

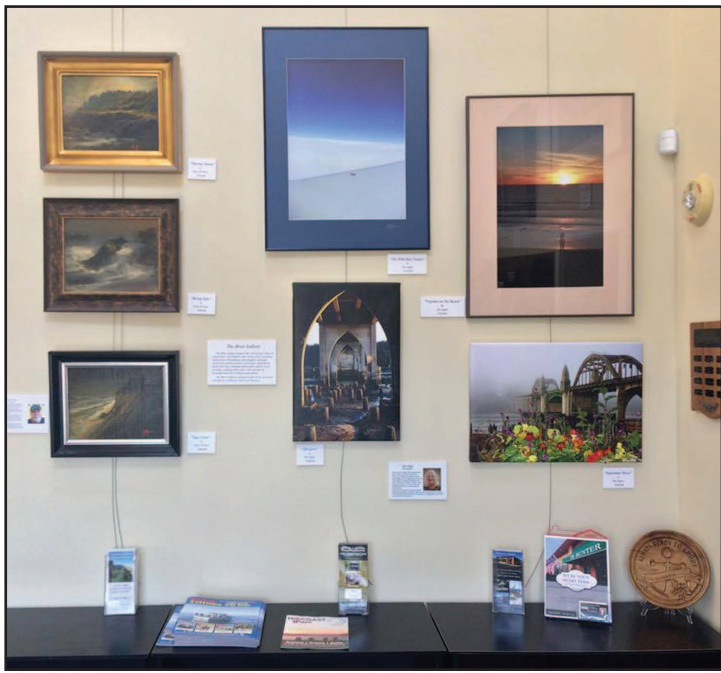
THE RECORD

River Gallery artists display works at Visitor's Center

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center, 290 Highway 101, features a different local artist each month. The August display of local artistry features a variety of pieces from The River Gallery.

"The River Gallery's display features some amazing local work. People should make the Visitor's Center a regular stop when traveling Florence's art scene," said Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "This month there are four oil paintings of coastal scenes by Gary O'Gara, three watercolor paintings of coastal scenes by John Bradley and five photographs by Jan Jagoe — three different images of the Siuslaw River Bridge, one beach sunset, and one beautiful Oregon blue sky and clouds."

"I feel very honored to have been selected for the August exhibition," said Jan Jagoe, owner of The River Gallery. "The chamber's art exhibits help promote Florence galleries and local artists. Visitors will see the beauty of the Oregon coast and will be



COURTESY PHOTO

The River Gallery is showcasing a variety of photographs and paintings at the Visitor's Center, 290 Highway 101, in August.

inspired to stay and play."

Jan and her husband Brian own and operate The River Gallery, where they feature watercolors, oil paintings, photography, zentangle, wood work, pottery, jewelry, fused glass, hanging stained glass panels, wood carvings and hand-blown glass floats, bowls

and vases.

"I've always dreamed of opening an art gallery featuring local artists, so The River Gallery is a dream come true," Jan said.

She studied art and photography at San Diego State University, and photography with the renowned photogra-

pher Paul Johnson.

"I love to share the beautiful things that I see through my camera's lens," she said.

The River Gallery hosts summer artist receptions, and Second Saturday Gallery Tours from 3 to 5 p.m. year around.

To enjoy the full variety of works by more than 20 local artists, visit The River Gallery at 1335 Bay St, at the corner of Laurel and Bay streets.

The River Gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 541-902-2505 or visit The RiverGallery.org.

The Visitor's Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each month, the chamber features new two- and three-dimensional exhibits by local artists and galleries.

For more information about the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, and how to join or volunteer, visit Florence Chamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

City plans Rhododendron Drive Project Celebration

On Thursday, Aug. 10, at 10 a.m., the Florence community is invited to enjoy a fun morning walk along the new and improved Rhododendron Drive, followed by a reception with refreshments.

The City of Florence invites everyone to attend the Rhododendron Drive Project Celebration.

This project improved shoulder extension, pavement and roadway quality and bike and pedestrian safety.

The walk will begin at 10 a.m. at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, 400 Ninth St. The group will then walk to Greentrees Village for refreshments and a small ceremony beginning at 11 a.m. featuring Mayor Joe Henry's comments about the project's beginning and completion.

Greentrees Village is located at 1600 Rhododendron Dr. #320, or about a mile walk

from the medical center.

"With a lot of hard work on the part of our city staff and our Public Works Department, both the Rhododendron Drive Shoulder Extension Project and the Rhododendron Drive Utility Improvement Project have been completed," Henry said. "These two projects greatly improve the attractiveness and functionality of Rhododendron Drive in the area."

"We are grateful to the residents of Greentrees Village, as well as our other residents and businesses in these areas for their patience during construction and support of these projects. We are excited to celebrate these projects and would love to see you there."

For details or questions regarding this event, email cardinal@ci.florence.or.us or call 541-997-3436.

OBITUARY

MCGEE—Carol McGee, 80, of Florence, passed away Aug. 1.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Air quality 'unhealthy' as wildfire smoke lingers

Smoke from an early morning fire near Mt. Pisgah pushed air quality monitors in Eugene and Springfield to the "Unhealthy" levels.

Wildfire smoke is more prominent this time of year, and the high temperatures have elevated fire danger around the state.

"Residents who are sensitive to pollution from smoke are advised to use caution when participating in outdoor activities," said Jo Niehaus, spokesperson for the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency.

"We are expecting more

smoke impacts this week as winds shift. People may see some improvement on Friday, as onshore wind flows are predicted to increase," they continued.

Fine particles from smoke called PM 2.5 are easily inhaled and enter the bloodstream and lungs. It can aggravate existing respiratory and cardiovascular conditions and is especially harmful to children and seniors.

LRAPA's monitors are updated hourly.

Follow them at www.lrapa.org/216/Todays-Current-Air-Quality.

Survey part of study about Florence's Future

The City of Florence is conducting a study of housing and the local economy to ensure there is sufficient land for these uses for the next 20 years.

The City requests the public take time to complete a brief questionnaire to share their ideas at www.survey-monkey.com/r/FlorenceHousing.

The survey ends Sept. 15.

For more information on the project, visit the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us or contact City Recorder Kelli Weese at 541-997-3437 or email at kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us.

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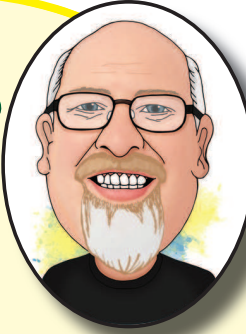
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Dave's RE-CORNER



Most people have heard of the 3Rs of environmentally friendly behavior-

REDUCE is to use less of something. Use less water, turn off lights, use both sides of a paper.

REUSE is to use an item again. Refill a water bottle, reuse a container and buy reusable bags.

RECYCLE is to make new items from old ones; recycle bottles, glass, paper, cans, plastic, cardboard & more.

Tip

Back to school is the perfect time not only for digging out that alarm clock, but also for adopting some greener habits you and your whole family can practice all year long.

DON'T OVERBUY
SEARCH FOR PENCILS MADE FROM RECYCLED CONTENT

It might be exciting to enter the back-to-school section of your local retailer—so many shiny things and bright colors! But don't be tempted to buy more than you need. First, check what you already have in stock.

Did your child really use all 500 sheets of paper you bought last year? Is every single pencil worn down to the nub? Did the scissors spontaneously break? Only buy what you really need for the year and the amount of "stuff" you don't bring home will be astonishing.

Quiz

Answer to Previous Quiz: C: Recycling

If you paint old chairs to make them look new you are...
A) reducing. B) reusing. C) recycling.

Did you Know?

People in the U.S. make up 5% of the world's population but use 25% of the world's resources and generate 30% of its garbage.*



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