

## FEC ART EXHIBIT

# Gallery One exhibit: 'Beauty and the Beast' exhibit



Featured artists (from left): John Leasure, Claudia Ignatieff and Ron Hildenbrand.

The tongue-in-cheek title of the upcoming exhibit at the Florence Events Center represents three local artists exhibiting oil paintings celebrating Oregon's "beauty," and the amazing "beasts" that inhabit the state.

Featured artists for the exhibit will be Ron Hildenbrand, John Leasure and Claudia Ignatieff and their artwork can be viewed at the FEC in Gallery One during the month of June.

A graduate in art and graphic design,

Hildenbrand worked in the field for many years, including having his own studio in Fairfield, Calif.

He was also featured in a "California Backroads" TV episode. Upon retiring to Florence 12 years ago, he became an active volunteer in the art community, and he currently serves on the Florence Public Arts Committee.

Leasure has lived in Florence for the past 36 years, owning West Coast Cabinets. He has taught oil painting classes in Florence and Eugene for the past 25

years, and is the teacher for the popular "Wallflowers and Wine" painting classes at the FEC.

Ignatieff, after a career in Early Childhood Education, retired to Florence with her husband Jim 12 years ago, and began taking art classes. She has been a featured artist at the Newport Visual Arts Center.

Hildenbrand, Leasure, and Ignatieff are active in Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), serving on the Board of Directors and on the

Display Committee.

Additionally, Ignatieff and Leasure serve on the FEC Gallery Committee and are member artists of Backstreet Gallery. The artists have exhibited at many local venues, including the Siuslaw Library, PeaceHealth Medical Center and Oregon Pacific Bank.

The public is invited to come to an appetizers and wine reception Sunday, June 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. Meet the artists and view their individual perceptions of "Beauty and the Beasts."

## CALENDAR

### June 2

IF: Gathering Women's Conference  
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

### June 3

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9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### June 5

Siuslaw High School Band Concert  
7 p.m.

### June 6

Lane Community College Scholarship Night  
6 p.m.

### June 7

Coastal Fitness Spring Show  
6:30 p.m.

### June 9 & 10

LRP's "Master Class"  
7 p.m.

### June 11

LRP's "Master Class"  
2 p.m.

### June 16 & 17

LRP's "Master Class"  
7 p.m.

### June 18

LRP's "Master Class"  
2 p.m.

### June 21

RAIN Demo Day  
5 to 8:30 p.m.  
Bonneville Power Administration Open House  
5 to 7 p.m.

### June 30

PeaceHealth Benefit Concert  
7 p.m.

### July 6

Lane Blood Bank  
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### July 7

Siuslaw Jam  
7 p.m.

### July 8

Siuslaw Jam  
2 to 7 p.m.

## VOLUNTEERING

### Give some of your free time to the arts

The Friends of the Florence Events Center has a long standing history of volunteerism. Without the thousands of hours given each year by a team of committed volunteers, the Florence Events Center would not function. A current call for new volunteers is going out for all aspects of altruism at the Events Center.

Cindy Orsted began volunteering in 2010.

"After my husband passed, I was looking for something to fill my

spare time and walked into the Florence Events Center," said Orsted. When asked what she likes best about volunteering she answers, "I like everything! The people, the shows and learning new stuff. I don't think there's anything about this place I don't like."

Opportunities for volunteers include: ushering, taking tickets, working backstage, helping with room set-up, art gallery set-up, office support and fundraising for the Friends of the FEC

Being a volunteer requires a minimal training orientation to find out what the interest of the volunteer might be. The average number of hours a volunteer may donate range from 2 to 20 per month.

For more information call Sandi Anderson, office and volunteer coordinator, at 541-997-1994 or drop by the office at 715 Quince St. during regular business hours.

Watch the FEC Volunteers video online at youtube/wFdbGSKxXi4.

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