

It's time for an 'About Face' at Backstreet Gallery in June

For the month of June Backstreet Gallery will present "About Face," a community challenge that invites the artists to take a simple unadorned face and create a unique piece of art with it.

Enjoy these unique creations and a reception, June 13, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

The rules allowed the artists to add, subtract, multiply or divide the shape and to embellish the face and/or its parts in their own unique way.

Come see these one-of-a-kind art pieces.

In addition, "face the music" with Smilin' Dave Craddock on his keyboard with his own brand of smooth jazz mellow standards that make everyone feel at home.

Come enjoy the music, the



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"About Face" creation by Jane Rincon, Backstreet artist

great appetizers and see how the artists faced this challenge during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

The Sisters Brothers

By Patrick deWitt

Read by John Pruden

Book Review by Susie Voth

"The Sisters Brothers" by Patrick deWitt was short listed for the Man Booker Prize in 2011 — but that isn't why I put it on my reading wish list. It was the striking cover designed by Portland artist Dan Stiles.

Of course I pick books by their covers. Don't we all?

"The Sisters Brothers" has been dubbed "cowboy noir" by its reading audience. It feels like a Coen brothers' or Quentin Tarantino movie — stark and violent with a dash of humor.

Charley and Eli Sisters are the two most feared hit men in the west. They work for the mysterious "Commodore" and are currently on assignment to eliminate Hermann Kermit Warm.

They don't know why Warm is to be killed and they don't ask, it's the job and so it must be done.

Charley, the older of the brothers, is ruthless and the leader of the duo. Eli, the narrator of the story, is more introspective, questioning their actions and wondering if there isn't some other less violent way to live; perhaps by being a shop-

keeper with a loving wife.

He follows his brother into sticky situations, resolving them with a shrug and a gun or a knife or whatever weapon happens to be handy.

Afterward he ruminates, "here is another miserable mental image I will have to catalog and make room for."

The brothers travel from Oregon City to San Francisco in search of Warm. Along the way they encounter a fair number of quirky characters, one of which happens to be Eli's handicapped horse, Tub. Gunslingers, fallen women, Indians, prospectors and stable boys populate their eventful and entertaining travels.

In a western cliché, it is well worth the ride. The book is also available as an audiobook via Library2Go.

It is narrated by John Pruden who has just the right tone for sensitive, eloquent Eli.

Summer reading is almost here!

This year's summer reading program begins June 1.

The theme for children is "Every Hero has a Story," the theme for teens is "Unmask!" and the theme for adults is "Escape the Ordinary."

As with each year's program look for fun-filled programming, for all ages throughout the months of June and July.

All age groups will be able to earn or win exciting prizes!

Last chance to view Hang-It-All exhibit

The Hang-It-All art display will be coming down this Saturday, May 30. If you haven't had a chance to view this special "water" themed art display be sure to come in and do so. For those artists displaying works, stop by the library between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday to pick up your work.

Thank you to all those who participated in this great show.

Study Rooms

Did you know that the library has two small study rooms, which comfortably seat about four or five people, and can be used for small meetings, private study, one-on-one tutoring and as a quiet place to use one's laptop?

The rooms may be scheduled up to four hours and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Drama students present humorous zombie plays

Two one-act zombie plays put on by local drama troupes will limp into the Siuslaw Middle School Commons on Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 30, at noon.

Siuslaw Middle School drama class members will perform "All I Really Need to Know I Learned From Being a Zombie," written by Jason Pizzarello.

A true ensemble piece, this hilarious one-act play boasts 15 different zombies, two half-zombies and five yet to be infected cast members — all with speaking roles.

With no real lead characters, everyone adds to the story line of life as a zombie. There are zombie perspectives presented by stereotyped zombie (played by Campbell Williams), cheerleader zombies (Raelee Dimon and Macalin Mason), teen zombie (Elissa Hurley), laid back dudette zombie (Makenzie York), stand-up zombie (Karter Knapp), teen suitor (Mason Prociw), and

business women zombies (Chloe Madden and Hannah Rasmussen).

These characters interact with uninfected non-zombies such as a businesswoman (Brooklyn Cahoon), a good-hearted girl from school dating a zombie (Alicia LaBelle) and a traditional family of mother, father and son (Hannah Freudenthal, Skyler Winters and Bucky McAnulty).

Additional zombies are played by Lilyjana Flores and Tiffany Latham.

After the first act there will be a short 15-minute intermission, followed by the second act: Siuslaw High School's performance of "10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse" by Don Zolidis.

This is a madcapped, sarcastic, sardonic and outright silly account of teen survivors of the zombie apocalypse.

The survivors are played by Katlin Meskimen, Billy Jones, Tristin Reber, Ethan Owens and Mallory Varas.

Their 10 approaches are narrated by the dynamic duo of Brilee Sewall and Jacob Molano.

Hot on the tail of our survivors are a trio of zombies — who sometimes get their meal and sometimes get thwarted — played by Anthony Perez, Angel Espanta and Skyler Winters.

Middle schooler Hannah Rasmussen lends a hand as a zombie in this play as well.

Performance dates are Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m., with a Saturday, May 30, matinee at noon. Both shows will take place in the Siuslaw Middle School theater in the Commons.

Max Glenn to speak on civil rights struggles

YACHATS — The Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences presents local resident Rev. Dr. Max Glenn, who will share on three decades of civil and human rights struggles and personal experiences on Saturday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Yachats Commons.

Glenn was intimately involved in the Appalachian struggles for human and civil rights in the early 1960s; the desegregation of public schools in the 1970s; and the 1980s' Family Farm Crisis.

There is no charge for this presentation. A donation of \$5 will help cover expenses.



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