

Learn how to draw your favorite wildlife

ASTORIA — Internationally acclaimed wildlife artist David Kitler is coming to Astoria. He will give a three-day workshop on wildlife drawing and painting on Aug. 5, 6 and 7 at Astoria Art Loft. The workshop will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Kitler will review drawing techniques, discuss the many drawing tools and materials available, and focus on drawing selected wildlife. Since eyes and ears are such import-

ant features, he will emphasize the accurate portrayal of these features as well as paws/claw/hoooves/feet and tails.

The cost of the workshop is \$298. To reserve your space with this well-known artist, call Astoria Art Loft at 503-325-4442 or stop by the loft at 106 Third St., above Dots 'N Doodles. The workshop will be limited to 12 participants. More information and a materials list are available upon request.

The Fox & The Fawn hosts River Song fundraiser

ASTORIA — If you like art, animals, cupcakes and drinks, stop by The Fox & The Fawn on Saturday, June 11. The downtown Astoria boutique, located at 1008 Commercial St., will host a fundraiser for the River Song Foundation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Art will be for sale, and all proceeds will go to the foundation. If you want to donate an art piece for this event, contact the store by calling 503-468-0362.

The River Song Foundation is a Hammond-based, volun-

teer-run non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that advocates and promotes responsible animal stewardship by offering services, support and education.

The foundation seeks to provide emergency food for animals in need, provide support and guidance to animal caretakers to lessen the number of abandoned animals, offer spay and neuter resources, assist with lost pets and more.

To volunteer, donate or for more information, visit river-songfoundation.org

2nd Saturday

ART WALK

June
11
5 to 8 p.m.

ASTORIA — Downtown merchants and galleries will hold Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 11. Meet artists and mingle with fellow art lovers while enjoying refreshments and new exhibits.

ART BUSINESSES

1. Imogen Gallery

240 11th St.

Imogen Gallery presents a solo exhibition for established artist Marc Boone, who has enjoyed a career spanning both coasts but now calls Ocean Park, Washington, home. It is here that he's found his newest muse: the grand Pacific Ocean. For his exhibition "Pacific Portals: Arcane Image" he brings a series of oil and watercolor paintings exploring the thin line where earth meets sky. For Boone, this series is the result of a search for the magic of nature.

2. RiverSea Gallery

1160 Commercial St.

"Aqueous" is a solo exhibition of bamboo sculpture by nationally recognized Oregon artist Charissa Brock, who is lauded for her creative use of bamboo in all of its many forms. She has worked with bamboo as her chosen medium since 1999 and has demonstrated an unflagging desire to explore new permutations of using the plant as an art material.

In the Alcove, Portland artist Karen Story presents "Beyond the Surface," a series of encaustic paintings inspired both by her lifelong connections to water and her love of the figure in art. Her chosen medium, encaustic, is a mix of beeswax, pigment and tree resin. Her work is process oriented with an emphasis on the many layers below the surface. The application of translucent and opaque layers, each one burnt in to the previous, builds a complex and varied underpainting.

3. Old Town Framing

1287 Commercial St.

Why did Don Nisbett cross the river? To come to the art walk! Old Town Framing will host artist Don Nisbett from Ilwaco, Washington,

for the next art walk and display his work June 11 to Aug. 11. Nisbett will be featuring his original watercolors depicting the Astoria-Megler Bridge as well as other local scenes and themes. Nisbett will also be releasing several originals from local event posters of years past, including the Great Columbia Crossing and the Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival. Prints, tiles, cards and magnets are also available. Wear your Astoria Pride T-shirt and buy one card, get one free, June 11 during art walk only.

4. Tempo Gallery

1271 Commercial St.

Tempo Gallery will feature work by six local artists: acrylic paintings by Ed Peterson, fabric art hangings by Alexandra Myers, local land and seascapes by Thron Riggs, watercolors and acrylic paintings by Phyllis Taylor, monotypes and acrylic paintings by Vicki Baker and photographs by Carol Smith. All of the artists will be present during art walk. Refreshments will be served.

5. KALA

1017 Marine Drive

In conjunction with inaugural

Astoria Pride celebration, KALA presents the "The Coast is Queer" with special guest curator, noted Portland gallerist Mark Woolley. The exhibit celebrates the diverse art being produced in Oregon by queer-identified artists. The selected artists are queer, and but not all of them necessarily explore queerness in their art — they are just producing interesting, well-crafted and original works that reflect their inner vision. Artists include Paul Soriano, Dorothy Goode, Wesley Youni, Chuck E. Bloom, Tabor Porter and Greg Carrigan, Marne Lucas and Sid Deluca. Complimentary appetizers, and a no-host cocktail bar continues through the evening; light dancing will follow art walk.

6. Ratz & Co.

260 10th St.

Entering its third year here in Astoria, Ratz & Co. features the illustrations, album covers and paintings of Dave McMacken. The studio/gallery also shows the work of Portland artist Jackie Avery and Frank Zappa's lifelong art director, Cal Schenkel. McMacken is also introducing his new logo and ads for Bill Brooks "Dos Huevos Locos," a new, crazy hot bowl, now being served at Astoria Coffee Co. Refreshments will be served.

7. Astoria Art Loft

106 Third St.

From 3 to 6 p.m., Astoria Art Loft will feature painter René Rowe, who brings a rich background, including a career in IT with Fortune 500 companies, a decade of managing high-end galleries, and an art career that includes painting in oil, acrylic and watercolor, creating small sculptures, and other media. The loft is filled with Rowe's landscapes, cityscapes and seascapes as well as vibrant

non-objective works. Her work emphasizes brilliant color, fine design and diversity of subject matter.

ALSO FEATURING ORIGINAL ART

8. AVA Artist in Residence

1170 Commercial St.

Painter Meghann Hanour will showcase some of her works in progress from a new series of richly detailed, large-scale acrylic paintings.

9. AVA Artist in Residence

80 11th St. above Edison Bros.

Fish Co.

Rachel Jensen and David Plechl will be on hand to share the progress on their collaborative project, a process that involves a lot of give and take. "One can't get too attached as textures are built up, sanded down or painted over. At times, obfuscation of intent and accident takes shape, suggesting the unseen hand of a 'third artist'... Works on canvas give way to works on paper. Independent gestures are echoed and affirmed."

10. Luminari Arts

1133 Commercial St.

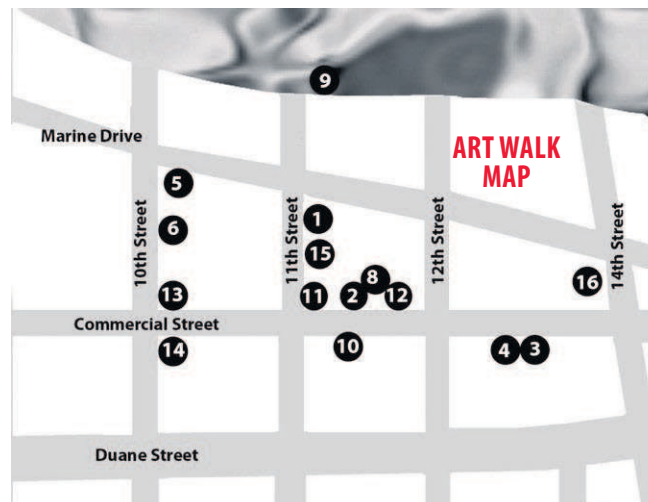
Mary Gaffney along with her brother, Richard Kuensting, come together to share creative works reflecting the elements of "Rock Paper Scissors." Describing herself as a "closet collager," Gaffney was first introduced to CitraSolv art four years ago. CitraSolv is a natural cleaner and degreaser made from Valencia oranges. "Discovering the unique properties of CitraSolv opened the door to my dormant creative energy," she says. "I use CitraSolv to manipulate the ink on the pages of National Geographic."

As an artist, Kuensting explores many varied means of expression. Sometimes creating, just for the activity itself, sometimes a desire to make a signature statement; sometimes just play. The ceramic pieces on display during art walk represent two distinct times and processes: The larger coil-built forms were done about four years ago. Recently Kuensting has been working on a potter wheel, but not in the expected throwing methods one usually expects; instead, he uses soft clay and a slow turning wheel, shaping forms in the techniques of a hand-built pinched form.

11. Forsythea

1124 Commercial St.

Zemula Fleming's art pieces are compelling in their execution;



ART WALK
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