

2ND SATURDAY GALLERY TOUR EXPLORES THE ARTS

Enjoy Florence's 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour on, Saturday, Jan. 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. This self-guided tour inspires locals and visiting tourists alike and reinforces Florence as an ever-evolving arts destination.

The tour begins at any of the participating locations. For more information, visit 2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com.

BACKSTREET GALLERY

To celebrate the New Year, Backstreet Gallery members are showing an alternate to their usual media on display. This special photography exhibit is in addition to the unique variety of art already on display at the gallery. Celebrate with these artists and enjoy their photographs at a reception on Jan. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

By taking up the camera, these artists will show another creative side to their talents with innovative results.

Members participating include Pattie Brooks Anderson, Kristin Anderson, Kathryn Damon-Dawson, Caroline Estill, Judy Fleagle, Claudia Ignatieff, John Leasure, Shelly Medeiros, Karen D. Nichols and Kathleen



COURTESY PHOTO

Oil and watercolor painter Pat Knipe will display her work at The Studios this month.

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Come enjoy a wide variety of interesting subject matter in vibrant color as well as dramatic black and white.

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. It reopened Jan. 10 all refreshed and ready for the New Year after its annual cleaning and maintenance.

FLORENCE EVENTS CENTER

The Galleries at Florence Events Center will have work displayed from the upcoming Fresh Impressions High School Artist Exhibit while the Winter Music Festival Artisan Fair is going on. Florence Regional

Arts Alliance (FRAA) and other area artists will have work for sale on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13.

The Fresh Impressions Awards and Artist Reception will be on Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

THE STUDIOS

The Studios at Jayne Smoley welcomes painter Pat Knipe in January. The talented artist joins resident artists Jayne Smoley, Tamarah Phillips and Gigi Lassan during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour. In addition, information will be available about a new partnership between The Studios and

late March. Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant activity report by Friday, Aug. 31, 2018. Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need, and benefit to the community at large. Grant amounts vary greatly but usually are between \$500.00 and \$10,000.00. For more information, please contact WLCF calling 541-997-1274 or emailing at wlcfc@oregonfast.net.

Pilates instructor Carol Prendergast.

Already at the age of 15, Knipe saw herself as a serious artist.

"My art was more than a hobby; it was an integral part of who I was," Knipe said. "As it is for many students, it was my favorite class."

She pursued oil painting at Mount San Antonio Junior College, California State University Long Beach and University of Oregon. After becoming an accomplished oil painter, she wanted to master watercolor and accumulated more than 200 hours in the studio.

Today, people can view Knipe's work in both watercolor and oil, influenced by both the impressionists and expressionists.

"Whatever the medium, I consider myself a colorist. I feel color deep within my soul and enjoy the power it creates in my work. My passion for what I see helps me to bring subject matter to life," Knipe said.

She will teach a Paint and Sip on Tuesday, Jan. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m.

For information on studying with Knipe or taking a variety of classes, check out jaynesmoleydesign.com.

WLAD announces creation of stroke prevention video

Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) has created a Stroke Education Video in Partnership with PeaceHealth RiverBend and LifeFlight Network, in order to educate the general public on when and why it's critical to activate the emergency medical 911 system early.

The key spokesperson for the video is Dr. Wilder, Director of Neurointervention at RiverBend. In the video, Dr. Wilder discusses the warning signs of a stroke and the need for rapid intervention by utilizing the FAST system:

Face — Ask the person to smile and note if the face is uneven.

Arms—Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift down or is it unable to move?

Speech—Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Does their speech sound strange? Strange speech could mean slurred, the wrong words are used, or the person is unable to speak at all.

Time: Time to call 911.

Paramedics, when they arrive on scene, will conduct the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Stroke Scale, which is a systematic assessment tool that provides a quantitative measure of stroke neurological deficits.

The NIH Stroke scale exam-

ines 15 items, such as language ability, level of consciousness, vision acuity, motor strength, ataxia and sensory loss.

EMS Personnel also utilize the Cincinnati Stroke Triage Assessment Tool (C-STAT), which involves conjugate gaze deviation, arm weakness and level of consciousness.

Based on the above assessment criteria, paramedics will then make a decision to activate the Regional Stroke Center and facilitate patient transport to that hospital, either by ground or medical helicopter.

Time is brain tissue, and the sooner the stroke patient arrives at the Stroke Center, the better the potential outcome towards recovery.

Paramedics from WLAD and nurses from PeaceHealth will be available to discuss the exam, assessment and treatment options for potential stroke patients and their loved ones; or any member of the general public who may be interested in this field of emergency medicine.

Any organization or agency interested in the video presentation, followed by a short discussion by paramedics and nurses, is encouraged to contact Western Lane Ambulance District at 541-997-9614.

WLCF deadline for 2018 grant applications is Monday

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) wishes to remind all local non-profits that the deadline for submitting a grant application is Monday, Jan 15.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local non-profit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County from Deadwood/Mapleton to Dunes City. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine

and science, the arts and social and civic services.

In 2017, over \$72,000.00 was awarded to 22 of these causes. The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

The application may be downloaded at WLCF's website at wlcfonline.org and it is highly recommended that applicants review the Grant

Guidelines included there.

Applications can be submitted to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589 Florence, OR 97439 or to its website.

Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a board member for an interview regarding the request for funds. Grants will be approved in February and then awarded in

Tickets for February's annual Crab Crack now available

Tickets for Florence Food Share's annual Crab Crack fundraiser are now on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Food Share, 2190 Spruce St., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased with a credit card over the phone at 541-997-9110.

The number of tickets available is 400, and have traditionally sold out. The deadline to purchase them is Jan. 25.

No tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

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Expansive river & dune views from this well cared for 2 bdrm/2 bath home. Elevator from single garage with 12' door for easy access.
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NEW LISTING
Goldenwest beauty on two lots for privacy. Oversized 24' x 36' garage, 30 amp & water. Newer roof, new covered front deck. Enclosed back patio.
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1782 sq ft
\$285,000 BH7609 ML#17001018



NEW LISTING
Looking for just the right home? You do not want to miss this beauty. Tile entry, hardwood in the den & 3rd bdrm, floor to ceiling windows, coffered dormers, coved ceilings, alder cabinets, 24 x 24 garage
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1848 sq ft
\$285,000 BH7610 ML#17554317



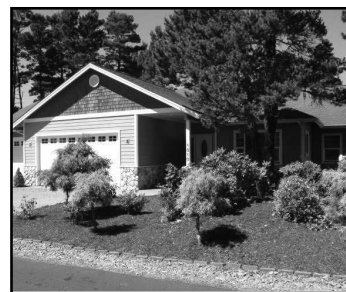
NEW LISTING
Great starter home or retirement home. Good location, vinyl windows, slider off living room to large backyard, fireplace. Double car garage
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1188 sq ft
\$219,000 BH7612 ML#17013726



NEW LISTING
For those who won't settle for the ordinary!! 3 bdrms, 3 ba + loft. Tile countertops, breakfast bar, 1 bdrm has it's own entrance, parking space, small frig, sink, Wl-closet. Great for caretaker
3 Bdrm, 3 Ba 2067 sq ft
\$399,500 BH7620 ML#17667902



NEW LISTING
South facing lakefront home with dock & stunning views
4 Bdrm, 3 Ba 2204 sq ft
\$468,000 BH7614 ML#17656293



FEATURED LISTING
Roomy one level custom home with 3 car garage in Sandpines West
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 2262 sq ft
\$400,000 BH7547 ML#14127374



PRICE REDUCED
Super Good Cents home in Summerset Estates. Open kitchen/familyroom area slider out to private backyard
3 Bdrm, 3 Ba 1444 sq ft
\$269,900 BH7581 ML#17384212



NEW LISTING
Dreams really do come true. Gorgeous lakefront home, 2 garages, RV hookup, huge shop, 2 lofts, huge family/rec room & loads of storage
3 Bdrm, 3 full & 2 partial Ba 4479 sq ft
\$645,000 BH7621 ML#17427517