

## Financial Peace course begins on April 12

Florence Evangelical Church is starting a Financial Peace University class, April 12, which will run for 10 weeks on Sundays, from 3 to 5 p.m.

There is no class Mother's Day.

There will be a short pre-view class Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m. for those wanting more information.

Over nearly 20 years, Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has helped 1.5 million families learn how to handle their money using a Biblically-based, practical, step by step game plan.

This nine week course combines engaging video teaching, encouraging group discussion, and essential weekly homework to help participants learn how to take control of their money.

On average, families that put into practice what they learned at Financial Peace

University have reduced debt by \$5300 and put \$2700 into savings in the first 90 days after completing the class.

Participants will need to purchase one of Dave Ramsey's Membership Kits for \$93 plus shipping and handling.

The kit includes audio CDs of all of the classes, Ramsey's book called Complete Guide to Money, plus tools needed for successfully learning how to handle money.

Anyone is welcome to come to the first class without buying a kit, but a kit is needed for the remaining classes. Kits can be ordered at the pre-view class, the first class or online at daveramsey.com.

The church is at 1318 Rhododendron Drive, one block west of Highway 101.

For more information, call Rob at 541-999-9179.

## Backstreet hosts reception for Little Dickens winners

Backstreet Gallery presents artists Bill Johnson and Jan Woodford, the artists who won the Best of Show awards for last December's Little Dickens Show. Their new exhibition will be mighty but maybe not miniature.

The reception is April 11, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Refreshments will be served. Since childhood, with her parents fostering her talent, Woodford has loved art. She's been painting and developing her expertise for 50 years and has worked with pastels for 16 years.

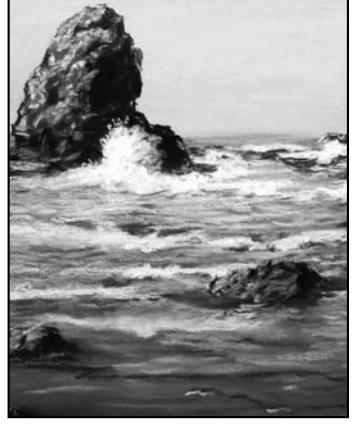
Woodford loves to work in series. Her most recent endeavor is her seascapes where one can almost feel the sea spray with waves crashing against the shore. She might paint with oil in plein air or take photos and combine them in the richness of her style with pastels. She is equally adept at portraiture.

One of her beautiful seascapes won best of show at



COURTESY PHOTOS

Bill Johnson and Jan Woodford are winners of Back Street Gallery's Little Dickens Art Show. A reception will be held for them April 11 at Backstreet Gallery. Johnson's creation (above right) and Woodford's painting are on display.



the miniature show in the 2D category.

In February, the Siuslaw Public Library showcased her work. She has exhibited at Tsunami Gallery, Mind Power Gallery and Peace Harbor Hospital. She creates with a group of artists at Old Town Coffee, where she is a permanent exhibitor.

Woodford's art also appears

at the FRAA Art Center, where she is a member. She also coordinates the Figure Eight artists who meet bi-weekly with a live model.

Johnson has entered several Little Dickens Shows and won awards at each show for his 3D pieces. He, too, has been artistic since childhood when he loved to draw hot rods.

At Pasadena City College,

he began to take art and design classes. He pursued a career in the aerospace industry. Later he worked in residential design and graphic arts.

Workshops like "Artist is You, Art and Soul," and an assemblage class with Michael de Meng have influenced his present day art.

He expresses himself by gathering discarded objects that he finds in thrift shops and garage sales then transforms and assembles them into free-standing sculptural pieces.

Machine parts, clocks, watches, dials, meters, gears and chains are a few of the items you might find pieced together in his unique sculptures.

Come enjoy their creations during April at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Senior Network Group meets April 8

Florence offers retirees a unique life style. Within the community is a group of dedicated people who provide quality services to its older citizens.

Collaboration and resource sharing are invaluable and ensure that communication and community partnerships exist.

Senior Network Group was founded more than 25 years ago. The group meets on the second Wednesday of every month, from noon to 1 p.m.

Each month a different host from the Senior Network membership volunteers to coordinate the meeting, the speakers and a free lunch.

The group membership includes representatives from residential care, nursing facilities, retirement homes, senior services, the hospital, and hospice and care providers.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, at noon. It will be held at Spruce Point Assisted Living and is hosted by Senior and Disability Services.

Those caring for an older adult are encouraged to attend.

The guest speakers will be Becky Strickland and Geoff Clark from Adult Protective Services. They will present on adult abuse, with a focus on elder abuse and financial exploitation.

The presenters will talk about the scams that are currently targeting vulnerable populations, identifying the risk factors, present indicators of abuse, and ways to help reduce risk. There will also be time for discussion and questions.

For more information about the Senior Network Group, contact Susan Burkhart by emailing shorewoodretirem@qwestoffice.net or calling 541-997-8202.

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