

Call to artists for Little Dickens art show

Backstreet Gallery is hosting its annual Little Dickens juried miniature art show, Dec. 5 through Jan. 3.

The exhibit will include 2D and 3D art that are small in size but great in artistic accomplishment.

Applications with information, rules and size requirements are available at

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. Applications are also available at www.backstreetgallery.org.

Entry forms are due by Nov. 23 and delivered Nov. 28-30.

All media are welcome. Best of Show in 2D and 3D art pieces will win a show of three or more pieces in the month of April 2016.



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On Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be a workshop at the FRAA Art Center, 120 Maple Street, on "How to Write and Perform Contest-Winning Poetry."

A panel of experts will give tips and advice on how to take poems "to the next level."

Every quarter, FRAA sponsors the Spoken Word Poetry Contest, for individuals to read or perform their original poetry. Three judges score the performances based on emotional impact, creativity and performance.

The winning individual receives a cash prize between \$150-\$250, depending on how many people have registered to recite their poems.

One of the workshop leaders, Peter Coyne, has participated in all of the contests and is the only person to win twice.



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A member of Break Beat Poets addresses a gathering of poets during a workshop at FRAA last month.

Coyne is a former professor of communications and has many valuable insights on how to improve the perform-

ance aspect for the contestants.

Karen Brown teaches creative writing at Lane Community College, and has been a judge at all six of the poetry contests held over the last year and a half.

She will explain what she looks for when judging the contestants.

All other past winners are invited to attend and share their perspectives as well.

This is open to youth as well as adults. Bring the poem you are working on for the next contest and receive help for the next Spoken Word Poetry Contest.

Workshop fee is \$5 for students or FRAA members, and \$7 for nonmembers.

For more information, visit www.fraaoregon.org, or call Bettie Egerton at 503-910-3625.

'Our Town' to discuss plethora of topics today

Coast Radio KCST's "Our Town" show will be an amalgam of subjects for November. Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow, Florence Mayor Joe Henry and Lane County's director of solid waste services will be in the studio to talk about their responsibilities.

"Don't worry" says Our Town host Bob Sneddon, "they won't all be in the same seg-

ment."

The program, which airs for the first time today from 4 to 6 p.m. on KCST, will start off with a phone interview featuring Kimberly Pettina. She's the Divisional Director of Home Front War Relief and Emergency Disaster Services for the Salvation Army in Oregon and Washington.

Pettina will talk about the services her agency provides to all military veterans. She will be in Florence for the Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11.

Personal Banker Dawnell Spencer from Banner Bank will also visit Our Town with some information on the digital chips that began showing up in credit and debit cards recently.

The chips are an anti-fraud

measure aimed at making your card transactions more secure.

From there, the conversation will shift into solid waste and recycling as Dan Hurley joins Sneddon in the studio for a conversation about the life expectancy of the Short Mountain Landfill. That's the primary repository of solid waste in Lane County.

The county recently opened a new "cell" at Short Mountain. Hurley will also talk about recycling and how residents can reduce the amount of trash that has to be buried.

Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow will also be on hand. She was recently appointed by Gov. Kate Brown to succeed her former boss, Alex Gardner.

Perlow has been with the DA's office since 1989. She has been the Chief Deputy DA since 2008.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry will also be in the studio for a time. He will talk about progress made by the city on several goals set by the city council earlier this year.

Henry is nearing completion of his first year in the Mayor's chair. He says he and the four councilors have made a lot of progress on those goals during his tenure.

Our Town airs three times on Coast Radio.

The first time from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Nov. 4, on KCST 106.9 FM. Then twice again on KCFM: Thursday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 8, both from 10 a.m. to noon.

Medicare open enrollment underway until Dec. 7

Now through Dec. 7, Medicare recipients have an opportunity to review their coverage and, if needed, change their programs.

Representatives of SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance), are holding individual consultation appointments at Lane Community College Florence every Friday during Open Enrollment.

These certified SHIBA volunteers can help you determine whether your coverage continues to best meet your needs.

They can also sign you up for Medicare Advantage or drug plans. If you are soon to be eligible for Medicare, you can get an overview of the system and an informative book to help you with the decisions you will need to make.

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