

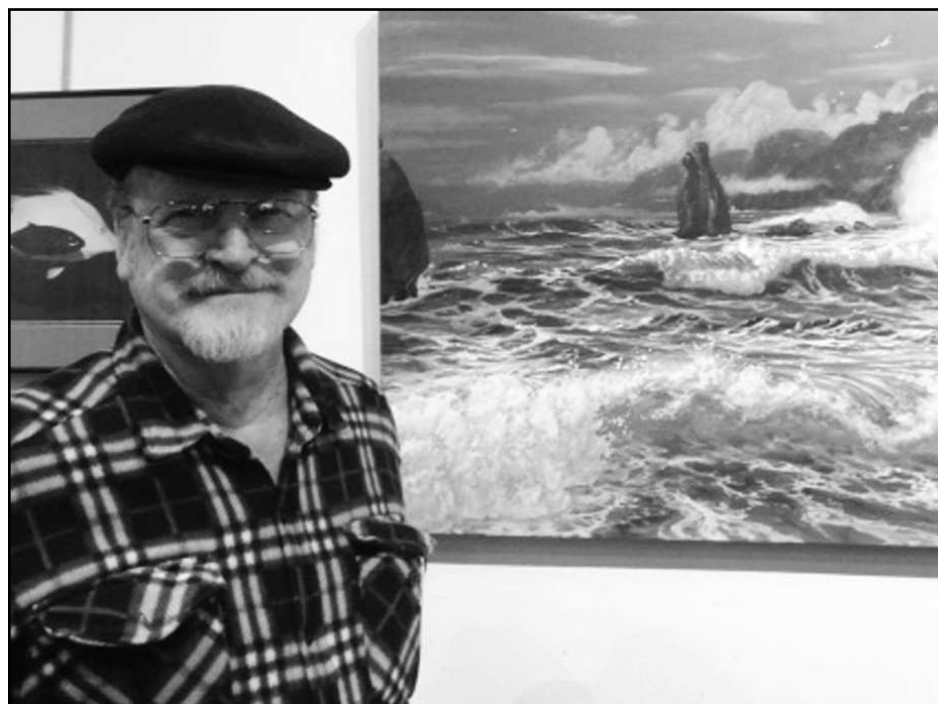
Sea Life exhibit continues at FEC

FLORENCE — While the “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. Stunning paintings, photography and sculptures are on display and available for purchase.

Art medias including oil painting, watercolor, acrylic, colored pencil and mixed media are 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. Additionally, the glass exhibit case 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.



COURTESY PHOTO

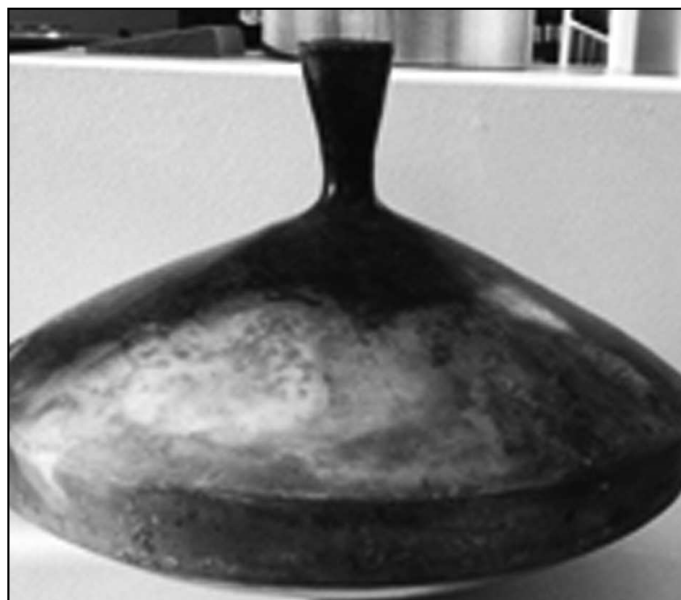
Local artist Paul Kingsbury, with his acrylic painting “Majestic Coast”

Schwartz to host annual Mother’s Day ceramics sale

FLORENCE — If you’ve never seen colorful one-of-a-kind ceramic art done without glazes, now is your chance. On Mother’s Day Week End, award winning potter Mike Schwartz will open Mudmusic Studio for a three day sale of his wheel thrown pit fired ceramics.

Pit firing is an ancient technique to color ceramic art that has existed for centuries before the invention of the kiln. After he has turned his pieces on a potter’s wheel, Schwartz treats them with salts and metals. They are then placed in the fire pit. Smoke and fire achieve one-of-a-kind works of art.

During the more than 20 years



he has been in Florence, Schwartz has won many awards for work he’s displayed in juried art shows.

Come by his studio Mother’s Day Week End, Friday through Sunday, May 6, 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to chat with the artist and see his work available for purchase.

Mud Music Studio is located at 04899 Heceta Beach Road, 1.3 miles from Highway 101.

Watch for the signs.

For more information, call the studio at 541-997-1012.

Artist-in-residence program continues at Cape Perpetua

YACHATS — Janet Essley uses nature to create art in nature. The 2016 Cape Perpetua artist-in-residence debuted in April at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, 2400 S. Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats.

She will spend the year helping visitors connect with nature through her unique form of environmental art.

“Making art in nature gives one time to connect with place in unexpected and rewarding ways,” Essley said. “Time slows. One becomes aware of sounds, smells, light, textures, colors, movement and the extraordinary diversity of ordinary things. No two fir cones are alike.”

Essley will lead groups, families and individuals in the process of creating art using found natural objects, such as

sticks, rocks, sand, moss and bark. No live materials will be cut, moved or damaged.

Once created, artwork will be left where it was created to be enjoyed by others and eventually recycled by nature.

Photographs will be the only permanent record of the creations, such of which will be displayed at the Visitor Center.

“Making art from and within the natural world affirms the individual’s ability to be a steward of the environment,” Essley said.

Essley resides in the Columbia Gorge, but spent 10 years in the Coast Range participating in scientific studies of gray whales and Brant geese. She has 25 years of experience teaching art and leading groups in the creation of murals and other forms of art, both nationally and internationally.

The Cape Perpetua artist-in-residence program is free to participants, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

For more information, contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

“Making art in nature gives one time to connect with place.”

— Janet Essley

Annual Box Social art challenge underway at Backstreet

FLORENCE — This year’s Backstreet Gallery’s Community Challenge will be the Summer Box Social, offering everyone the opportunity to take Backstreet’s annual art challenge.

The finished pieces will be exhibited at the Gallery during July in the “Summer

Box Social Celebrating the American Spirit” to commemorate Independence Day. One catch: the boxes are round. Entrants will be given a choice of sizes and be allowed to choose more than one.

The entrance fee of \$10 includes one box. However for an additional charge,

extra boxes are available and can be used for your single artwork. Or if you want to do two pieces, you can pay another entry fee and it will include the box.

Boxes, entry forms and rules are available at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Florence.