

FRAA Art Center relocating to Old Town

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will soon have a new home in Old Town, at 120 Maple St.

Responding to a members survey, the FRAA board voted to make the move in order to be more accessible to the general public, as well as more responsive to the needs of its membership and artistic community.

The new location will include a large classroom area offering a wide variety of classes, along with space for special events. Three distinct gallery areas will be available for members to exhibit and sell their artwork. One area will exhibit art on a commission-

only basis.

Though the number of art pieces may be limited, this area will include wall space, cases, racks and pedestals for 3-D art, prints, cards and more.

Another area will offer artists individual marketing spaces for a monthly rental fee. These spaces are six feet wide, floor to ceiling, and three feet deep. A limited number of half space rentals will also be available in this area for 2-D and 3-D art.

The exhibit areas are conducive for all types of artwork, from paintings, photography, pottery and jewelry, to fused glass, wood carving, fabric

arts, multi-media art and more.

To display artwork, samples must be submitted to the gallery committee in advance, either by sending digital photos to fraaoregon@gmail.com, or by bringing artwork in to 120 Maple St. on Aug. 13, between 9 a.m. and noon.

The committee is looking for original artwork executed by the artist, representing their creativity and skills.

For more information about securing exhibit space, or about the grand opening membership offer for current and new members, email fraaoregon@gmail.com.

Membership is required to

exhibit at the Art Center, and members receive discounts on many classes and special events.

The FRAA Art Center will open at its new location on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Hours will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art Classes, workshops and special events will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays or in the morning or evenings on the other days.

To learn more about present and future events scheduled at FRAA, visit www.fraaoregon.org.

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