

'Sea Life' themed art exhibit continues through May in Galleries One and Five

While the FEC's "Dancing Sea Lions" have migrated to their new temporary homes in Florence and beyond, the Sea Life exhibit will stay at the Florence Events Center in Galleries One and Five through May. The collection of stunning paintings, photography and sculptures are on display and available for purchase.

Art medias include oil painting, watercolor, acrylic, colored pencil and mixed media represented by artists Ron Hildenbrand, Kat Cunningham, John Leasure, Dan Leasure, Katie Miller, Paul Kingsbury, Eileen Hearne, Tracy Webster, Colleen Goodwin Chronister, and Claudia Ignatieff.

Photographers displaying their works are Kevin Liebel, Michael MacDuffee and Bob MacDuffee. In addition, the glass-case exhibit is filled with myrtle wood sculptures by artist Terry Woodall.

The galleries are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on weekends during special events.

For more information, contact the FEC office at 541-997-1994, or visit www.eventcenter.org.



Local artist Paul Kingsbury, with his acrylic painting "Majestic Coast."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY:

Community Chorus spring concert — May 1
 FRAA Poetry Slam — May 7
 FURA workshop — May 10
 Rhody Showcase Performance — May 11
 SEAcost's New Hot Club concert — May 13
 Wallflowers and Wine — May 14
 Geocache Friends — May 14
 FRAA Rhody Art Show — May 21 and 22
 Rhody Flower Show — May 21 and 22
 SHS Choir Concert — May 24

JUNE:

Gypsy Camp Vintage Market — June 3 and 4
 SHS Band Concert — June 6
 Coastal Fitness Spring Show — June 9
 DanceAbility — June 10
 Green Fair — June 11
 Lane Blood Mobile — June 13



ONGOING EVENTS:
 Florence Rotary Club luncheon -
 Tuesdays at noon

Community Chorus to debut new director at spring concert

The Siuslaw High School Chamber Choir, the Encore Dancers, CROW Kids and the Flotones will all be special guest performers at the May 1 Community Chorus of Florence performance. The spring concert, titled "Irving Berlin Meets Uncle Sam," will include a number of patriotic songs as well as old favorites that people enjoy singing or humming along with. Irving Berlin wrote hundreds of songs, many becoming major hits, which made him a "legend" before he turned 30.

During his 60-year career, Berlin wrote an estimated 1,500 songs, including the scores for 19 Broadway shows and 18 Hollywood films, with his songs nominated eight times for Academy Awards.

The concert will be held Sunday, May 1, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, with attendees age 18 and younger admitted free.

In addition, new Community Chorus of Florence director Jennifer Weier will make her debut during the spring concert. Having moved to Florence in December of 2015, Weier quickly became emeshed in the local music scene. In addition to directing the Chorus, Weier, an accomplished pianist, also provides accompaniment for local church choirs and the Flotones.

She also teaches piano and has a number of students.

Since beginning her piano studies at age 4, Weier progressed to the point of graduating with a piano performance degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has performed internationally and is planning to complete a master's degree in piano performance in Germany at some time in the future.

Despite her busy volunteer and conducting schedule, Weier tries to practice piano for five hours a day. She manages to fit in hobbies such as hiking, running and cooking.

For more information about the Community Chorus or tickets, contact the FEC office at 541-997-1994, or visit www.eventcenter.org.



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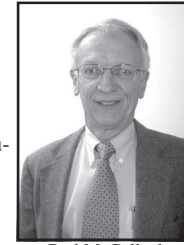
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