

GALLERY TO SHOWCASE PILLOWS, WITTY WORDS

FLORENCE — Saturday, Dec. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m., The Gallery Above the Silver Lining Boutique will present the sixth annual Janey DiMuro Christmas show, coupled with three book signings by Burney Garelick.

The fabric of art includes inspiration, materials, crafts and execution. The show will feature multi-dimensional fine artist Janey DiMuro, whose inspiration uses opulent, touchable fabrics to create her new Haiku collection of whimsical pillows. These will be alongside her paintings and collages of politics, ideas and a celebration of beauty.

DiMuro's pillow art, along with her striking and provocative two-dimensional art, has become a holiday tradition at the gallery.

The smaller Haiku pillows are varied in content and each one is completely unique.

DiMuro's astute artistic attention to detail in her pillows, collages and paintings truly sets her creations apart. Her edges are crisp and sharply defined, her fabrics are hand woven silks and cottons and velvets from around the world.

These truly are one of a kind and perfect for holiday giving.

"I have been working with these extraordinary fabrics to create an entire experience for the observer, and it has



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Some of The Gallery Above Silver Lining's featured artist Janey DiMuro's creations that will be on display

been exhilarating for me as for you, to whom I present them," said DiMuro. "The season of Christmas is such a magnificently magical time, especially here in my home town of Florence."

At her champagne and hors d'oeuvre reception, DiMuro will be joined by local writer Burney Garelick, whose inspiration fabricates words into witty reviews and stories.

Garelick worked for the Siuslaw News, where she wrote countless theatre and concert reviews, as well as feature stories and press releases celebrating the enormity of talents and local artists.

She continues to write, in her well deserved retirement, and has recently published three books — two slim volumes of opera reviews and one rollicking novel set in the Oregon dunes where anything can happen.

Garelick's book, "It's Not Over ...Mornings at the Met," contains seven reviews from the 2013-14 season of the Metropolitan Opera. "Mew and Cry...Catcall from the Box" contains 10 reviews from the 2014-15 Met season.

Her novel, "Big Dunes Gold Doubloons Coffee Spoons and Looney Tunes" transports Diva, the doctor, and Gelato the talking cat, over the river into the dunes and across the pond for a series of preposterous adventures, including pirates, Amelia Earhart, medicinal beetles, teddy bears, King Midas and the Red Nuns of Fuschia.

This is all done with exceptional humor and breath-taking reviews of actual local concerts and plays presented over the last decade. All three books are available on Amazon.com, as well as at The Silver Lining Boutique, 2217 Highway 101.

Join these two exceptional artists Dec. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

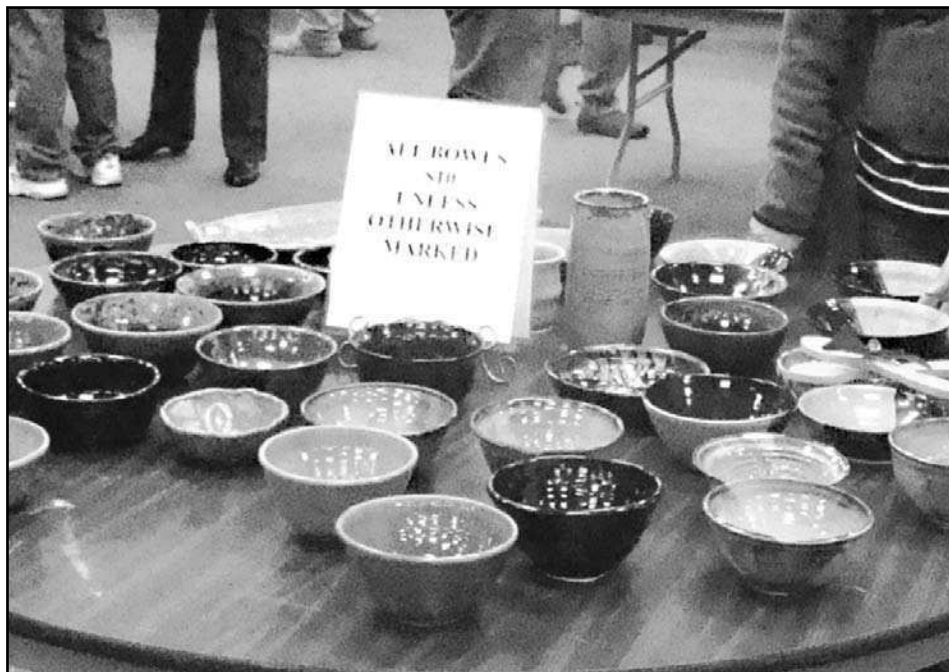
Empty Bowls celebrates 20 years of helping hungry

FLORENCE — Buy an empty, handmade ceramic bowl created by an local artists and, in the process, help someone who may otherwise go hungry for the holidays.

That's been the idea behind the Empty Bowls event, now celebrating its 20th year. This year's the event hopes to offer more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls to the public created by many local artists with the purchase price of \$10 each, with smaller bowls available at \$5 each.

Each bowl will be accompanied by a coupon redeemable for one cup of the soup of the day at a participating restaurant during the month of December

Along with local Florence artists from throughout the area, more than 75 Siuslaw High School students will be involved in the production of handmade ceramic bowls.



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More than 700 handmade bowls will be available at this year's Empty Bowls.

Through the Empty Bowls event, ceramics students are not only learning how to create handcrafted ceramic bowls, they are also learning how to give back to their community in a unique way. This project has helped raise their awareness of the needs of others and how they might assist in meeting those needs.

A silent auction is also available for attendants to participate in.

The 20th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held Dec. 4, 5 and 6, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., with all proceeds to benefit Florence Food Share.

Admission is free.