

Viewfinders announce photo winners



Winning photographs by (from left) Bill Stone, Cathy Wasson and Jane Pittenger

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club was back from the summer break with lots of great photos to contribute to the three themes of summer.

The first theme was, appropriately enough, "Summer Fun."

First place went to Cathy Wasson with her picture of her dog, Spike, having a blast on the beach.

Second place was taken by Curt Peters, with a photo taken at the Newport Aquarium under the sea.

Third place was a great photo from Stephanie Ames of a bronc rider doing a face plant.

The next theme was "Independence."

First place went to Jane Pittenger with a composite of Holman Overlook and some lovely fireworks.

Curt Peters took second in this category as well with a photo titled "Americana."

Rudy Gargioni's photo of a crow titled "Alone but Not Lonely" took third.

The last theme was "Hinges, Door knobs, Faucets" and produced some outstanding photographs, such as first place winner Bill Stone with his photo titled "Keyhole in Green Door: Jamestown, Calif."

Second place in this category went to Rudy Gargioni with "Out Back" and third place was captured by Jane Pittenger with "Birds with Faucet," a study of three birds trying to figure out a dripping faucet.

It was a very productive summer for Viewfinders members.

The group's next meeting is Monday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m., in the Bromley room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

The theme is "Floating," a photo subject that can be interpreted in a variety of ways.

Chowderfest, wine walk in Florence



The area's best chowder cooks and winemakers will be on hand for tastings at this year's festival.

Florence's annual Chowderfest and Wine Walk events return to Historic Old Town Florence Oct. 8 and 9.

The fun begins on Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m., when visitors can purchase a pass at Vardanian Gallery on Bay Street and sample wines from about a dozen Oregon wineries at a variety of Old Town shops and galleries.

Then on Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., visitors can sample and vote for the area's best clam chowder. Punch cards and ballots are available at Gazebo Park on Bay Street for \$5.

Sunday also features live music at Gazebo Park and a chance to find — and win — multiple glass floats hidden in the shops of Historic Old Town.

There is plenty of free parking throughout the Old Town district.

"Even though these are two separate events over the two days, they pair nicely as fun food and beverage occasions for our local residents as well as our out-of-town guests who are squeezing in one more trip to Oregon's Coastal Playground before our magnificent storm-watching season begins," says Bettina Hannigan, the Florence Chamber's executive director.

For more details visit www.FlorenceChamber.com or call the Florence Chamber of Commerce office at 541-997-3128.

'ARTISTIC VISIONS' KICKS OFF NEW GALLERY SEASON

The second annual Artistic Visions Awards Show is now on display in Gallery One and Five through Nov. 29, with a special awards reception Oct. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Three judges from outside the Florence area, each respected in their field of expertise, have been asked to select award winners. The exhibit includes three categories: 2-D, photography and 3-D.

There is also a "People's Choice" award.

All artwork is available for purchase.

During the month of December, the Gallery Committee, as part of the Friends of Florence, will be offering a new event for the holiday season.

"Give Art This Christmas" will feature artwork from local artists, all priced at less than \$100.

The committee is asking local artists to think about what original pieces — paintings, photographs or 3-D art — they



might be able to offer for sale at this special holiday exhibit.

An application fee of \$10 will be

charged to artists for hanging up to three pieces of art, and 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.

The community will be invited to a special reception on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m., when exhibiting artists will also have the opportunity sell prints and cards. Santa will be at the reception and the Gallery Committee will be taking photos of children and families for a small fee.

Holiday refreshments will be provided.

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

Admission is free.

For more information, contact the FEC office at 541-997-1994.