

Expressionism, feminism fuse at Pacific Park Gallery

COOS BAY— The female experience is chronicled by abstract expressionist Carolyn Le Grand at Pacific Park Gallery, 1957 Thompson Road, in Coos Bay, March through April.

The artists' reception is 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, March 11.

"'Another Point of View' is a visual commentary on personal issues women face while moving through different stages in life," said Le Grand.

When she paints, Le Grand starts with a bare canvas and, while "music swirls around my studio," she said, she loads her brush and lets her creativity bring her paintings to life.

Hopes, dreams, fears, obstacles and triumphs pulse with dynamic colors moving through the canvasses.

Le Grand hopes "'Another Point of View'" inspires "transformation, enlightenment, and freedom to walk one's own path."

The professional artist and teacher is currently the art director for the Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon. She has taught classes for Upward



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"Soul Release" by Carolyn Le Grand

Bound and been "Artist In Residence" for the Umpqua Valley Arts Association.

In addition to teaching children's art classes, Le Grand teaches adult classes in art history of Expressionism, palette knife painting, beginning watercolor and elements of composition and design.

She is known for making art fun for her students.

In the upstairs Mezzanine Gallery, the Coos County Plein Air Artists will exhibit their work. Media vary and include oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel. Each piece is a record of a Coos County location created while onsite.

Pacific Park Gallery is a not-for-profit, noncommission sales exhibit space created by artists for artists.

It is located just west of Bay Area Hospital inside the Pacific Coast Medical Park.

For information, email artistjanuary@gmail.com or visit www.onemorereason.to.smile.com/pacific-park-gallery.

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