

Backstreet Gallery welcomes new artists

The public is invited to join in welcoming John Leasure and Judy Fleagle to Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

Originally from California, Leasure had an interest in painting at an early age. He is a self-taught artist. His exceptional oil painting style captures his subject in stunning light that strengthens the details of his painting.

He is an excellent teacher who leads his students to create high quality paintings.

"I like to bring a simple approach to creating colorful works of art," says Leasure, who holds classes at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple St.

Through his cabinet-making business, Leasure's artistic talents joined with his brother's as they enriched homes with the beauty of wood.

Leasure is a board member of FRAA. His paintings can be seen at the Dunes Café, FRAA Art Center and on Facebook.

His dynamic work has also been shown at the Florence Events Center and PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center gallery.

"I like to create, when possi-

ble, pictures that capture a higher plane in color, light and nature, than those memories of experience," Leasure says. "My hope is that you see what I see."

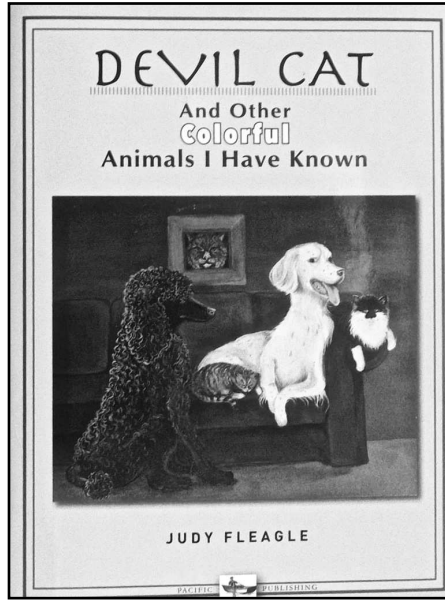
Author Judy Fleagle is the "Bridge Lady." Her book, "Crossings: McCullough's Coastal Bridges" and "The Crossings Guide to Oregon's Coastal Spans" earned her that title.

These books cover the history and the building of handsome bridges. They also contain structural plans and stunning photos. Take one along to enhance your drive along the Oregon coast.

Her book, "Images of America Around Florence" is about our special city. After many citizen interviews and much research, Judy produced a history that spans more than a century of Florence's growth.

Photos from 1876 to the present chronicle the development of the fishing industries, the lumber mills, the building of the bridge and much more.

Her latest book, "Devil Cat and Other Colorful Animals I've Known," is a memoir of pets she has rescued. Discover how the



COURTESY PHOTOS

View new Backstreet Gallery artists "Devil Cat" author Judy Fleagle and painter John Leasure (right) at the Second Saturday Gallery Tour on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Devil Cat fits in her story.

Fleagle is a captivating speaker thanks to her teaching years in Los Gatos, Calif. After teaching, she spent 21 years as an editor and staff writer for Oregon Coast and Northwest Travel magazines.

Stop by Backstreet Gallery, where you will find the work of these talented new members.

January's theme is Stormy Weather. See how the different artists interpret this subject at the Second Saturday Gallery Tour, Jan. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m.

This reception is a great time to enjoy exceptional art, eat snacks and listen to Steven McVay with his soul-



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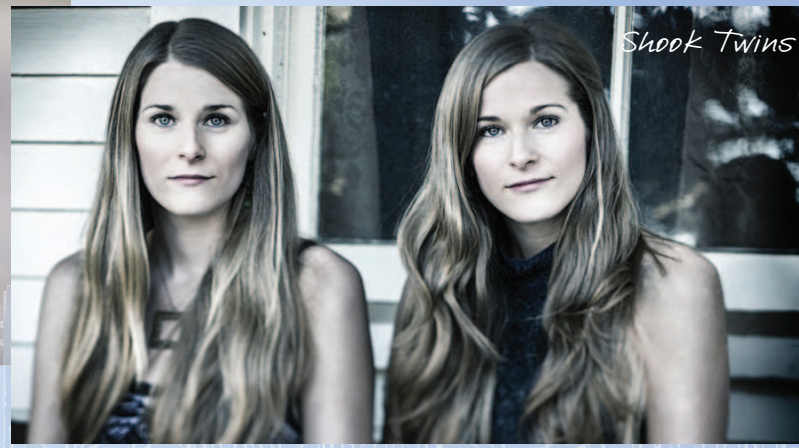
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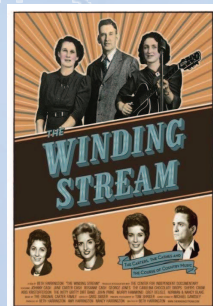


SATURDAY NIGHT HEADLINERS

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Friday BONUS!



Additional events at City Lights Cinema, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance gallery, and Silver Lining Boutique.



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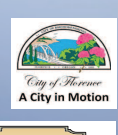
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