

Summer art camp geared for youth in Coos Bay

COOS BAY — KIDS@CAM Summer Art Camp for children ages 6 to 9 years old takes place from 10 a.m. to noon, and for children ages 10 to 13 years old from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the Coos Art Museum every Wednesday starting June 17.

The camp continues weekly through Aug. 19. Mix and match days based on your child's summer schedule and interests.

Per class fee is \$20 for CAM members and \$25 for non-members. All materials will be provided.

If you sign up for all 10 class days, use coupon code KIDS@CAM to receive your discount. Children participating in all 10 classes will also receive a KIDS@CAM T-shirt.

Each day, there will be a special guest speaker for the first 1/2 hour to an hour. Each guest will introduce a particular topic on which that day's art lesson and project will be based.

This format of integrated learning keeps academic knowledge fresh while promoting creativity and artistic expression. Guest lecturers or presenters may bring a variety of natural resources, plants, insects, animals, etc. so that there will be hands-on learning from both the science and art perspective.

Children's art instructor Jessica Morrison will develop a unique art lesson and project based on each day's science topic. Morrison has a B.S. in Education with an Emphasis in Fine Arts. She is 2011 graduate of Northern Arizona University and has extensive background teaching young children in an academic setting and as a U.S. Peace Corps Education Specialist.



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Children can come see "Chicken Anna" at the Coos Art Museum during Summer Art Camp, starting June 17.

An art lesson will be paired with each topic:

- June 17: Prehistoric Forests and Animals.

Travel into the past with FarWest Lapidary and Gem Society member Don Innes and find out about prehistoric forests and animals.

- June 24: Trees of the South Coast.

There is way more to our impressive trees of the south coast than meets the eye. Come find out what Assistant Professor and OSU Extension Forester Tristan Huff has to say about this exciting topic.

- July 1: Eelgrass

It's all about eelgrass today! Megan Joyce, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve's AmeriCorps member, will be speaking to us about the diverse group of organisms living in the eelgrass.

- July 8: Horticulture

Liv Drahos from Fat Dog Farm will share some really cool things about horticulture and there might even be "a sprout or two, just for you!"

- July 15: Western snowy plover

The special guest will be BLM Park Ranger Sarah Schapira who will be

speaking about the Western Snowy Plover.

- July 22: Fish Adaptations

ODFW's District Fish Biologist Mike Gray will be presenting the topic: "Fish Adaptations."

Prepare to be amazed by the incredible and sometimes truly 'weird' evolutionary adaptations that fish have in order to survive.

- July 29: Plastics in the Ocean

Annie Pollard of Surfrider Foundation's Coos Bay Chapter will provide insight into the complexities of plastics and their impact on the ocean.

- Aug. 5: It's a Mystery!

The guest speaker is a mystery! Are you ready for whatever wild and crazy science topic that might come your way?

- Aug. 12: Rocks for Art

A special guest from the FarWest Lapidary and Gem Society will share with us ways rocks are used in carving and/or beading.

- Aug. 19: Cluck, Cluck

Come visit with "Anna," one of the sweetest chickens you will ever meet! Our very own Director of Art Education Stephanie Donaldson will introduce you to her and give some insight into raising backyard chickens.

Note: Class topic may change based on instructor's discretion. Coos Art Museum reserves the right to replace guest speaker/topic for scheduling purposes.

For online registration visit www.coosart.org/class-listing. One booking form per child. A limited number of scholarships are available for children. Contact CAM at 541-267-3901 or email sldonaldson@coosart.org.

Watercolorist Carole Hillsbery to be featured at CDABA event

REEDSPORT — The Coastal Douglas Arts and Business Alliance (CDABA) will feature Carole Hillsbery at the next First Friday, set for June 5.

CDABA will present Hillsbery, a nationally acclaimed watercolorist, at its "Friday Friday... Art is for Everyone" event. The Lower Umpqua Hospital is hosting this event from 5 to 7 p.m.

Hillsbery paints watercolors that are fresh and colorful. Painting in an impressionist style, she wants her "colors and shapes to evoke a sense of playfulness and

joy in the viewer," she says. Her works include landscapes and seascapes, flowers, boats and animals. Hillsbery considers herself a story teller and invites the viewer to "look for the underlying idea she is sharing" in her paintings.

Hillsbery found her chosen art medium after taking a workshop from Kathryn Davis, now conducting workshops for all levels. She said she finds that most students "want to learn how to paint more freely, so I give them many exciting techniques to inspire them."

Hillsbery is a prolific painter and has been entering competitions since 2003. Her paintings are exhibited at Earthworks Gallery in Yachats, the Mindpower Gallery in Reedsport, and she has been a featured artist at the Backstreet Gallery in Florence. Hillsbery is a strong supporter of the Rotary Club of Florence and was recently seen creating a painting live during a fundraising reception. That painting was then auctioned on the spot.

The event is free and family friendly.

The next First Friday event will be held

July 10, at the Myrtlewood Gallery in Reedsport. The event will also be a celebration of the Myrtlewood Gallery's 30th year doing business in Reedsport.

For more information about CDABA or its First Friday events, contact Kathleen Miller at 541-271-2101 or by email at kkmiller@reedsportlaw.com.

Also contact Miller if you are an artist, crafter, author, photographer or other hand made artist who would like to participate in Reedsport's annual spring Art Walk on Saturday, June 20, from 10 am to 5 p.m.