sunset Empire,” her upcoming young adult novel. The event will take place in the Community Room, and there will be book sales and signings following the reading.

Combining the legends of indigenous people in the Pacific Northwest with those of the region’s Scandinavian settlers, “Sunset Empire” blends mythology and fantasy with the area’s history and culture. The story showcases a number of sites local readers will recognize, including Fort Stevens State Park, Shively Park, the Liberty Theater and Astoria’s infamous underground tunnels.

“‘Sunset Empire’ is a love letter to the Oregon Coast and a tale about how the choices we make can turn us into monsters,” said Ousley. “It also features an angry ghost and some of the Pacific Northwest’s most famous mythical beasts.”

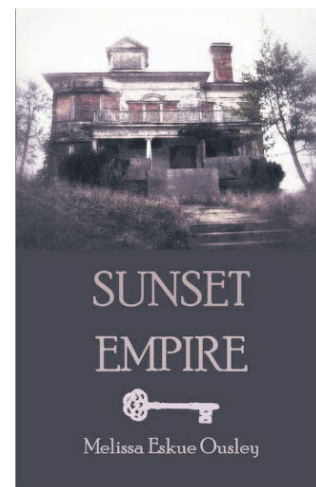
In the book, after moving to Oregon to live with her strict grandmother, 16-year-old Elyse Pthan discovers the terrible heritage her mother kept hidden. Her family may be responsible for the 1922 fire that nearly destroyed Astoria, the death of a girl who longs for vengeance as she haunts the tunnels beneath the city, and mysterious disappearances spanning hundreds of years. Helping her uncover the truth is Phantom, an enigmatic and surprisingly attractive boy. Considering his scars, his talent as a pickpocket and his status as the local social outcast, Phantom’s dark heritage could turn him from friend to hunter.

Ousley’s debut novel “Sign of the Throne” won a 2014 Eric Hoffer Book Award and a 2014 Readers’ Favorite International Book Award. Her



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Just in time for Halloween, North Coast author Melissa Eskue Ousley will talk about myths and ghost stories at Seaside Public Library Oct. 22.



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“Sunset Empire” is author Melissa Eskue Ousley’s latest young adult novel, set in Astoria.

third book in the Solas Beir fantasy trilogy “The Sower Comes” was released this summer and is available at local bookstores.

For a limited time, a preview of “Sunset Empire” will be available to read for free. More information can be found on the author’s website

at www.melissaeskeousley.com

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