

Exhibit features 25 years of phone book covers

Twenty-Five Years of Phone Book Cover Art is the theme of a special exhibit under way at the Kenneth B. Gallery in Florence's Old Town.

The show, celebrating Pacific Publishing's 25th anniversary, will run for four weeks through Saturday, Oct. 24.

The exhibit includes 19 covers of the Central Coast Connection, formerly The Central Oregon Coast Telephone Book.

Artists represented include Stu Henderson, Kathryn Davis, Kathryn Damon-Dawson, Pat Knipe, Rosy Clark and Susan Koch.

Photographers include Curt Peters, Charles Draper, Melani Johnson, Brett Matthews and Cliff Harvey.

"The Central Coast



The exhibit is available by appointment only at Kenneth B. Gallery through Saturday, Oct. 24.

Connection is celebrating its 25th year as the only locally-owned phone book on the central coast," said its publisher, Robert Serra. "Each year we hold a contest for local artists and photographers to submit their work for our cover."

"The covers, totally absent of advertising, are widely anticipated as a popular part of our community phone book by many of its more than 20,000 users each year," Serra said. "Several people tell us they collect the covers."

Kenneth B Gallery is at 1458 First St. in Old Town. Viewing is by appointment with 30-minute notice by calling 541-999-5875.

For more information, call Pacific Publishing at 541-997-1040.

Smoley, Phillips art to be featured at Backtreet

Glass artist Jayne Smoley and oil painter Tamarah Phillips will be featured through the month of October during a special exhibit at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Old Town Florence.

Smoley's works, a variety of geometric shaped pieces in vibrant glass, include bowls, plates, hanging designs, starfish, jewelry, nightlights, wall sconces and custom light fixtures — and her glowing pendants are dichroic eye-catchers.

All pieces are layered and kiln fired at 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit for an average of 20 hours and often cold worked, then returned to the kiln.

Her newest gleaming pieces are executed in Pate de Verre: Literally meaning casting in paste. Using crushed glass, Smoley builds a casting mold by hand and packs layers of frit (crushed glass) in the mold, then fires it for about 40 hours. The mold is broken away making each piece truly one of a kind.

Smoley was one of the founding co-chairs of the "Artful Affair" presented by the Rotary Club of Florence to provide art scholarships to local students.

She has been an active participant in the much-acclaimed Holly Jolly Follies and is a



The work of artists Tamarah Phillips (left) and Jane Smoley will be featured at Backstreet Gallery in October.

member of PAC, the public art committee for Florence.

With a very distinctive style enveloped in linear designs, organic shapes and vibrant colors, Phillips captures her subject in an other-worldly fantasy.

Having a seamstress for a mother surrounded her with fabrics, textures and patterns gave impetus to her intuitive work.

"Design beyond your skill, and then raise the level of your skill to fulfill it," said Phillips.

Her father served as a military safety officer, so Phillips

has lived all around the United States. She also lived in Germany for six years, where she and her father took walks in the forest as he regaled her with historic stories and fairy tales.

These memories, combined with her mother's cloth imagery and Phillips' own fertile imagination, influenced her truly unique art.

The recurring theme of women's faces is repeated in many of her ethereal paintings.

Her images tell a story using women's faces, human figures changing into something magi-

cal, dancing nymphs and hidden symbols.

You can find Phillips at Bon Jour on Bay Street, where she is the assistant manager.

An artists' reception will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, from 3 to 5 p.m., with entertainment provided by talented guitar player and singer Steven McVay Ingram.

Learn about county performance audits tomorrow

Lane County's recently appointed performance auditor Shanda Miller wants to ensure the public understands what her office does and how its actions will affect day-to-day operations of county government — and why this important to Lane County citizens.

Miller and Lane County commissioners will host a "Meet the Auditor" information session in Florence at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., and 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The information session will also provide opportunities for the public to ask questions about the audit process and get to know more about Miller's role, background and goals for her department.

The County Performance Auditor's Office assists the County Board of Commissioners in improving the performance, accountability and transparency of Lane County government.

The board appointed Miller as the performance auditor in February 2015.

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The city will accept applications through Wednesday, Oct. 14.

These positions will offer citizens the opportunity to volunteer their services to assist the city in the management of the Florence Municipal Airport.

The Airport Advisory Committee will consist of five to seven members.

The committee will work toward implementation of the city's current Airport Master Plan, volunteer recruitment, airport maintenance and repair and grants for airport

enhancement and maintenance.

Help contribute to Florence by serving on the Airport Advisory Committee.

Applying for a position is easy. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at Florence City Hall and on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us.

For details regarding the duties and responsibilities of city committees, residency requirements of applicants, term lengths or any other questions, contact City Recorder/Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437.

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