

# Western artist Prechtel featured at Vardanian Gallery

FLORENCE — Don Prechtel, a nationally acclaimed historical and western-themed artist will be featured Oct. 22 through Jan. 2, 2017, at the new Vardanian Gallery in Florence.

Experience the magnificence and grandeur of the old west and Oregon's landscapes in this unique exhibit of classic-style painting.

Meet the artist and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Prechtel will also participate in an artist's question and answer session on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Prechtel is a career painter and muralist of historical and western art of almost 50 years. His works are featured in museums and his paintings are collected worldwide.

He is the recipient of many awards, including the highly



Old West and historical artist Don Prechtel's "Buena Vista."

coveted National Arts for the Parks Juried Competition and his paintings are featured on numerous popular historical and western publications.

Gallery owner Marianne Brisbane said, "This show will be a fabulous opportunity for the community to view exceptional original paintings and local artists will have the chance to glean new insights from this profoundly gifted painter."

Vardanian Gallery is located at 1300 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.VardanianGallery.com](http://www.VardanianGallery.com), or contact the show's curator, SK Lindsey, at 916-554-0044.

## GIVE ART FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Florence Events Center Gallery Committee, as part of the Friends of FEC, is offering a new and exciting event for this holiday season.

During the month of December, an exhibit will be offered to the public featuring artwork from local artists, all priced at under \$100.

Local artists are encouraged to submit original pieces — paintings, photographs or 3-D art — they would like to offer for sale at this special holiday exhibit.

An application fee of \$10 will be charged artists to hang up to three pieces of art. All hanging guidelines will apply.

As space is limited, advanced sign-up is required and will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The FEC will retain a 25 percent commission on items sold, and all sales are final.

More details will be in the October Center Stage, but this advanced notice will hopefully give all artist "elves" ample time to start creating.

The community will be invited to a reception on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m., where exhibiting artists will also

have the opportunity to sell prints and cards.

Santa will be at the reception and the FEC Gallery Committee will be offering to take photos of children, families and all people young at heart for a small fee.

There will also be holiday refreshments.

This reception is for the entire family and will be a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping.

Admission is free.

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