

'VISUAL DYNAMICS' FEATURED AT FEC



COURTESY PHOTOS

"Visual Dynamics" art by (from left) Wendy Ralston-Burger, Janne LaVelle, Pat Snyder and Susan Lehman

FLORENCE — In July, the Florence Events Center (FEC) will feature a four-artist exhibit titled, "Visual Dynamics: An Evolving Conversation."

The show highlights the artwork of south coast artists Pat Snyder of Coos

Bay, Susan Lehman of Bandon, Janne LaVelle of Lakeside and Wendy Ralston-Burger of North Bend.

The group's first show together, titled "Then and Now," was hosted at Pacific Park Gallery in Coos Bay, where the

exhibit received accolades for its combination of experimental paintings in oil, acrylics and collages.

An artists' reception is July 9 at the FEC, 715 Quince St., as part of the Second Saturday Gallery Tour, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Luv in Art featuring Kyle Lind launches July 16

ALSEA — Luv in Art, a local company promoting emerging artists, is hosting a free opening for their private museum and mobile art gallery this July 16 in the quaint town of Alsea, Ore.

The event, being held on a 310-acre property in the Siuslaw National Forest, will feature the work of renowned artist Kyle Lind of Florence, the world's brightest laser beam, live music, Tyee Wine Cellars, a handsome selection of food, an art auction presented by Eugene Magazine, free camping and more.

The Luv in Art Museum is the brainchild of Dale Cripps, whom after being so moved by Lind's work decided to transform a large portion of his estate into a museum dedicated to Lind and eventually other inspiring artists. It features an entire building designed after the artist's "Home Series" that houses many of his works.

Also on display will be Lind's 9-by-14-foot drawing "Cartoone in the Interior of an Atom," which took Lind over 30 years to complete. Additionally, an entire wing

of Cripps' estate houses the rest of the collection.

The mobile art gallery, which will debut at this year's Art and the Vineyard in Eugene, consists of 40, 4 feet wide by 8 feet tall (1,280 square feet) frames with hardwood panels that can be arranged in many orientations. Also included is a 20-foot enclosed trailer fully finished to fine art gallery standards.

The panels will feature a handsome selection of large format prints in the form of blankets and tapestries, while the trailer will house signed and numbered prints and originals.

Lind, 74, who was featured in Eugene Magazine as well as The Eugene Weekly in 2013, is known as the Father of Process Art, an artistic method in which the end result is not necessarily the focus of the artist. Rather the image becomes what it is intended to be over time, naturally. He utilizes intense meditation and yoga to produce images sometimes 30 or more years in the making.

Lind is known for his involvement during the Californian 1960s' love movement alongside idols such as Frank Zappa, Timothy Leary, Salvador Dali and Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. His involvement with these people is chronicled in his life's work, "God Art Me Fun," a massive coffee table book comprised of 376 pages. The book will also be displayed at the opening and made available to purchase.

Nu-Salt Laser will be providing the world's brightest laser beam which will be piercing through the night sky acting as a beacon, leading the way to the event. It is six times more visible than the brightest ordinary search light and can be seen from neighboring cities.

The suitably named "Laser Space Cannon" is the brightest laser in the world at over 300 watts of laser power. It can project a bright, 12 inch, full color laser beam with many different color patterns and effects like strobe, flash and fade.

For more information on the event, visit www.luvinart.org.

All women invited to sing a cappella with Sea Breeze

COOS BAY — Women of all ages can have fun singing four-part a cappella harmony during Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus' free six-week Summer Sing Fling.

Every Tuesday from July 5 through Aug. 9, join the chorus at 6:30 p.m. for an hour of fun and challenge while you learn two songs, Billy Joel's "For the Longest Time" and Billy Withers' "Lean on Me."

Choral experience and music reading skills are helpful, but not necessary. Sheet music and learning tracks for your part are provided at no charge, and you'll need to practice a few minutes each day.

A friends and family performance Aug. 9 will conclude the session.

Each week, in addition to singing a lot, you'll get tips on how to improve all the singing that you do. If you have trouble coming in on the right note, singing with others, controlling vibrato, or staying in tune, you'll be given exercises that you can do at home to strengthen those skills.

Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. To learn more or sign up, visit www.seabreezeharmony.org or call director Gail Elber at 541-808-1773.

Class Act Theatre announces grand opening July 9

FLORENCE — Class Act Theatre (CAT), 509 Kingwood St., will have its grand opening on Saturday, July 9.

At 2 p.m. Florence Mayor Joe Henry will be on hand for the ribbon cutting.

There will be a bagpiper and CAT owners David and Rosemary Lauria will give tours of the new theater.

Later, at 7 p.m., there will be a free variety show featuring area singers,

musicians, ensembles and actors. Concessions and beer and wine will be available for sale in the lobby.

For more information, go online to www.catproductions.org.