

Photographer Ken McDougal featured at FRAA

FLORENCE — 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.

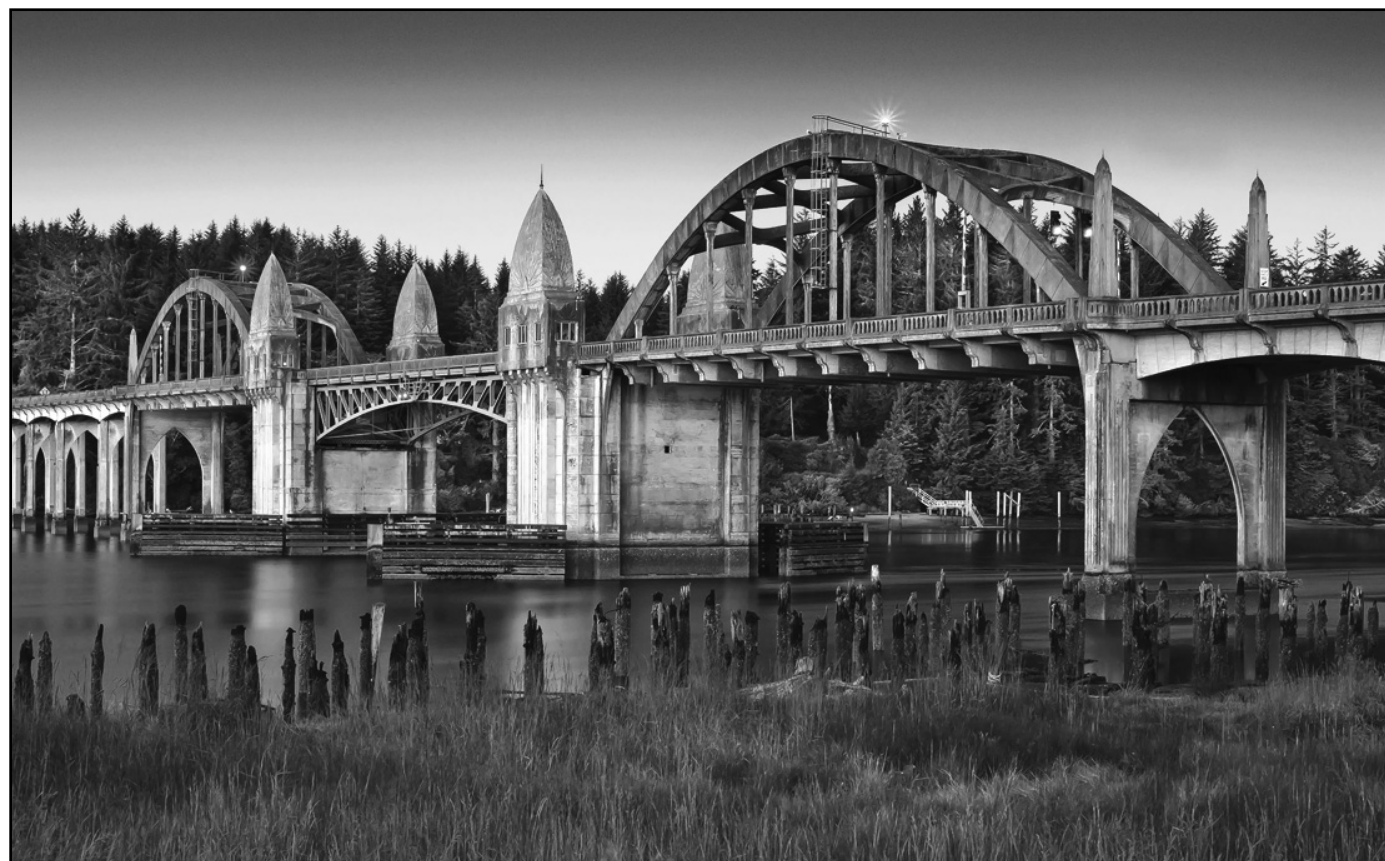
He had been doing the usual images — portraits, weddings, ads, etc. — until he received a calling to come Florence and practice the fine art photography he creates today.

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



Siuslaw River Bridge by award-winning photographer Ken McDougal

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, Kim, are also members of the Florence Four Square Church here in Florence.

The FRAA will exhibit McDougal's work for the month of April.

Community Chorus to present 'Hooray for Hollywood'

FLORENCE — At 2 p.m. on May 3, a musical performance called "Hooray for Hollywood" will be presented by the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon (CCFO) at the Florence Events Center.

The program, under the baton of interim director Paul Guthmuller, will include many songs from popular motion pictures of the past. In addition to a medley of favorite tunes, the chorus will sing several other unusual favorites, including the theme from the James Bond series of movies.

Special guests performing at the concert include Florence favorite the Flo Tones. In addition, the Siuslaw Children's Choir,

consisting of students in grades three to six, will also perform.

Elise Arnold will direct both the children's choir and the Chorus' James Bond theme.

The May concert will highlight the Chorus' scholarship program and recipient(s) will be announced.

Tickets for the concert are available at the Florence Events Center and are \$15 for adults, with children under 18 years of age admitted free.

For more information or tickets, call the FEC at 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org, or the Community Chorus at www.communitychorusflorenceor.org.

'True Story Tuesdays' continues at City Lights Cinemas

FLORENCE — Documentaries take many forms and points of view, informing viewers about worlds that may otherwise elude them. Documentaries at City Lights Cinemas will continue each Tuesday and include:

- April 7: "Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me." After learning of his Alzheimer's diagnosis, Campbell embarks on a farewell tour.

- April 14: "Ballet 422." From first rehearsal to world premiere, the story of a new ballet.

- April 21: "National Gallery." Go inside one of the great museums of the world.

- April 28: "An Honest Liar." The story of the "Amazing" Randi, famous debunker of magicians, frequently seen on The Johnny Carson Show.

"Documentaries are as entertaining as narrative features to me," says Michael Falter, co-owner of City Lights Cinemas. "The most amazing stories are our own — and good documentaries help define our world. We're excited to show more of them at City Lights."

Admission prices are \$6.50 for members, \$7 for children 12 and under, \$7.50 for matinees, \$8 for seniors and \$9 for regular admission. City Lights Cinemas is at 1930 Highway 101.