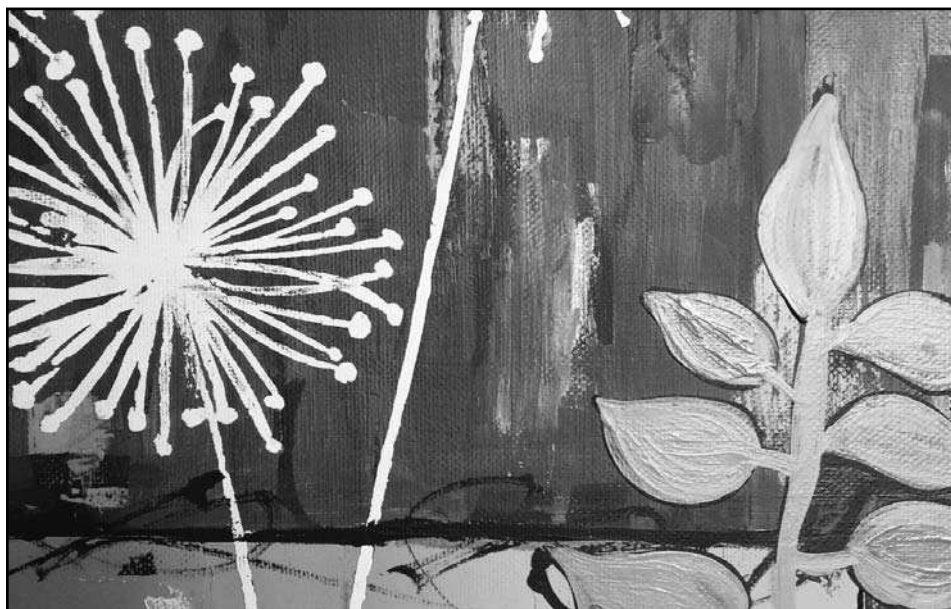


Backstreet Gallery features Webster, Rincon art



Artwork by Backstreet Gallery featured artists Tracy Webster (left) and Jane Rincon

FLORENCE — Two talented mixed-media artists, Jane Rincon and Tracy Webster, will be honored with a reception June 11, beginning at 3 p.m., at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., during Second Saturday Gallery tour.

Rincon's studio, a crow's nest, is perched high with a vast vista of the ocean. Its windswept sand dunes and skies filled with the soaring sea birds offer constant inspiration that find their way into her impressionistic renderings of the Oregon coast.

Her latest passion involves paintings that combine collage texture with a splash of watercolor. She integrates her unique blend of rice paper, loose watercolor with a marvelous use of color, texture and composition into dramatic views

of the sea.

Strolling along the shore with her beloved dogs, Rincon collects the ocean's offering of shells and assembles them into incredible wreaths. Enjoy these along with a selection of unusual mixed media bookmarks and cards.

This award-winning artist has shown her inspiring art at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, the Siuslaw Public Library and Old Town Coffee. She has won the highest awards at the Florence Event Center's exhibitions.

Rincon is a member of the Watercolor Society of Oregon and a founding member of Backstreet Gallery, where she just stepped down as president.

She also helped promote theater arts through her association with SEACoast

Entertainment.

Webster is a woman of incredible creative talent. Her art takes form in many media. Her recent innovation is layering as many as eight layers of tinted, transparent epoxy resin on wood, resulting in a very special representation of pattern and color. There's even a surprise. Swipe the QR code on the label, which takes you on another creative journey.

Her jewelry is forged with a unique blend of metals, wire and stones that she transforms into chic wearable art; earrings, necklaces, and bracelets.

Also, Webster pours more of her inventiveness into vivid paintings and scenic photography.

Her artistic right brain contrasts with her left brain expertise with numbers as

Backstreet's treasurer.

She is one of the founders of Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), which recently opened the Art Center on Maple Street. She and her husband are avid kayakers.

Reception entertainment will be provided by Denny, a native of Florence who was one of the founding members of "The Intruders" band back in the 60s.

He then joined the legendary Northwest band "The Fabulous Wailers," continuing his musical career across North America.

Denny spent much time in Nashville with the greats before returning to Florence.

Backstreet Gallery is open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays to 8 p.m.

Scholarships available for CROW summer theater camps

FLORENCE — Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) has announced it will be "meeting or exceeding" last year's summer camp scholarship awards, totaling over \$5,000.

Thanks to a new partnership with the Siuslaw School District's Twilight Program and several generous scholarship sponsorships from the public, CROW is poised to provide full and partial scholarships to many deserving kids within the community.

"I'm just so grateful to be able to do this," said CROW artistic director Melanie Heard. "There are so many kids in our community who need and deserve the high-quality arts education that

CROW provides. We are so fortunate to be able to give the gift of scholarship funds to kids who might not otherwise be able to attend camp."

This year's first two-week camp is titled "Freaktacular Fantasy Camp" and will take place Monday through Friday, July 11-22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The second camp is titled "Technical Theatre Camp" and will take place Monday through Friday, July 25 through Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Both two-week sessions will culminate in a free end of camp showcase for families and friends on the final day of camp at 3 p.m.

Also offered is an Advanced Acting

Camp (AAC), Aug. 8-19, dedicated to teens and young adults (ages 12 to 22) who want to learn more complex acting techniques.

In order to attend this particular camp, participants must either request an audition or receive a formal invitation from one of the directors.

The CROW board of directors will meet to select the scholarship winners in mid-June.

"We believe that this is one way CROW can give back to the community that gives so much to us," said Heard.

Heard also stresses that the CROW scholarship applications are "not simple," and include both thought-provoking essay

questions and a letter of recommendation form.

Interested applicants should visit www.crowkids.com to download the printable application, which is due on June 10.

Late applications will be immediately disqualified.

Camps will be held at the new CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101.

For more information on these exciting opportunities or to reserve your child's spot, call Melanie Heard at: 541-999-8641 or visit www.crowkids.com.

Printable regular applications are also available on the CROW website.