

COMMUNITY NEWS

Local photographer Ken McDougal featured at FRAA

On April 11, from 3 to 5 p.m., a reception will be held for Ken McDougal, featured photographer at Florence Regional Arts Alliance Art Center, 4969 Highway 101, during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

McDougal arrived in Florence on June 4, 2012, after a six-day journey from Jacksonville, Fla. He had been doing the usual images — portraits, weddings, ads, etc. — until he received a calling to come Florence and practice the fine art photography he creates today.

In March, McDougal's artistic eye captured a photo of the

Siuslaw River Bridge in a unique way that landed him the cover of The 2015 Florence Business Profile, a Siuslaw News magazine.

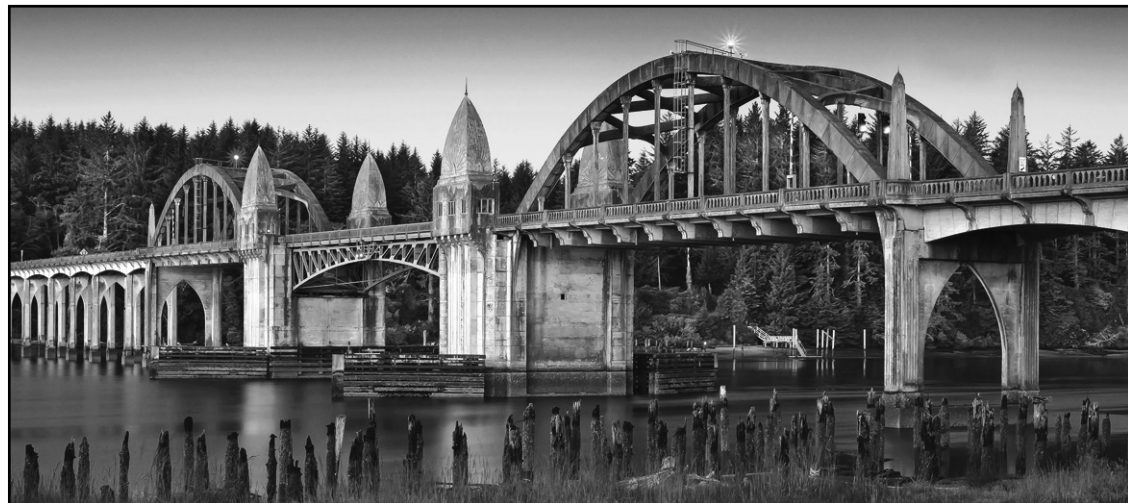
His passion takes him out most days in the early morning hours or late afternoon when the best lighting bathes the scenic areas, nature and wildlife he captures in his phenomenal photographs.

McDougal has been a professional photographer for nearly 20 years and studied communication and broadcasting for three years at Lyndon State College in Vermont before moving on to The New York Institute of Photography (NYI)

for two years until graduating in 1990.

After working for a national photography company for 10 years, he resigned his position and started his own company called Ken McDougal Photography. Since moving to Florence, McDougal has won several local awards while establishing himself as one of the latest up-and-coming artists in the photographic community. He is also on the executive board of the Siuslaw Viewfinder's Camera Club and a member of the FRAA.

McDougal and his wife,



A photo of the Siuslaw River Bridge by award-winning photographer Ken McDougal

Kim, are also members of the Florence Four Square Church

here in Florence.

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McDougal's work for the month of April.

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