

Deadwood Resist to hold Democratic Fundraiser

Deadwood Resist is hosting a fundraiser for Congressman Peter DeFazio and Sister District Democratic candidates Manka Dhingra, Washington State Senate, and Mike Mullin, Virginia State House on Sept. 23 from 5 to 9 p.m.

"This benefit for Democratic candidates is a great excuse to visit our rural community of progressive activists in the Coast Range," said Deadwood Resist member Kaki Burruss.

A homemade dinner of chili, cornbread and salad

begins at 5 p.m. Vegetarian options will be available.

An auction offering a wide variety of items, followed by square dancing with live music and instruction, will also take place.

Come and enjoy a special evening and help elect Democrats. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The event will be held at the Deadwood Community Center, 4.2 miles up Deadwood Creek Rd.

For more information call: 541-964-3555.

FRAA members featured at Chamber exhibit

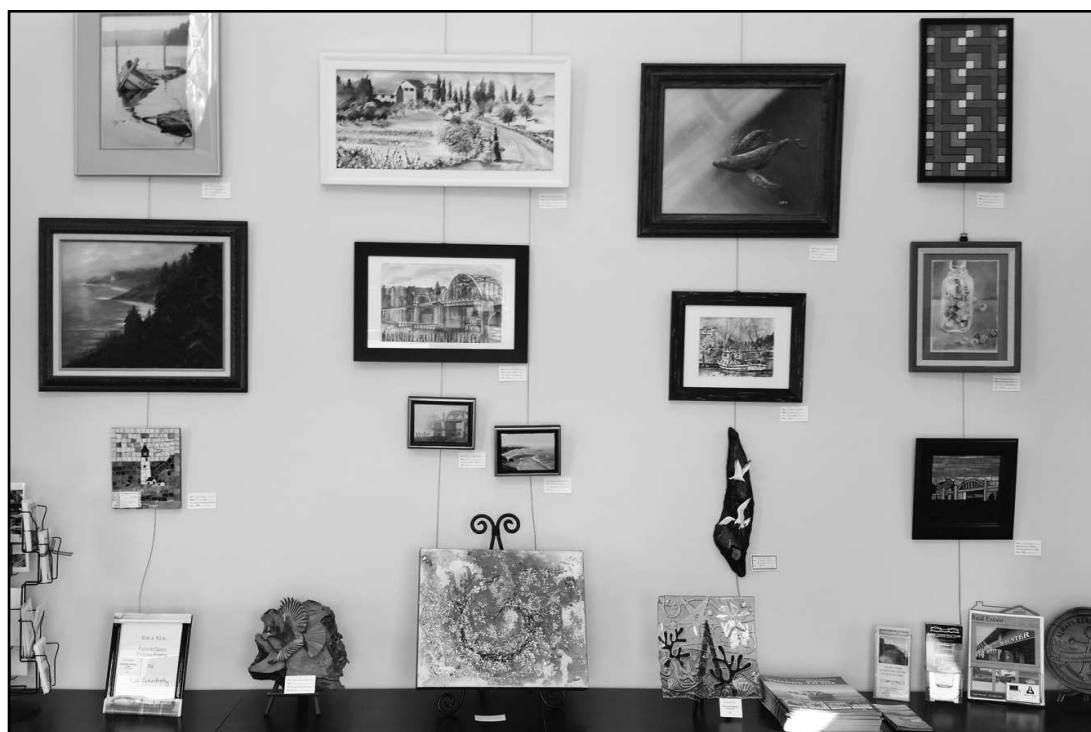
The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center, 290 Highway 101, features a different local art exhibit each month. Its September display of local artistry features a variety of pieces from members of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA).

The artists exhibiting at the Chamber in September represent more than 100 members and sponsors, all who share in FRAA's mission of supporting all the arts, and making Florence an arts destination.

FRAA is a nonprofit art center and gallery at 120 Maple St. in Florence.

"FRAA's display features some amazing local work and we're honored to have it this month," said Chamber executive director Bettina Hannigan. "The Chamber's visitor center should be on everyone's list of shops and galleries if they're interested in viewing great local art, and we change it monthly."

The September-only exhibit includes Florence and coastal-themed pieces such as watercolor paintings by Kim D. Miller and Marsha Horner; colored pencil works by Jane Connelley; oil paintings by Claudia Ignatieff, John Leasure, Ron Hildenbrand and Patti Williams; acrylic painting by Bob Hefty; photography by Charles Draper and Ken McDougal; stained glass by Tina Shoys; fused glass by Kristin Anderson; and driftwood art by Andy Nedder and



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Art from members of the Florence Regional Art Alliance will be on display at the Florence Chamber's Visitor Center through September.

Edie Carhart.

"We want to commend the Chamber for offering the many galleries and studios in Florence the opportunity to give visitors an artistic glance of all that Florence has to offer," said FRAA board president Kristin Anderson.

"Members join FRAA with a wide range of interests and talents, including painting, photography, jewelry, mosaics, stained and fused glass, wood-working, writing, ocean art, knitting, textile arts, and pottery, to name a few," said Anderson. "We also have excellent teachers who offer

classes to the community in such subjects as painting, writing, jewelry making, and crocheting.

"FRAA is also proud to offer local youth an opportunity to exhibit their artwork on a designated youth art wall at their gallery."

Anderson added that members join FRAA to support the many community events FRAA is involved in, such as literary salons, writing classes, poetry events, Second Saturday Art Tours and special events, such as FlorenceFest '18 (the wine, jazz, and art event April 30 and May 1 at the Florence

Events Center), the Christmas Festival, Winter Music Festival (January 12-14, 2018 at the FEC), and Rhody Days.

In September, the Chamber Visitors Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 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 FlorenceChamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

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In conjunction with the City of Florence recently being designated as a Coast Guard City, the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM) has announced an increased Coast Guard presence at the museum as well.

"We have always sought to have a greater display for our Coast Guard since we enjoy having a station of our own in Florence," said Chief of Staff Geoff Cannon. "And after an appeal to our supporters and the community earlier this summer, we were rewarded with the donation of multiple items to actually create that display."

While the museum had some

Coast Guard items, Cannon said it lacked some more significant artifacts to build it around.

"Thanks to Master Chief Tim Tregoning and his wife Amy, we now have two of their former uniforms on display," said Cannon. The display also includes photos, literature and a video of Florence area Coast Guard members in action, produced by Auxiliary member

Deborah Cordone.

In addition to the expanded display, the museum also now offers the new Challenge Coin created specifically for the Coast Guard City designation.

With the concept designed by Chief Ben Snider of Station Siuslaw River, the graphics were created by Ginger Jones of TR Hunter Real Estate, with the Florence Band of Brothers donating the cost of producing the coins. The City of Florence awarded coins to local Coast Guard members as well as visiting dignitaries, and the public can purchase their own at the museum's gift shop.

The museum, 2145 Kingwood St., is open to the public Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more by visiting www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

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