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A painting by Jeffrey Hull, of Jeffrey Hull Gallery. Hull will be in the gallery all weekend, holding an art reception and book signing at 5:30 p.m. Friday and an open house reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Look what's blowing into Cannon Beach during the Stormy Weather Arts Festival on Nov. 4, 5 & 6

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Even if the rain is blowing sideways and the wind bends the trees outside, Debra Carnes will weave a little magic during the Stormy Weather Art in Action dinner and auction on Saturday, Nov. 5.

With rattan, and maybe some curly willow and birch bark — or possibly beach rope, metal or sea grass — Carnes will weave a basket that could ultimately be 3 feet tall — and filled with her imagination.

In fact, imagination and creativity will infuse Cannon Beach for three days during the 29th annual Stormy Weather Arts Festival Friday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 6.

In addition to the annual dinner and silent

auction, other activities will include concerts Friday night and Sunday, artists demonstrations and receptions hosted by local galleries, street-corner musicians, a fashion show and a three-woman play.

"This is a traditional event," said Court Carrier, director of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the festival. "The arts are an incredible part of Cannon Beach, and this is a celebration of the arts."

With at least one new event — the Blues, Brews and Barbeques lunch Sunday in the chamber's community hall — and a few twists in the annual offerings, the festival is a little different this year.

"It's like Disneyland when it has a theme

park," said Carrier. "To keep bringing people back, they freshen it by adding a new ride or changing it up."

Art in Action

Carnes became intrigued with basket weaving when a friend in Michigan taught her 30 years ago.

"There are no rules — you don't have to follow patterns, and I don't like to follow rules," Carnes said. "But there are endless possibilities."

She uses a variety of materials.

"Everywhere I look, I find something to work with — trees, the ground and the beach, for sure. I started working with metal last year."

Carnes' brightly colored, hand-dyed basket fabricated with rope found on the beach won her the Steve McLeod trophy presented this year by Cannon Beach's Earth Day Committee. The trophy was named after

the late Steve McLeod, a local painter and sculptor who used beach debris in his work.

Carnes and seven other professional artists will demonstrate their techniques by creating art during the annual dinner Saturday night. Some of their works will be for sale.

Participants in the silent auction can bid on Cannon Beach experiences, travel packages and other items. Proceeds from the auction will pay for scholarships for children attending the Coaster Theatre Kids Camp, the Sea Ranch Children's Summer Music Camp or the Cannon Beach Arts Association's Arts Camp.

"The scholarships help kids maintain their interest in arts," Carrier said. "Last year we sponsored scholarships for nine students."

Other festival highlights include:

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