

'L'Ocean de Fleurs' solo exhibit opens in July

FLORENCE — Kenneth B Art Studios, located on First Street in Old Town Florence, is pleased to announce an exciting new solo exhibit for local artist Tamarah Phillips titled "L'Ocean de Fleurs" (the ocean of flowers).

This show opens on the second Saturday of the month, July 9. Phillips is currently a resident artist at the gallery and her previous group shows have proven to be highly successful. Her works can be found in private collections throughout the state, and she has previously shown in various art galleries throughout Florence.

Phillips is most noted for her contemporary portraiture, which integrates Asiatic abstracts adorning delicate female forms. This exhibit expands that repertoire with over 20 new pieces portraying richly colored imagery highlighting her personal interest in symbology and mysticism.

In "L'Ocean de Fleurs," Phillips intertwines portraiture with shifting visual planes of starlit indigo skies and deep sea green waters. Much of the exhibit portrays underworld themes where jelly fish and bouquets of lotus flowers co-exist amidst treasures of the sea.

Phillips says, "This symbolism depicts the symbiotic relationship of death and rebirth," and an illumination of the ebb



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"L'Ocean de Fleurs" by Tamarah Phillips

and flow of her creative process. Collectively the show delivers a uniquely mysterious sense of unconscious meditations and creative explorations.

"L'Ocean de Fleurs" opens with the artist's reception on Florence's Second Saturday Gallery Tour, July 9, from 1 to 3 p.m.

To learn more about the artist and what influenced this work, the gallery also offers a special "Question and Answer" session with Tamarah on Saturday, July 30, from 1 to 2 p.m.

This exhibit will be on display July 9 to Aug. 5.

Kenneth B Art Studios is located at 1458 First St., in Old Town Florence. This 2,200-square-foot gallery features working art studios and revolving contemporary art exhibits throughout the year.

One of Florence's favorite artists, Sam Dantone, will be featured August through September.

Though the gallery hours are typically flexible, resident artists are making every effort to open doors most nearly every day of the week during Florence's peak summer season. To confirm gallery hours or request a private showing, call 541-999-5875.

For more information, go to www.KennethBGallery.com.

Bay Area Band performs free concert

COOS BAY — The Bay Area Concert Band will perform its annual outdoor concert Saturday, July 16, at Mingus Park in Coos Bay, located on North 10th Street, as a preview performance to the upcoming Oregon Coast Music Festival.

The Concert Band has been a part of the festival since its inception in 1978, a 38-year dedication to the enjoyment of music in the Bay Area. This year the concert will predate the official beginning of the festival but will still bring the joy of

listening to a full concert band in this beautiful outdoor setting.

The concert will be held at noon under the direction of conductor Steve Simpkins. A nice variety of marches, light classical and modern arrangements will be heard.

Bring friends and families as well as a picnic lunch and bask in the warmth of the sun while listening to music.

This is a free concert with donations appreciated.

Quality Crafters Guild presents annual sale

BANDON — The Quality Crafters Guild will present its annual July 4 sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Barn in Bandon City Park.

Local artisans will be selling quilted and knitted articles, seasonal decorations

and purses/totes and many collectible and unique gifts.

Also for sale will be beautiful jewelry, fleece items and myrtlewood bowls, cutting boards, trays and other specialty items.

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William A. Selden of Coos Bay is the featured maritime artist and his paintings will be highlighted in the adjacent Perkins Gallery during the exhibition. He received formal art education at the California Institute of Arts (Chouinard) and the Art Center College of Design. Selden is also a past winner of many awards from Annual Maritime Art Exhibitions. In 2011, he received "Best of Show," and in 2010, he received the "People's Choice Award."

The museum will also host its annual maritime fundraising dinner July 9 beginning at 5 p.m. This exciting event features the popular silent art auction, beer and wine sales and enjoyable camaraderie. The Coach House Restaurant of Coos Bay will provide catering.

Auction artworks include pieces by participating 22nd Annual Maritime Art Exhibition artists and local artists. A spe-

cial facet of the auction is the sale of recently completed plein air maritime paintings. Other items include goods and services provided by area businesses.

Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$45 for museum members and \$50 for non-members. Tickets are available by calling Coos Art Museum at 541-267-3901 or by visiting the museum at 235 Anderson Ave. in Coos Bay; credit cards are accepted.

Coos Art Museum has been a cultural focal point of Oregon's scenic southern coast since 1966. It occupies an historic 1936 Art Deco U.S. Federal Building in downtown Coos Bay.

The museum offers a wide range of arts activities including exhibitions, art classes and lectures. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Museum admission is \$5 general, \$2 students, veterans and seniors and free to museum members and active-duty military through the Blue Star Museum Program.