

KB Gallery to feature JoAnne Chartier artwork



These and other pieces of art by JoAnn Chartier will be on display at KB Gallery beginning Oct. 8

Kenneth B Gallery Art Studios (KB Gallery), located in Old Town Florence, will host a new exhibit by featured artist JoAnn Chartier of Cheshire, Ore.

Chartier's work will be on display Saturday, Oct. 8, through Nov. 13. An artist's reception will be held during the 6th Annual Chowder Fest and Wine Walk that same Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Meet the artist and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres in celebration of this new show.

In addition to the reception Oct. 8, there will also be an artist's question and answer session for those wishing to ask Chartier about her work and creative process on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Chartier has been featured in various

galleries throughout Oregon and California for more than 25 years. In this exhibit, she delivers a fresh new collection.

Chartier is known for her expressive color techniques and this work emphasizes her fascination with creating paintings that portray the mental/emotional landscapes of ordinary life.

Kenneth B Gallery Art Studios is located at 1458 First St., in Old Town Florence.

The gallery is open by appointment, and nearly every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 541-999-5875 or visit www.KennethBGallery.com.

Creep and crawl to Scare-CROW's haunted maze

FLORENCE — Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) is putting on its second annual Scare-CROW Haunted Maze from Friday, Oct. 28, to Monday, Oct. 31, — but that doesn't mean it is just for kids.

Expect all-new scenes, creepy dolls, zombies, light effects, spooky sounds and things that go bump — and jump! — in the night.

Scare-CROW Haunted Maze will be held in CROW's Center for the

Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence. Admission is \$5 per person, per entry.

Although CROW actors as young as 9 years old are participating, Scare-CROW will not necessarily be for everyone.

"There will be lots of startles, lots of scares and lots of things you aren't expecting — things you might not have seen in Florence before," said Melanie Heard, artistic director for CROW.

Each person enters the maze at their

own discretion, and guardians will have to decide if the content is appropriate for youth.

The maze will be indoors, but some waiting areas are outside, where Halloween-themed music will be playing.

Actors will be in full costume all four days of the event and staged in thematic areas.

For more information, go to crowkids.com.



Historical novelist Janet Fisher to be featured speaker at Coos Bay Library

COOS BAY — Coos Bay Public Library hosts Oregon writer Janet Fisher on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

Fisher is the author of two historical novels, "A Place of Her Own: The Legacy of Oregon Pioneer Martha Poindexter Maupin" and "The Shifting Winds," featuring pioneering women on

the Oregon Trail.

"A Place of Her Own" is based on the author's great-great-grandmother and her journey across the frontier where she and her family eventually settle.

The historical romance "The Shifting Winds" takes place in Oregon in the years leading up to statehood when the British

and Americans were both claiming land in the new territory and the young heroine, Jennie, is torn between two suitors, each representing one of two conflicting national interests.

Both books are filled with historically accurate details and well-developed, relatable characters.

After earning a master's in journalism with honors from the University of Oregon, Fisher taught college writing and wrote freelance for newspapers. She also has memberships in Pacific Northwest Writers Association, Willamette Writers, Women Writing the West and An Association of Writers.