



If you enjoyed last week's show from Calico, head down to The Ruins (July 14, 6 p.m.) and check out **The Crow and the Canyon** (pictured above). Described as a "bluegrassish quartet from Portland," the band is on a summer tour that includes stops at The Oregon Country Fair, Mississippi Studios, and the Northwest String Summit. California bluegrass band Damascus Road is on the bill, too.— *Jim Drake*

Norris, Womble at White Buffalo



On Thursday, July 16, Polly Norris and Mark Womble play the White Buffalo from 6-8 p.m. Polly (vocals, guitar, banjo) and Mark (vocals and keyboard) will perform a collection of tasty originals with savory arrangements including rock, country swing and blues. This week's complimentary wine tasting will be hosted by Willow Wines of Underwood. The White Buffalo Wine Bar & Bistro, 4040

Westcliff Dr., Hood River; 541-386-5534.

Polly Norris

Blue Moon BBQ Aug. 1

Celebrate this year's only blue moon, in the scenic Columbia Gorge at Maryhill Winery — paired with live music by the award-winning Karen Lovely Band and scrumptious barbecue by The Glass Onion. Stargazers can delight in staring up at the sky through telescopes provided by Goldendale Observatory State Park and enter to win a Washington State Parks Discover Pass. All ages. Saturday, Aug. 1, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 early, \$12 at the door.

'Recycling Days' camp July 27-29

Have your kids been complaining that they are bored? Do they need a fun summer activity to beat this heat? Sign up for Recycling Days at the History Museum of Hood River County. This is a camp like atmosphere all about recycling. We are going to learn and have fun with a recycled materials theme. These fun, recycling centered activities will include creating musical instruments from recycled materials, special guests from the Forest Service, and the BIG project that we are keeping a surprise! Recycling is an important part of continued life in the Gorge, so bring your kids down to learn about and make it a part of their everyday life in a fun way.

Recycling Days will be July 27, 28, and 29, from 10 a.m. – noon. This day activity is for kids ages 7-11. The camp will be \$10 per day or \$25 for all three days. Pre-registration is required as space and supplies are limited. To register your kids for Recycling Days please call 541-386-6772.

Andrew Grade at The Pines

This week at The Pines:

Brigid's Cross, Thursday, July 16, early show from 4:30-



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

JAM BAND Smudgepot performs a well-received set amid smoke and lights provided by Positive Light Productions, to top off the fifth anniversary party at Volcanic Bottle Shoppe Saturday. Mark Reynolds and Matt Mesa started the music, followed by 23rd and Union. Meanwhile, folks sampled the Volkanische Vijf (Volcanic five) Belgian-style sour ale prepared for the occasion by Solera Brewery and Everybody's Brewery. Smudgepot members are Eric Skutch on keys, Chris Reed on guitar, Abe Stevens – on bass and Nevin Plummer ondrums. Stevens and his wife, Amanda Goeke, own Volcanic. Go to hoodrivernews.com/Media for a short video of Smudgepot from Saturday's gig.

Plein Air celebrates 11 years Aug. 7-30

In celebration of scenic beauty of the Columbia River Gorge, the Columbia Center for the Arts will hold its 11th Annual Pacific Northwest Plein Air Aug. 7-30 — a series of events featuring the art of painters and writers. Plein air (in open air) brings artists and writers from around the country to draw creative inspiration from the many vistas of the Gorge. Artists are invited to spend three days visiting some of the most visually remarkable sites in the Gorge during a three-day "Paint-Out" for visual artists and "Write-Out" for writers.

Plein Air Art Exhibition

The Plein Air Art Exhibition is a juried show that highlights the works of artists from North America, and includes a juror workshop, artists' gatherings, and plenty of opportunities to engage with the beautiful outdoors. During the first week of August (prior to the opening of the exhibition), invited artists will set up in various outdoor locations throughout the area to paint. On Thursday, August 6, 4-6pm, artists will set up in downtown Hood River for the Quickdraw event, during which they have a two-hour timeframe to create a work of art. All these plein air images will be hung salon-style and will be on display from August 7-30. "You can't go wrong with a gallery full of paintings from The Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area for inspiration," says the art show's curator Cathleen Rehfeld. "We have selected 40 of the most talented and inspired artists to participate in Plein Air, and there is always a sense of suspense as no one knows what the work will look like until it is hung in the gallery.'



FIRST PLACE WINNER in the 2014 Plein Air competition was this work by Anton Pavlenko.

across the country. He has been featured in Fine Art Connoisseur, Plein Air, Southwest Art, American Art Collector and American Artist Workshop magazines. Bryan's work is currently on exhibit at The Irvine Museum in California, in an exhibit entitled "Sunlight and Shadow: The Tradition of Plein Air Painting". This art show is generously underwritten by Scott W. Edgar, DMD, PC, Northern Oregon Endodontics, Gamblin Paint, Strada,

has been shown in museums MuseArt + Design, and across the country. He has WIFAS.

Plein Air Writing Event

The writing portion of the Plein Air show is an opencall event that culminates in displaying writers' work in the Gallery, publication on the Columbia Art Center website, and a public reading in the Center's theatre on Sunday, August 9. Writing of all types, from prose to poetry, come together to write in the beautiful outdoors of the Columbia Gorge.

event is an exciting showcase of the diverse writing talent in the Gorge," commented Plein Air writing curator Julie Hatfield. "Writers tend to be solitary, so it's a unique opportunity to work as a group and share what we've created. And by showcasing writers and visual artists together, it's a more satisfying experience for our audience and makes this event one of the most distinctive Plein Air exhibitions in the country.²

This writing event is generously sponsored by the Schmuck Family Fund.

Plein Air Important Dates

Aug. 3-5 Write-Out and Paint-Out Days

Aug. 6 QuickDraw Painting Event in Downtown Hood River (4–6 p.m.)

Aug. 7 Collector's Preview Party (4-6 p.m.)

Aug. 7 First Friday Opening Reception (6-8 p.m.) Aug. 8 Bryan Mark Taylor

Aug. 8 Bryan Mark Taylor Workshop (registration required) Aug. 9 Public reading at CCA at 7 p.m. Aug. 7-30 Overall Exhibition Dates (Daily 11 a.m.-7 p.m.) For more information on both events visit columbiaarts.org

6:30 p.m.

Andrew Grade, Friday, July 17, 6-9 p.m.

Andrew Grade is an instrumental acoustic guitarist who plays music that is upbeat and mellow. It combines elements of pop, blues, funk, and jazz. His songs weave layers of melody, guitar-based percussion and harmonics. The Pines Tasting Room, 202 Cascade Ave., Hood River; 541-993-8301.

Lavender DAZE July 18-19



Tillinghast

The 11th Oregon Lavender DAZE Festival returns July 18 and 19. Make plans for the annual event that features free admission, live music, food and wine vendors, craft classes, U-pick lavender, and kid's activities. Tour groups welcome. Music schedule: Saturday: MacMillan, Keith & Bell 10:30-Noon; Moe Dixon 2:30- 5 p.m. Sunday: Kay & Randy 10:30-Noon; Larry and Raven 12:30-2 p.m.; Richard Tillinghast & Onehum 2:30- 5 p.m. Hood River Lavender Farm, 3801 Straight Hill Road, Hood River; www.lavenderdaze.com

Take Two at CEBU



This week at CEBU Lounge: Friday, July 17, Take Two Duo featuring Ted Horwitz & Laura Cunard, 9:30 p.m. "Playing a mix of familiar tunes in a wide variety of music styles, Take Two plays jazz and big-band standards to pop, classic rock, country, folk and R&B."

Ted Horwitz

Saturday, July 18, Tony Smiley - Hood River native Tony Smiley rocks solo as the one-man-loop-ninja. 9:30 p.m. Best

Western Plus Hood River Inn, 1108 E. Marina Way; 541-386-2200.

'Vokab' at River City July 16

Vokab Kompany is a genre-defying masterpiece of sound comprised of vocalists Rob Hurt and Burke Baby. With live accompaniments by their four-piece band, they create an innovative sound that "blankets audiences and leaves them in a musical stupor." Catch them at River City on Thursday, July 16, music starts at 9 p.m. Advance tickets \$12 at brownpapertickets.com/event/1751955.

River City Saloon, 207 Cascade Ave., Hood River; 541-387-2583.

Entertainment listings can be e-mailed to jdrake@hoodrivernews.com



Art Exhibition Opening and Collector Preview

The public is invited to attend the Collector Preview Party August 7, 4-6pm for first choice of purchase as well as the Opening Reception 6-8pm to meet the artists and the award winners. Over \$3000 in prizes will be awarded.

Juror Bryan Mark Taylor

A world traveler and an accomplished landscape and cityscape painter, Bryan Mark Taylor is currently working out of his San Francisco Bay Area studio. Bryan has won numerous top awards at the nation's most prestigious plein air invitational events and his work "The Plein Air Write-Out

