

Class Act opens today 'L'Ocean de Fleurs' open house today at Kenneth B

Class Act Theatre (CAT), 509 Kingwood St. in Florence, will have its grand opening at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 9, and a free variety show at 7 p.m.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry will be on hand for the ribbon cutting, along with a bagpiper

and tours of the new theater. The free variety show at 7 p.m. will feature area singers, musicians, ensembles and actors. Concessions and beer and wine will be available for sale in the lobby.

For more information, go to catproductions.org.

Kenneth B Art Studios, 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, with the artist's reception on Florence's Second Saturday Gallery Tour from 1 to 3 p.m.

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

"L'Ocean de Fleurs" will be on display from July 9 to Friday, Aug. 5.

Phillips is currently a resident artist at the gallery and her previous group shows have proven to be highly successful.



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"L'Ocean de Fleurs" by Tamarah Phillips

Her works can be found in private collections throughout the state, and she has previously shown in various art galleries

throughout Florence.

She 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 and flow of her creative process.

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

Kenneth B Art Studios is 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 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 KennethBGallery.com.

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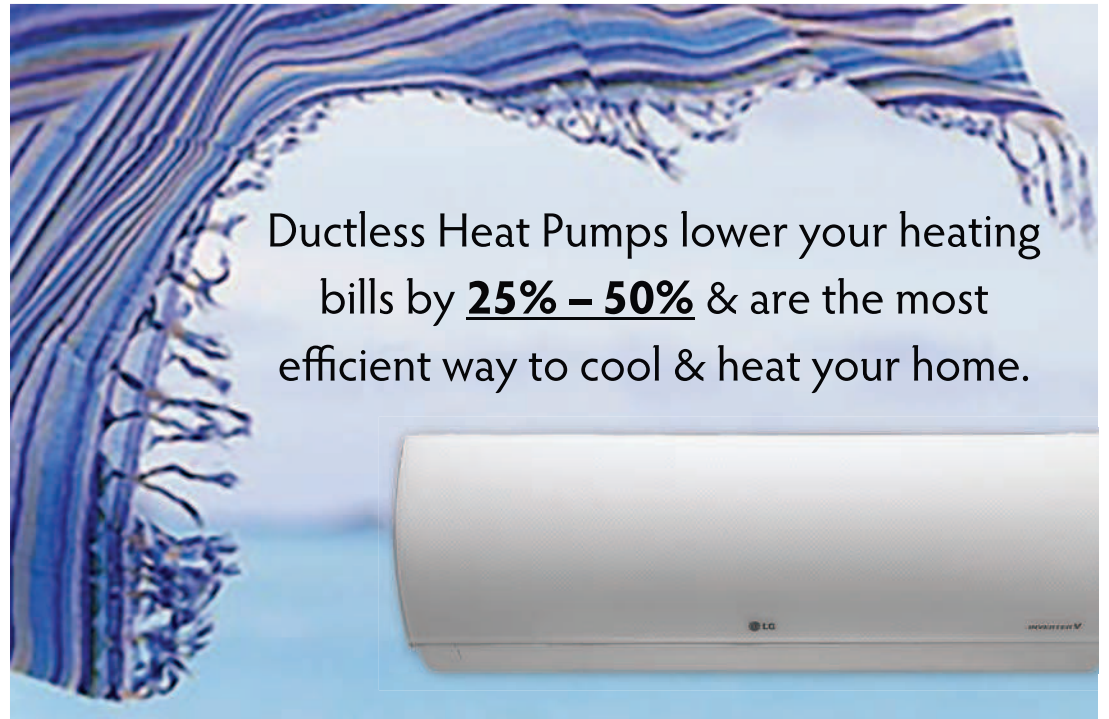
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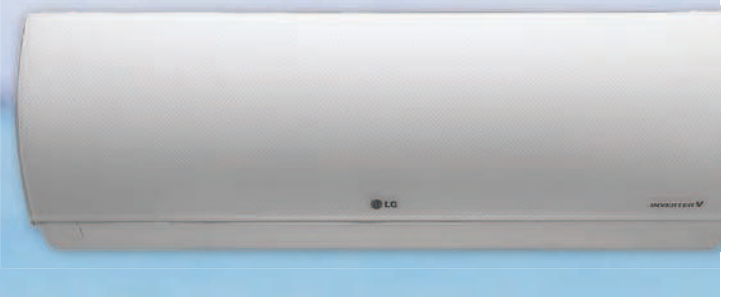
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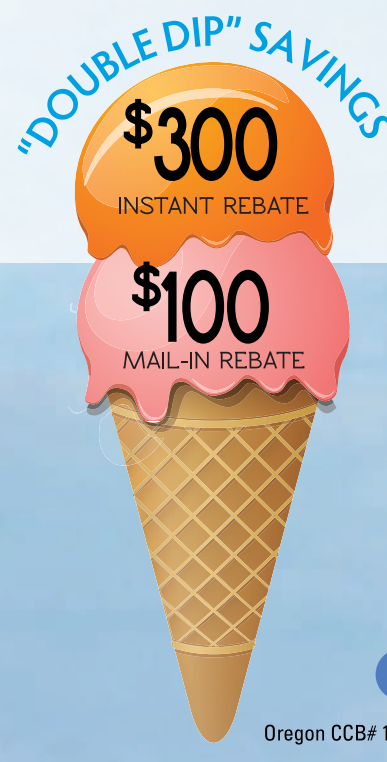
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