

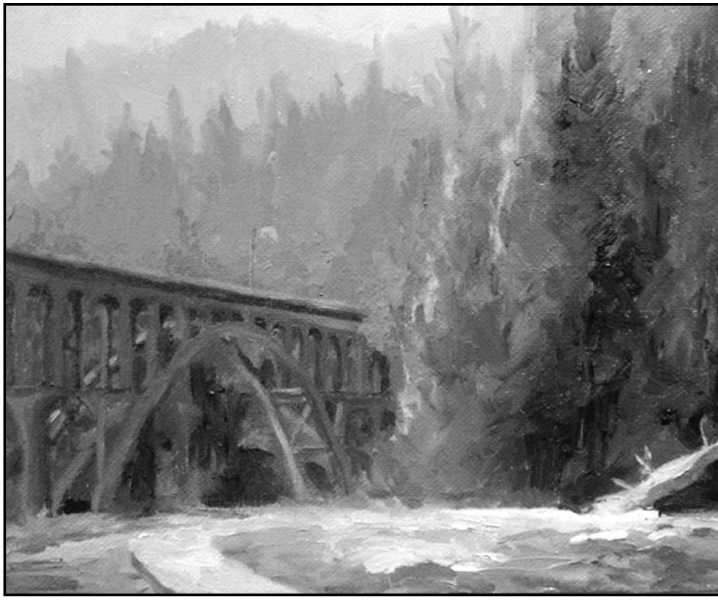
Backstreet Gallery welcomes Estill as new member

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street, welcomes oil painter Caroline P. Estill as a new member.

Recently back from a museum viewing trip to England and Paris, the experience has influenced her work.

The rich colors, the soft impressionistic strokes and the luminous light bathing her subjects create a peaceful essence about her paintings. Her art takes the viewer from the serene garden to the restless sea, across tranquil landscapes and back home to appealing still lifes.

Estill initially studied painting techniques at art schools in Tennessee and in Denver, Colo. For several decades, she has studied many artists connected with the International Impressionist Movement.



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An oil painting by Caroline P. Estill is part of Backstreet Gallery's "Stormy Weather" art theme on display.

Among several of her favorite international artists are Joaquin Sorolla, Anders

Zorn and Peder Kreyer.

Estill was a corporate artist in Houston, Texas. Later she

taught painting in a suburb of Houston, then took a 24-year break to raise her two daughters before moving with her family to Florence in 2003.

From 2007 to 2011, Estill served on the board of the Siuslaw School District.

She is happily married to "Dr. Bob," a mathematician teaching at LCC. Her daughters are completing their education at Oregon State University and the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.

Join Estill and the other Backstreet artists as they illustrate the theme of "Stormy Weather."

Backstreet Gallery is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and is on the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

The gallery will be closed through Saturday.

It will reopen Jan. 31.

Last chance to enroll in health insurance without penalty

SALEM — The month of January is the last opportunity for Oregonians to enroll in health insurance plans for 2016. Open enrollment lasts through Sunday.

It is the time of year to change plans and, for those who do not have insurance, to buy a plan. If you don't get covered before the deadline, you could go a year without insurance. You could also pay a significant penalty when you file your 2016 taxes.

The penalty for not having insurance in 2016 is the higher of these two numbers: 2.5 percent of your yearly household income or \$695 for every adult in your family, plus \$347.50 for every child under 18.

The penalty could potentially be as much as \$2,085 for a family of four, with two parents and two children younger than 18, earning \$50,000 a year.

Oregonians can sign up, renew, or change their health insurance plans at HealthCare.gov. Even if you were already re-enrolled in your current plan, you can change plans through Sunday.

"If the price of your current plan has increased for 2016, it may be worth checking HealthCare.gov to see if you can find a less expensive plan or if you qualify for financial help," said Patrick Allen, director of the Department of

Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), which runs the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace.

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, consumers who shop and switch plans could save an estimated average of \$569 on their 2016 plan. As of Jan. 2, 2016, 133,776 Oregonians had selected a plan through HealthCare.gov.

That number is about 19 percent higher than the approximately 112,000 Oregonians who selected a plan in 2015.

Financial help is available for many people if they enroll through HealthCare.gov.

Depending on their income, they may qualify for tax credits to help pay their monthly premium and help with out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles and co-pays. Three out of four Oregonians who used HealthCare.gov last year received tax credits averaging \$199 per month.

Oregon has a network of insurance agents and community organizations ready to help people enroll. You can find an agent or community partner in your area by going to www.oregonhealthcare.gov/get-help.html, or calling the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace at 1-855-268-3767 (toll-free).



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Siuslaw Watershed to discuss Archie Knowles project


The Siuslaw Watershed Council's general meeting will be held today at the Mapleton Grange, 10868 E. Mapleton Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the meeting gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting's agenda includes a presentation on the Archie Knowles Campground Rehabilitation Project, given by Ed Alverson, Natural Areas Coordinator, Lane County Parks.

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