

Community News

Youth artwork offers 'Fresh Impressions'

Friends of FEC is presenting a special youth art exhibition titled "Fresh Impressions 2016." The show highlights the artistic talents of the youth in the local community. Most of the artists are part of the multi-media art program offered by Kim Pickell, art teacher at Siuslaw High School.

The exhibit is unique and refreshing, with 2-D and 3-D art displayed. Cash prizes and ribbons will be presented by the FEC Gallery Committee during an artist's reception Tuesday, March 6, in Gallery One, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Friends and families of the students, as well as the general public, are invited to attend. All artists will be congratulated for their contributions to the arts, and willingness to share their



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Some examples of student artwork by (from left) Lainey Goss, Maria Figueroa and Ben Cahoon of Siuslaw High School.

"Fresh Impressions" with the The "Fresh Impressions play during the month of community. 2016" exhibit will be on dis- March.

Free cooking demo at Real Food Co-op

On the menu for the Real Food Co-op's next free cooking demonstration is gluten-free chocolate ganache cake.

Attendees will leave the cooking demo with samples, recipes and helpful hints.

There are no fees or registration necessary.

Join chef Annie McHale, the founder and director of ROOTS Culinary School, which offers Real Food cooking classes and retreats. McHale is currently managing the kitchen at the Yacht's Farm Store, is a freelance writer for Azure Standard in Dufur, Ore., and a member of Florence's Real Food Co-op.

Her cooking classes specialize in gluten, sugar and dairy free cooking.

McHale is a former corporate trainer and worked in organization development. She brings these skills to her classes. McHale and her husband currently live in Yachats and are actively looking to buy a home and locate permanently to Florence.

The Real Food Co-op is committed to community education about eating healthy, whole foods that are grown sustainably. The Co-op actively supports local farms and producers.

McHale and the co-op will be offering free cooking classes the first Wednesday of every month.

The demo will take place Wednesday, March 2, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Real Food Co-op, 1379 B Rhododendron Drive. For more information, call 541-997-3396.

Edson, Ignatieff featured artists in March

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., will feature artwork by Gary Edson and Claudia Ignatieff throughout March.

Edson's collection of one-of-a-kind glass etchings includes both decorative and utilitarian pieces. The etchings are hand masked and razor cut, then sand blasted with beach sand.

Moving to Florence more than a year ago from Alaska, Edson says he uses his artwork to express the "love and respect of the ocean in my art by sharing my view of what has brought me joy."

Ignatieff uses aqua oils to create her paintings, with animals being her favorite subject.

"I want to connect with those who view my art by portraying the unconditional love of pets and the beauty of wildlife on the Oregon Coast,"



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Gary Edson and Claudia Ignatieff will be the featured artists for March at Backstreet Gallery.

says Ignatieff. a reception during the Second The artists will be honored at Saturday Art Walk on March

12, from 3 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend, meet the artists and enjoy music, appetizers and the entire gallery.

Music will be provided by Carol Ridley, a woman with a lifetime of music in her fingers. Skilled with several instruments, starting with the piano, Ridley will play Chopin for the guests, with a few good Irish ballads played on her flute for St. Patrick.

Ridley lives in Elkton, Ore., with her husband and dogs after having raised five children while working in the schools as a music educator.

Artwork of the featured artists, as well as all Backstreet Gallery artists, can be viewed daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the gallery.

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Winners announced for 'Love Gone Bad' poetry contest

Twelve performers entertained the audience during the FRAA sponsored, "Love Gone Bad, You Done Me Wrong" Poetry/Song Festival.

Hostess Sally Wantz started the evening off by tossing out packets of kleenex to those in attendance. They came in handy when stories of lost love, abuse, and unrequited love were expressed in poetry and song. Audience members voted and the top three performers were Stephen Fowler with "You Have to Excuse Me," Katie Brauns with an untitled poem and Tres Eberhard with a song called, "Don't Need No Man."

A special judges award was given to Brilee Sewall for her spokenword poem.

This event was a fundraiser for the "Give Youth A Voice" program, which teaches high school students to tell their own stories through spokenword poetry. The class, taught by poets Stephen Fowler and Noah Schultz, will take place at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center on Thursdays, from 4 to 5 p.m., beginning March 3.



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"Love Gone Bad" poetry contest winners (from left): Stephen Fowler, Tres Eberhard, Katie Brauns and Brilee Sewall.

It is free and open to all high school students.

For more information, call Bettie Egerton at 503-910-3625.

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