

‘Where ART Thou?’ at Backstreet



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From left, “Golden Eagle and Jackrabbit” watercolor and a pen and ink sketch of Lewis and Clark College’s Reflection Pool by World War II veteran George Hoerner.

Have you ever wanted to meet other visual artists in our community and network with them? How about discovering new art forms and techniques?

Backstreet Gallery (BSG) artists have wanted this opportunity also, so members are hosting a special event at the gallery Friday, Oct. 21, starting at 6 p.m., called “Where ART Thou?”

Upon arrival, guests will be

given a numbered nametag, and drawings will be held every 20 minutes for door prizes donated by BSG artists.

Appetizers and spirits will be served and there will be a table available where artists are urged to place photos or a small sample of their artwork for others to enjoy.

During the event, a brief welcome and introduction to BSG will be given by president

Pattie Brooks-Anderson.

“We have so many amazing artists in the Florence area with a wide diversity of talents, and we urge you to come to this event as we talk and get to know each other,” said Brooks-Anderson.

Backstreet Gallery is in Old Town at 1421 Bay St., across from Mo’s Restaurant.

For more information, call BSG at 541-997-8980.

Salvation Army offering estate planning

The Salvation Army’s Office of Gift Planning is offering a seminar in Florence on Monday, Oct. 10, at the Driftwood Shores Resort’s Surfside Restaurant.

The presenters will be Bill Olson, Director of Planned Giving for The Salvation Army and member of the Financial Planning Association, and Jessica Rogers, Estate and Tax Law Attorney with Luvaas & Cobb Law Firm in Eugene.

The focus of the seminar will be estate planning and charitable giving.

“We find that about 50 percent to 70 percent of our own supporters do not yet have a will or trust, or the one they have may need revisions due to changes in their lives or property holdings,” said Olson. “We hope to encourage people to consider the importance of having a current will and making it an instrument of their life’s legacy they wish to leave their family, friends and community.”

Olson’s work is usually with the professional advisors of donors who wish to make sub-

stantial gifts to The Salvation Army. One of the law firms and attorneys he has worked with is Rogers of Luvaas & Cobb.

“She’s an extraordinary young attorney who has done some amazing work with some very complicated estates,” Olson said. “She knows how to communicate the most basic tenets of estate planning and the considerations that may generally affect anyone who has a family to care for or property that will need to be redistributed in the event of their passing, or their incapacity to make important decisions in the future.”

Many people pass on without a will or trust in place. In this case, the State of Oregon has rules that govern the disposition of one’s property and affairs to assure that all debts and taxes are paid.

The costs of administering the estate in this process will be paid out of estate proceeds. What is left over may pass on to family or others, but it takes a will to assure your property is passed on according to your

desires and delivered to your designated beneficiaries.

There may also be significant tax savings by working with a professional advisor in arranging for transfers of assets to various trusts that may avoid probate altogether or remain private from public records and scrutiny.

“The main reason we find that people don’t have a will is that they assume that the process is so complex and expensive that they cannot afford it,” Olson said. “The opposite is true. You cannot afford to not have a will and a plan for how your estate will pass on to the people and causes that you care most about.”

The Lunch & Learn Seminar for Estate Planning and Charitable Giving will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Banquet Board Room of The Surfside Restaurant at the Driftwood Shores Resort.

Reservations are required and seating is limited.

For more information or reserve a seat, call 1-800-481-3280.

PUBLIC INVITED TO FRAA’S ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OCT. 28

The public is invited to attend a celebration by the non-profit Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) on Friday, Oct. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.

It has been one year since FRAA moved to its 120 Maple St. location and held its grand opening. FRAA will celebrate the anniversary with music by guitarist Denny Weaver, catered food by Le Bouchon and door prizes from participating artists.

The first year has been a successful one, largely due to FRAA’s supporting members and sponsors, who share FRAA’s vision of supporting all the arts in the area.

Examples of FRAA’s outreach include poetry readings and contests; writer’s salons and classes; art festivals; painting classes; workshops; gallery exhibits (FRAA Gallery, Oregon Pacific Bank, Siuslaw Public Library, PeaceHealth Hospital, Florence Events Center and a Youth rotating exhibit at FRAA); special shows (Three Glassy Ladies, Ken McDougal Photography); coordination with other local groups (2nd Saturday Gallery Tour, FEC’s Winter Music Festival, demARTS, CROW, public art displays, Florence Chamber of Commerce, Wine Walk, Oktoberfest, Rhody

Days, Downtown Revitalization) and maintaining connections with the Lane County Council for the Arts, and Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.

Two future events will include working with local schools to bring art to the classrooms, and working with the Watercolor Society of Oregon Convention in Florence in 2018.

Membership specials are being offered now for new members, and for returning members who register early for the 2017-18 year.

For more information, visit www.fraaoregon.org.

EMERGENCY SUTURING CLASS

to be held at the Florence Events Center during the Be Ready Disaster Preparedness Expo on November 5, 2016!

Please call the Siuslaw News at 541-902-3526 to sign up. You may pay by credit or debit card.

There are two classes being offered. Positions in the class are on a first paid for, first reserved basis and classes are limited to the first 25 paying participants in each class. So don’t delay, sign up for a place now!

The class is at 11:00 AM AND 2:00 PM Saturday November 5, 2016. Cost is only \$25.00 per participant!



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