

Kiki wins portrait raffle



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Bettie Egerton was the winner of an oil-on-canvas pet portrait raffle by local artist Ron Hildenbrand of her papillon Kiki. The portrait raffle was part of a fundraiser for the Florence Area Humane Society held Jan. 31 at the Florence Events Center (FEC), sponsored by the FEC gallery committee. Hildenbrand presented the finished portrait to Egerton on April 9. Pictured above are: John Leasure, FEC gallery committee member; Bettie Egerton (holding Kiki); Claudia Brown, FEC gallery committee co-chairwoman; and artist Ron Hildenbrand.

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New Backstreet Gallery artists

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., welcomes two new artists: noted oil artist Claudia Ignatieff and clay artist Bonnie Wilson.

Ignatieff is a retired early childhood administrator. For the past nine years she has become a valued member of the Florence art community as a fine artist and also as co-chairwoman of the Florence Event Center Gallery Committee, publicity chairwoman and board member of Florence Regional Arts Alliance and now a member of Backstreet Gallery.

Ignatieff said she is inspired by, “the ocean and its gifts, wildlife and its devotion to its young, the innocent nature... and the love of pets.”

She executes her realistic renderings in water-based oils and embellishes them not only with brush but also palette knives to create the fur of animals, the bark on trees and other textures to evoke emotion in the viewer.

Her works may come from photographs or remembrances that have special meaning for her. They will touch your heart as well.

Ignatieff has exhibited at the FEC, Siuslaw Library, Silver Lining Gallery, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor hospital, FRAA Art Center, Oregon Pacific



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Claudia Ignatieff and Bonnie Wilson

Bank, and was featured for two months at the Newport Visual Art Center.

Wilson came to Florence from Montana three years ago. Since then she has developed her own style of hand-built pottery, distinctive whimsical homes that invite fantastical myths to reside in their very own fairy houses.

These residences have individual fairy names such as Nissa, Alston, and Elitri and are unique creations unlike any other.

She began by making one of her fairy houses for her fairy garden. Each one is made from

3/8” slabs of clay, cut textured and formed into a one-of-a-kind creation.

They take several weeks to design, bisque fire, glaze and finish in the kiln. When completed they are perfect for outside in the garden, or inside your home.

Wilson earned her degree in hospitality management, which she promptly put to work in her job with Oregon Parks and Recreation at Cape Blanco. She has also worked part time as a bed and breakfast sitter.

See these distinctive works at Backstreet Gallery, open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Eugene Symphony presents concert

SEAcost Entertainment Association’s sensational season of seven high-caliber performances wraps up on Friday, May 15, at 7 p.m., when the Eugene Symphony returns to present a special Florence-only “Orchestra Showcase.”

This unique, one-time concert will include the music of Barber, Haydn, and Strauss; and feature the Symphony’s principal cellist Anne Ridlington.

The Symphony will host a free pre-concert talk at 6:15

p.m. to meet their audience and give insights on the evening’s music.

Individual tickets are \$30 per adult and \$10 for those under 18. Tickets are available online at SEAcostEA.org or at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St. or by phone at 541-997-1994. Artist profiles, video clips, and more information are available at SeacostEA.org.

SEAcost is planning another outstanding season beginning in October with

Latin/pop/jazz/classical artists, Quatro. Also included in the 2015-2016 line-up are singer Ken Lavigne, guitarist Jesse Cook, Ballet Fantastique, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, SHUFFLE (a group so multi-talented they let the audience pick the playlist), and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America.

Season tickets, which offers a value of seven concerts for the price of five, go on sale later this spring.

COCBR offers scholarships to seniors

The Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors (COCBR) will again be offering a number of scholarships to local residents pursuing their educational dreams. COCBR has been offering scholarships to students in Florence and the surrounding area for more than 20 years.

The scholarship program is one of the many ways that local realtors, as business professionals, become involved with addressing their community’s needs by supporting programs in Florence.

This year, COCBR is increasing each scholarship to \$1,000 and offering an additional scholarship.

Two of the \$1,000 scholarships offered are for high school seniors from the Florence and Mapleton area

graduating from an accredited high school (including online high schools), or who have earned their GED or equivalent and are wishing to pursue either an academic or vocational career at an accredited college, university or vocational institution.

An additional \$1,000 scholarship has been added this year and is open to anyone in the community wishing to pursue (or who is currently pursuing) education at Lane Community College.

Applicants should complete the COCBR scholarship application and provide information on financial need. Application information is available at the COCBR website (www.cocbr.net) under the “resources,” “scholarship” tabs. The application may be completed

online using the online submission tool, or the application can be downloaded, printed, filled out and either mailed to the COCBR office at P.O. Box 414, in Florence, or dropped by the office located at 1234 Rhododendron Drive.

The Scholarship Committee has extended the 2015 deadline to May 15, and recipients will be contacted by June 1.

Contact the Central Oregon COCBR office with any scholarship questions by calling 541-902-2560. Also, by way of special reminder, the Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors would like to emphasize that this scholarship program is open to everyone, and encourage anyone to apply, even those who may be uncertain about meeting the qualifications.



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