## Empty Bowls to include 'Joyful Balance'

The 2016 Empty Bowls Committee has been presented with the original artwork titled "Joyful Balance" by local artist Jeff Kernan.

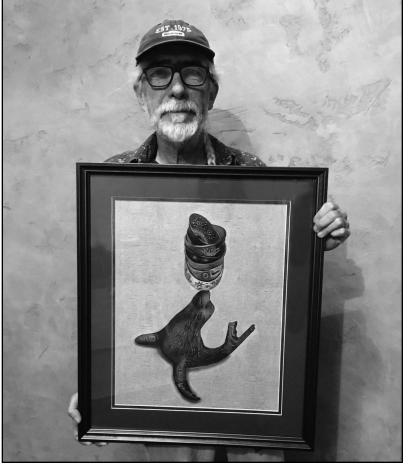
This colorful graphic will be featured on the 2016 Empty Bowls posters and advertising media.

Jeff Kernan moved from Seattle to Florence in 1999, in search of "peace and quiet," and has settled in to the Florence area with his cat, Diesel.

He has been an artist since he was 20 years old, and worked in the printing business in Seattle prior to moving to Florence. He has worked at Food Share for 14 years and currently drives the Food Share truck for the warehouse.

After a long break, Kernan took up his artwork again about 10 years ago. His art consists of digitalized photos, or the digital manipulation of photographs, he has taken of his subjects. In his own words, his artwork is photo art work, or "phartwork."

Kernan has displayed his



COURTESY PHOTO

Florence artist Jeff Kernan with his colorful graphic "Joyful Balance," which will be featured at Empty Bowls.

work at the Siuslaw Public Library at the encouragement Mary Colgen Bennett, and said he looks forward to new avenues to display his work.

A "Joyful Balance" will be offered to the public via raffle, with tickets available at various locations throughout the Florence area prior to Empty Bowls, as well as at the event itself.

The winner will be announced Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m., at the Empty Bowls event.

Winner need not be present to win.

Empty Bowls 2016 will be held at the Florence Events Center on Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 4.

This is a free family friendly event with all proceeds benefiting Florence Food Share.

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This National year's Collection Week is Nov. 14 through 21.

Florence project coordinators hope to collect 500 shoebox gifts, this year, for delivery to children overseas.

Florence Evangelical Church, 1318 Rhododendron Drive, is taking donated items Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with additional times on Wednesdays, 5 to 8 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 21, from 8 to 10 a.m.

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