



This painting by Marlena Johnson will be featured alongside Knappa 4-H students' works at Astoria Art Loft.

Art Loft features local youth

ASTORIA — The Knappa Art, Acrylic and Photography 4-H Group will host an artist reception for its initial exhibition from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Astoria Art Loft, 106 3rd St.

The exhibit will be available to view until June 4. Featured artwork was cre-

ated by members of the 4-H group, who are between ages 9 and 15. On Saturday, members will be available to discuss their artwork and their contributions through 4-H.

The group is sponsored by Oregon State University.



Photography by Dirk Sweringen is featured at the Sou'wester Lodge.

Art exhibit honors late photographer

SEAVIEW — The Sou'wester Lodge's Art Trail Gallery is featuring work by Dirk Sweringen until July 18. The art is viewable from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the gallery, 3728 J. Place.

The gallery is free to visit. Visitors are expected to wear face coverings and follow social distancing guidelines.

Sweringen's photography will be featured. During his career, he helped found the Axiom Centre for the Arts in England. He directed a photography program and regularly showcased emerging and established British photographers.

Sweringen, who was born in Washington state, returned in the late 1980s while researching his family history. Many of his photographs relate to his research.

His family settled in Seaview in 1996. He took over running his parents' business and opened the English Nursery. He was involved in many activities, including acting as a board member for the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum and helping run the Music in the Gardens annual event.

Sweringen died in January. Memorial donations can be made to Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum.

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