

# Grant supports Biennial Student Art Exhibit

COOS BAY — Plum Creek Foundation is contributing a \$2,500 grant to support the Coos Art Museum's 2016 Biennial Student Art Exhibit.

Nearly 1,000 pieces of art created by pre-K through 12th grade students will be on display from Feb. 26 through April 9, 2016.

Working with teachers, students and families within Coos, Curry and western Douglas counties, the Coos Art Museum presents the popular exhibit annually to support arts education in the South Coast Education Services District.

"The main goal of our exhibition is to encourage young artists and recognize their artistic expression," says Steven Brooks, the museum's executive director. "This exhibit showcases the creative talents of young artists in our community and encourages residents to seek out cultural resources and opportunities for their families."



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Plum Creek Foundation donated \$2,500 to the Coos Art Museum for its 2016 Biennial Student Art Exhibit. From left are Stephanie Donaldson, director of art education; Eric Gehrke, senior manager, Plum Creek Coos Bay Operations; and Steven Brooks, museum executive director.

Through its collections, exhibitions and education programs, the Coos Art Museum on Oregon's Southern Coast promotes the appreciation, understanding and expression of visual art. During the student exhibit, museum admission is free, and the museum will host an opening reception for the young artists, their families and teachers, and the community.

For more information about Coos Art Museum, the third oldest art museum in Oregon, and the exhibit, visit [www.coosart.org](http://www.coosart.org).

## MULTIMEDIA MUSIC EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

COOS BAY — You needn't be a musician to enjoy "Musical Instruments @ CAM," a multimedia exhibition at Coos Art Museum that lasts through Feb. 13, 2016.

The unique exhibit presents the work of 11 Oregon musical instrument makers. In the Atrium Gallery, curator Gail Elber has brought together harps, guitars, ukuleles, mandolins, pan flutes, violins, Norwegian hardanger fiddles, Irish whistles and Native American flutes and drums by makers from Pistol River to Portland.

Seeing these finely crafted instruments

up close is just the beginning. Come to the gallery with a smartphone or tablet and your earbuds, and you'll be able to watch a video about each artist and hear the sound of each instrument.

Many of the artists will present an artist's talk during the exhibition. Would you like to build an instrument for your own enjoyment? Make a "canjo" with Nick Krissie or a rawhide hand drum with Duke and Danielle Summers.

Visit [www.coosart.org](http://www.coosart.org) for a schedule of artist's talks and workshops.

Artists include:

- Lynn Berg, Eugene: Violins, Norwegian Hardanger fiddles
- Glenn Hill, Phoenix: Harps
- Bryan Ibach, Coquille: Mandolins
- Sean Koreski, Portland: Pan flutes
- Nick Metcalf, ex-Coos Bay: Irish whistles
- Fred Schacher, Gold Beach: Violins
- Don "Doc" Slyter, Coos Bay: Native American flutes
- Les Stansell, Pistol River: Ukuleles
- Duke and Danielle Summers, North Bend: Native American hand drums
- Mark Tierney, Bandon: Guitars

- Rebecca Urlacher, Bend: Parlor guitars

The Coos Art Museum occupies the historic 1936 Art Deco U.S. Federal Building in downtown Coos Bay. The museum offers a wide range of arts activities including exhibitions, art classes and lectures.

Hours are 10 am to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Museum admission: \$5 general, \$2 students, veterans and seniors, and free to museum members.

## Coos Art Museum to host annual staff art show through Feb. 6

COOS BAY — The Coos Art Museum invites the public to attend the opening reception for the Coos Art Museum Staff Art Show, an exhibition featuring art works created by the folks who make the art museum happen.

The exhibition runs through Feb. 6, 2016.

Meet the artists and see the wide variety of works that they produce.

Among the works on display will be examples of: photography, stained glass, painting, mixed media, collage, wood-block printing, ceramics and fiber art.

The participating artists include: Betty Bangs, Deryl Beebe, Joy Bradford-

Glaesman, Steven Brooks, Archi Davenport, S. L. Donaldson, Liv Drahos, Carol Hanlin, Genevieve Hartin, Marie Tricia Hayden, Linda Mecum, Paula Reise, Dana Rieck, Kathleen Sizemore, Pat Snyder, Graham Wickham and Debbie Will.

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