

Hillsbery art students featured in library show

Siuslaw Public Library is showcasing the students of watercolorist and Florence resident Carole Hillsbery throughout the month of April.

Original colorful paintings are hanging in the lobby halls for all visitors. Hillsbery's goal was to allow her students to showcase their work from the absolute beginner's very first painting to the advanced student's most recent piece.

"With each class, I encouraged students to find beautiful, luminous color on their paper and to experiment with new techniques," said Hillsbery.

She is known for her colorful, refreshing style and is a member of the Backstreet Gallery in Old Town Florence.

For information on classes, email questions to charwilson66@gmail.com, or visit www.carolehillsbery.com.

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David Dumas, a member of Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, presents Siuslaw Outreach Services executive director David Wiegan with checks for \$2,730. FUUF picks a different nonprofit organization to support each quarter. "We are once again very thankful for this generous donation," said Wiegan. "FUUF has been supportive of SOS and its programs for many years, as well as other worthwhile causes in our community."

Local nonprofit radio station celebrates two years

KXCR 90.7 FM is celebrating its second anniversary Saturday, April 23, with an open house and pot luck from

noon to 7 p.m.

"We're definitely happy with the upward trajectory of Florence's listener-supported public radio," said station manager Richard Koehler. "We have gained an

increasing number of new listeners and are expanding our knowledge of what it takes to successfully run a diverse, all-volunteer nonprofit station. But we have the required passion. And passion leads to the privilege of serving our community."

Strides have been made to further connect the station with its audience by the completion of its new website at kxcr.net, and the relaunching of the KXCR 90.7 FM Facebook page.

In addition, tech savvy management has accomplished an almost seamless quality for on-air production, dropping in public service announcements and calendar items as requested by the public.

The station's mission is to keep improving its presentation and to continue helping new volunteer on-air talent.

KXCR offers training in



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KXCR's Gigi Lassan and Stu Henderson share a conversation at the radio station.

speaking behind a microphone, interviewing, formatting a program, operating the equipment and learning how to cut and splice. Other volunteers attend the front desk, work the phones, write copy, help with voice-overs, set up events, mow the lawn, clean the rooms and try to help build the station's listening audience by word of mouth.

Those who are part of the station are aware of their responsibility to use the facility to provide educational opportunities for interested students. KXCR's Youth Radio Club has been an extracurricular activity for several Siuslaw students, even before the station went live, and has resulted in well received, fun shows.

"A variety of more than ninety programs are being presented weekly," said Koehler. "That's not counting the eclectic continuous flow of music from midnight to 6 a.m."

During the day, listeners can find the news program "Democracy Now," followed by the insightful Ian Masters' "Background Briefing."

Local talents like octogenarians "Goodtime Charlie and Smilin' Dave" entertain listeners with their program "The Best of Swing," followed by archivist "Larry," who refreshes listeners' appreciation of early radio's sparkle using his library of early radio to "harken back yesteryear" with his "Golden Age of Radio" show.

Living locally means talking locally and "Community Conversations" draws loyal followers because of its focus on neighbors sharing their stories and activities.

Others who produce programs include Maggie, David, Jack, Kathy, Ann, Marc and many more, all of whom encourage listeners to look at the creativity within the community.

"Saturday's party will have snacks, entertainment and a little on-air fund raising," said event organizer Maggie Bagon. "But mainly, it an opportunity to meet members of the community and share the nonprofit public radio adventure with all who have an interest."

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"In public I'm usually a really loud and animated person, so people know I'm around. CROW really taught me to let my freak flag fly. If it weren't for CROW, maybe my flag wouldn't fly as much."

—KRISTIN, 15



"I just be as weird as I can. Honestly, people will think you're weird, but at one point or another, you'll be in a cool group of people who actually understand you."

—WILLIAM, 12

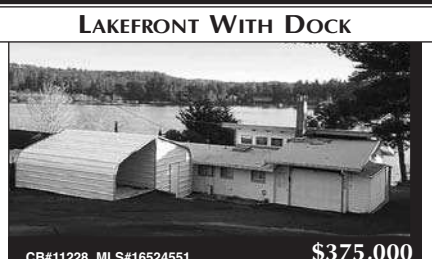


"When I'm on stage, I get so pumped and get really excited. Basically, I let loose. It's fun once I get my costume and get to build my own character and go crazy with it."

—ELYSE, 10



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