Documentary to screen in Florence Nov. 3

FLORENCE — Pacific Northwest native Dr. Jan Haaken, a psychology professor and documentary filmmaker, returns to her family roots in a new film, "Milk Men: The Life and Times of Dairy Farmers," which reveals the complexities of dairy farming in the Pacific Northwest, where Haaken's grandpar-

ents once farmed.

It is a seemingly common opinion that a small, local farm is heavily preferred to the idea of the much larger "factory farm." When Haaken heard that so many of the dairies in the area where she grew up were going under, she felt compelled to go back and learn more.

What she learned will surprise audinces.

The truth about the dichotomy between factory farms and the often romanticized smaller farms is far more complex than many people might think.

The documentary will premiere in Florence on Thursday, Nov. 3, beginning

at 6:30 p.m. at City Lights Cinema, 1930 Highway 101.

"Dairy farming emerges as a fascinating microcosm of modernity and our response to change," says Haaken, "with its intense technological and economic pressures, and its potential for rethinking indicators of progress."

ARTISTS GATHER TO DISCOVER 'WHERE ART THOU?'



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FLORENCE — "Where ART Thou?," held at Backstreet Gallery, created the perfect opportunity for fellow artists to share art, eat snacks and meet other local artists.

Guest artists were invited to bring in a sample of their work. That request brought a table full of artful pieces of watercolor, acrylic, oil, jewelry, photography, pottery, pastel art and more. Local artists meet and greet each other during last week's "Where ART Thou" event at Backstreet Gallery.

Some artists used their cell phones to show their work, and many left the gallery with applications for the upcoming Little Dickens annual miniature exhibition in December.

Acclaimed artist Michael Wood will jury this show and winners will have their

display of three pieces of art in April.

To get an application, stop by Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., to pick one up.

Backstreet is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. laily.

Come enjoy the work of more than 20 local artists. This month's featured artist is Karen D. Nichols, with Carole Hillbery to be featured in November.

Calling all artists for annual 'Little Dickens' show

FLORENCE — It's that time of year. Backstreet Gallery will soon host its 10th annual "Little Dickens" juried miniature art show. The public is invited to participate in the exhibit that will be displayed Dec. 6 through Jan. 6.

All media, 2D and/or 3D pieces, are welcome in this diminutive display.

Information and applications with rules plus size requirements are available at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., or at www.backstreet gallery.org.

Forms are due Wednesday, Nov. 23, and artwork submitted by Saturday, Dec. 3

Michael Wood, noted artist and painting instructor with Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), will be the juror for this year's "Little Dickens."

Ribbons will be awarded to first, sec-

ond and thirrd place winners.

In April, first-place recipients will be invited to show with at least three pieces of their work in the gallery.

Enter and let your little creations shine.

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