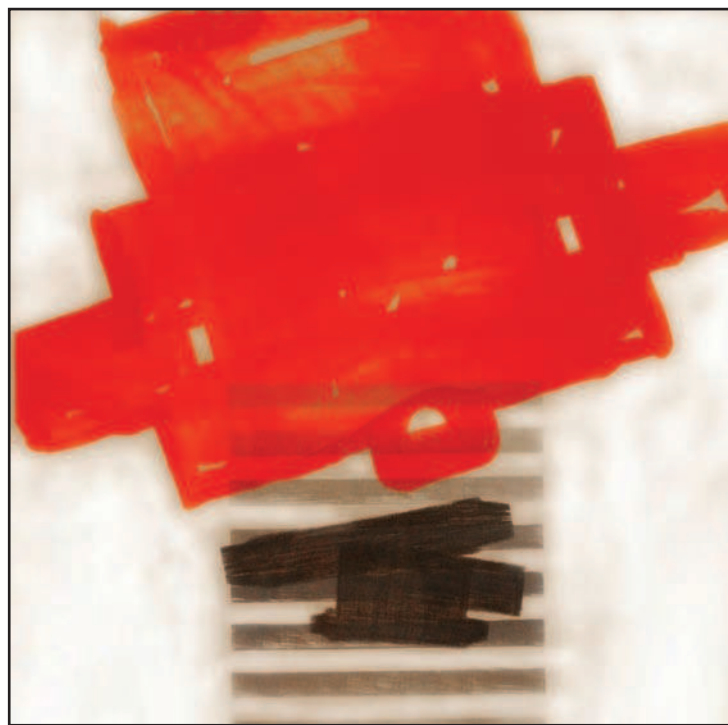


Museum featuring art from permanent collection



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From left: "Summer" by Czech artist Dagmar Mezricky and "The Wonderful Mr. Man" by Jane Kent are both part of the Coos Art Museum's 595-piece permanent collection.

COOS BAY — From Dec. 9 through Feb. 4, 2017, Coos Art Museum, 235 Anderson Ave., will be featuring a large exhibition of selected works from its Permanent Collection.

The exhibition opens with a free reception for the public at the museum on Friday, Dec. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m.

"Permanent Collection: People and Prints" focuses

on two areas within Coos Art Museum's Permanent Collection — portraits and figures, and fine art prints.

Many newly acquired works will be on display for the first time at the museum and this will be an opportunity to savor the breadth of the Permanent Collection which now includes over 595 works.

Many of the works are by well-known local artists such as Gan Martin, while others are by artists with an international reputation such as the Englishmen Henry Moore and Lynn Chadwick.

Coos Art Museum's fine art print collection is broad — containing styles from abstract works such as "Constellations" by the New York artist Howardena Pindell

to an Art Nouveau inspired figure by the Czech artist Dagmar Mezricky.

The museum offers a wide range of arts activities including exhibitions, art classes and lectures.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Museum admission is \$5 general, \$2 for students, veterans and seniors and free to

Sea of lights to brighten aquarium with spirit of season

NEWPORT — SCUBA Santa, sparkling lights and an ocean of holiday cheer will greet visitors every weekend this December at the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Sea of Lights celebration.

Over half a million colorful lights and holiday decorations will surround visitors with the spirit of the season as they explore the aquarium after hours.

Santa will be present every night of Sea of Lights until Christmas to pose for photos and note visitors' Christmas wishes.

This family-friendly event

kicks off with a special celebration on Dec. 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Admission to the first weekend of Sea of Lights is \$2 with two cans of nonperishable food for people or pets for the local food bank.

Entry is \$10 per person without donation. Admission is free for aquarium members, but they are encouraged to bring an item to donate.

Sea of Lights will continue to illuminate the aquarium every following Friday and Saturday of December from 5 to 8 p.m., with the exception for Dec. 24.

Admission is \$10, or free with same day paid admission.

"Sea of Lights is a fun way for the Aquarium to give back to the community. There is no other place to go see a big light display on the central Oregon coast, and you can simultaneously help stock the shelves of our local food bank," said Lance Beck, Director of Marketing at the aquarium.

This year's Sea of Lights is presented by Walmart.

Customers that spend over \$100 at Walmart's Newport location will receive a voucher for one free admission to Sea

of Lights at the aquarium.

Offer valid while supplies last and certain dates are subject to blackout. See store for details.

Attendees using a voucher are encouraged, but not required, to make a food or toy donation.

Join in the merriment this December at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road, in Newport.

The aquarium is open every day, except Dec. 25, this winter from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.aquarium.org or call 541-867-3474.

Tickets for Crab Crack available now

The sixth annual Florence Crab Crack is a sure fire remedy for the dreaded "cabin fever," which threatens to afflict the general populace of the central Oregon coast every winter.

Get your ticket and join the other 399 people who will attend limited-seating Crab Crack at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Get rid of those "cabin fever blues" by enjoying great food and company while aiding the less fortunate in this area.

All the proceeds from this event will benefit Florence Food Share, a local food pantry that provides resources to those facing hunger in western Lane County.

Oregon coast Dungeness crab, along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and BJ's dessert, will be served by "crab head" volunteers.

A no-host bar will also be available.

While savoring the delectable crustaceans and side dishes, attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase one or many of the special silent auction items.

Tickets to this event are \$35 each, with only 400 tickets to be available. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 25 and will not be available at the door.

Past Crab Cracks have sold out early.

Tickets went on sale beginning Dec. 1.

Contact Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or by email at dunesguy97439@yahoo.com to purchase tickets, arrange group seating or for more information.

Tickets will also be available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St., in Florence, or call 541-997-9110.