

Backstreet Gallery welcomes quilter, silversmith

Backstreet Gallery has welcomed two new members, quilt artist Daphne W. John and silversmith Mike McIntyre.

John's art quilts are composed of the three layers of any quilt. However, she uses her sewing machine as her paintbrush and pallet knife with the result very much like a painting. Texture adds to the overall effect.

To complete these remarkable pieces she may embellish her unique designs with beads, lace, ribbon, yarn, pine needles or other artistic elements.

McIntyre begins his distinctive jewelry pieces with hand-picked gemstones that he shapes and polishes.

He solders, hammers and



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Silversmith art by Mike McIntyre (left) and quilt art by Daphne John

twists as he sets the stones into mainly silver but also brass and copper settings. His rings, earrings, necklaces and bracelets,

for both men and women, can take wearing apparel from ordinary to extraordinary.

He also offers one-of-a-kind

gems.

Their work is on display at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street in Florence.

Master Recycler classes to be offered this fall

Lane County Waste Management Division is offering a free course this fall that provides comprehensive training on local solid waste issues.

The Waste Management Division hosts this course to help Lane County residents and businesses reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink waste habits.

Fall classes will be held on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 12 through Nov. 7, at Lane County Waste Management Division located at 3100 East 17th Avenue in Eugene.

Hear from local experts, tour local recycle facilities and learn why things are (or are not) recyclable.

Retirees, teachers, green job seekers, parents, high school and college students studying sustainability, business owners and employees tasked with reducing solid waste in the workplace all find common purpose in the Master Recycler community.

The Master Recycler training course includes 35 hours of classroom instruction: nine consecutive Tuesday evening classes, a Saturday compost demonstration and two Saturday multi-site field trips to area solid waste and recycling sites.

Instructors are local experts in solid waste from business, government and nonprofit sectors.

The course is free for those who volunteer 30 hours to educate and assist their communities in the following year.

Those who do not wish to volunteer may pay a small fee. In addition to attending class sessions and tours with local experts, all participants enroll in Recycling 101 online.

Normally valued at \$50-\$75, R101 is free for Lane County Master Recycler students.

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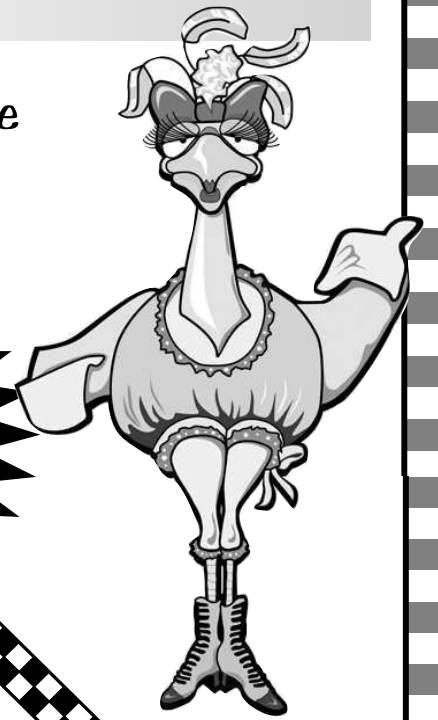
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