

Little Dickens contest winners announced

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., will honor the community participants in the annual Little Dickens Miniature Show with a reception this Saturday, Dec. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Refreshments and live Celtic music make this a festive event you won't want to miss.

Juror Mary Colgan-Bennetts, an artist and Siuslaw Public Library's circulation manager, had a difficult time determining which of the many marvelous miniatures would receive the ribbons.

Without knowing the identity of the artists who produced the pieces, Colgan-Bennetts selected a husband and wife who share art as an important part of their lives.

Best of Show 2-D award recipient is Rosy Clark for her tiny rendition of "Simple Pleasures," a delightful watercolor. Around town, many have seen Her wall murals. In addition, she paints in oils.



Rosy Clark's "Simple Pleasures" (left) and Pancho Clark's "Giant Shadows"

However, Rosy's present focus is on watercolors. Her mini is a smaller version of a full size work and is done in watercolor on Yupo Paper, a very difficult medium.

Pancho Clark was awarded Best of Show for his 3-D innovative metal sculpture entitled, "Giant Shadows." Pancho is well known in Florence for his ingenuity in a variety of media.

His winning piece is forged from stainless steel. Pancho



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won this Little Dickens Best of Show award a few years back.

Along with the Best of Show Awards, Backstreet Gallery will host an exhibition of art by Rosy and Pancho in April 2016.

Visitors will be surprised by their presentation as their April show will not necessarily be miniature pieces.

The following artists also received recognition for their submissions:

• Two-dimensional ribbons were awarded to: First place, Stephanie Ames' photo, "Montana"; second place, Silvia Trujillo, oil, "Lady Charlotte"; and third place, Peg Swanson, raku ceramic, "Indio Vines."

• Three-dimensional ribbons were presented to: First place, Pancho Clark, metal sculpture, "Kinetic Cowboy"; second Place, Bill Johnson, assemblage, "Time Machine"; third place, Geraldine McMahan, ceramic, "Seeking Revelation."

Providing the music for this reception for the community artists will be another favorite community artist of the flute, Terri Mihm.

Mihm is well versed in many styles, and plays skillfully with originality on her improvisational inspirations. Accompanying her will be harpist, Suzanne Bonnen from Corvallis. Bonnen has performed for more than 20 years, from classics to contemporary and Celtic.

Little Dickens Show hangs until Jan. 3 and is open to the public.

Businesses, homes light up for Holiday Light Contest

The holiday spirit is alive and well in Historic Old Town Florence. In an effort to bring back a Florence tradition from years past, Central Lincoln PUD and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce are reviving the Florence Holiday Light Display Contest.

Businesses and residents have the opportunity to make Florence even more charming by decorating homes or businesses with holiday lights and entering the Holiday Light Display contest for chances to win up to \$250 to shop at local businesses.

Entrants can be either commercial or residential.

Each category will have a first, second and third prize winner. The prizes range from \$100 for third place to \$250

for the first-place winner.

In an effort to promote energy savings, all entry light strings must be LED lights. Non-LED lit decorative characters and similar items are acceptable.

The contest is open to both the Florence and Dunes City areas and is not restricted to official city limits.

The deadline to enter is Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Lights will be judged Thursday, Dec. 17, and the winners will be announced Friday and Saturday.

Entry forms can be found at www.ci.florence.or.us and can be turned in to the Florence Visitor Center at 290 Highway 101 or emailed to sherri@florencechamber.com.

Soroptimist Christmas Basket program seeks donations

The Soroptimist International of Florence's local Christmas Baskets Project is in full swing.

Monetary donations are being accepted for the purchase foods for the project.

Send donations to Soroptimist of Florence, P.O. Box 1209, in Florence, with "for food" or "toys" noted on the check. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

Local businesses have giv-

ing trees or totes available for donated new toys for children aged infant to age 12.

The dispersal is open to any needy family in the Florence Food Share service area.

Distribution for toys will be from the Church of the Nazarene, Dec. 19, beginning at 9 a.m.

Foods will be dispersed from the covered area at the Siuslaw Middle School, Dec. 19, beginning at 10 a.m.

FIRST ANNUAL Lighted BOAT PARADE ON SILTCOOS LAKE

Saturday, December 12 at 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Everyone is invited to come out and watch!

Boaters: Your \$10.00 launch fee will benefit the
Home Front War Relief
Program through the
Salvation (Army) NAVY-Western Lane County.
Call Darlings Resort to Register.
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Appalachian Winter

**Sunday, December 13, 2015,
2 p.m. at Florence Events Center**
Tickets \$10; students FREE!
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**Please drop off unwrapped toys
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**Please purchase toys for age group of
9-12 for boys and girls.**

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