Hoffman Travelogue focuses on Greece

MANZANITA — The Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita will host the third event in its Travelogue series, this time focusing on Greece, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Manzanita resident Mindi Bender has visited Greece more than a dozen times between 1985 and 2017, most frequently to the Island of Lesvos in the north Aegean Sea.

She has had lived with the Greek people and studied their language. She delights in eating delicious authentic homemade Greek foods.

The photos will convey her deep love for the vibrancy of Greek culture and colorful, splendid scenery of this ancient land.

"Travelogue Greece" is the third in a series of photography shows sponsored by the Hoffman Center to celebrate global culture and community through the lens of our local citizens.

Refreshments will be served and a discussion will follow the presentation. Admission is $5.

Last April, Bender gave a presentation on the Middle Eastern refugee crisis that has been impacting parts of Greece, particularly the island of Lesvos, since 2015. She plans to provide a separate, in-depth update on that situation, including stories of the refugees she has worked with there, during another talk at the Hoffman Center in spring 2018.

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Mindi Bender, right

Artists show their true colors in Manzanita

MANZANITA — The exhibit "Confluence of Color" opens in Hoffman Center Art Gallery (594 Laneda Ave.) 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, and will run through Saturday, Dec. 30.

On display will be colorful handmade ceramic bowls from a variety of North Coast potters, new oil paintings by Chris Biegun and colorful monoprints representing the works of six artists.

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A bowl by Allan Olson

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A painting by Chris Biegun