

## 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour explores the arts in Florence



COURTESY IMAGES

Visit these works by area artists and more during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour from 3 to 5 p.m. in Historic Old Town Florence and other locations around Florence.

Enjoy Florence's 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour on Saturday, March 10, 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. Enjoy great local art, interactions with fellow patrons and artists, receptions, refreshments, live entertainment and community.

For more information, visit [2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com](http://2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com).

### BACKSTREET GALLERY

The work of author Judy Fleagle, known as the Bridge Lady, and Meredith Draper, known as the Time-Piece Jeweler, will be spotlighted at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., in March. Their reception, spread with refreshments and music, will be held on March 10, from 3 to 5 p.m.

After 22 years teaching elementary school in California and 21 years as editor/staff writer for "Oregon Coast" and "Northwest Travel" magazines in Florence, Fleagle embarked on a third career in 2010.

She has written four books: "Crossings: McCullough's Coastal Bridges" (2011), "The Crossings Guide to Oregon's Coastal Spans" (2013), "Around Florence" (2014) and "Devil Cat and Other Colorful Animals I Have Known" (2015). A fifth book mapping the unusual places along the coast will be available in 2019.

Who could've imagined that Draper, who majored in business administration and minored in art, would later become the president of Backstreet Gallery Co-operative and also a very versatile artist? After dabbling in clay,

painting and free-form sculpture, Draper takes her altered art to refined jewelry she assembles from antique watches and unique treasures. She also weaves. Between her intricate fine art necklaces, pins, earrings and bracelets and colorful woven scarves, one can pull together an elegant look to enhance any wardrobe choice.

### FRAAA

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is honored to feature a special collection of artwork for sale from the late Henry Evans during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour on March 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. These prints were donated by Dean and Pat Hendricks, and proceeds from sales will go to various nonprofit organizations.

Evans began making botanical prints in 1958, depicting some 1,400 subjects in 31 years. Admired by art lovers and naturalists alike, Evans was a self-taught printer, botanist and artist, developing a unique style and technique. He drew directly from living subjects, and all subjects were portrayed life-size.

Among numerous publications, the artist's most important books and portfolios include: "The State Flowers of the United States;" "Botanical Prints: with Excerpts from the Artist's Notebooks;" and "California Wildflowers."

FRAA's Art Center and Gallery is located at 120 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

Henry Evans' prints may be seen at [www.henryevans.com](http://www.henryevans.com).

**OREGON PACIFIC BANK**  
Seascope artist Paul

Kingsbury's paintings are on display during the month of March at Oregon Pacific Bank on Highway 101 in Florence.

Kingsbury lived in the Pacific Islands for 15 years, has crossed both the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and lived on three sides of the Caribbean. He fell in love with the ocean, and his attempts to depict the surging surf and billowing clouds has yielded some great art over the years. His works are created in acrylics in the style of oils. He uses a variety of techniques.

Kingsbury has been a member of several art associations, and is now a member of FRAA, where one can view more of his artwork.

### SIUSLAW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Siuslaw Public Library features Watercolor Society of Oregon, 20 award-winning paintings in Brubaker Gallery, through April 7.

Best of Show by Chris Stubbs of Carlton, Ore., is a deeply sensitive painting called "Life Was Beautiful Then," which captures Verna, deeply reflecting on life before her husband passed.

Second place award went to Linda Rothchild Ollis of Hillsboro, for "Potential Unlocked" inspired by her journey after heart surgery, the climb out of weakness into renewed strength.

The paintings have been travelling to various Oregon

galleries since WSO's 2017 Fall Exhibition. The artists will retrieve them from the library and then attend WSO's Spring 2018 Experimental Watermedia Conference at Florence Events Center, April 6 to 8.

Kathryn Damon-Dawson is chairing the Spring 2018 conference in Florence. The public is invited to register for mini, art-related workshops all day Saturday, April 7, and Sunday, April 8, for Juror Fran Larsen's Lecture Demo.

### THE STUDIOS

March marks the one-year anniversary of The Studios at Jayne Smoley Designs. Join artists from The Studios' first year during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour and see the variety of work the gallery has curated.

"Thank you to our community, artists and customers for helping to make this year a success," said Smoley, owner of The Studios.

In addition, Carol C. Prendergast, EdD, a certified Pilates instructor, has opened a Pilates studio within The Studios.

It is just one more way that The Studios is becoming a part of everyday life for the Florence community.

Join The Studios for regular fuse-and-sip and paint-and-sip classes. For more information, visit [www.jaynesmoleydesign.com](http://www.jaynesmoleydesign.com).

## AARP PROVIDES FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

AARP is once again providing free tax preparation for the citizens of Florence and the surrounding communities.

Federal and Oregon tax returns will be prepared at the Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room, 1460 Ninth St., every Monday and Thursday through April 12, plus Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Space is limited.

People should bring their

2016 return, photo ID, Social Security Card and 2017 tax documents, including health insurance information.

For joint returns, both spouses must be present. Sorry, no out-of-state returns.

For more information, contact David Riordan, AARP Tax-Aide Local Coordinator, at [scoredave@hotmail.com](mailto:scoredave@hotmail.com) or 510-468-1796.

## Garden Club offering seeks applicants for adult scholarship

The Florence Garden Club is seeking applicants for a scholarship which awards local adult students pursuing specific technical certifications.

The candidate must be over the age of 18 and from the Florence or Mapleton areas.

The candidate must be pursuing certification for Watershed Resources Management, Watershed Science, Water Conservation,

Water Plant Operator, or other Sustainability/Renewable Energy careers.

Applications and information are available by email request to [deettemiller@gmail.com](mailto:deettemiller@gmail.com).

Deadline for submitting application March Wednesday, 21, for the Spring 2018 Term.

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## FRESH CRAB

### PETRALE SOLE WITH LEMON CREAM

SERVES 4

**INGREDIENTS:**

- \* 2 tablespoons butter
- \* 2 pounds sole fillets, cut to make 4 pieces
- \* 3/4 teaspoon salt
- \* 1/4 cup flour
- \* 1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
- \* 1 1/4 cup flour
- \* 3/4 cup heavy cream
- \* Grated zest of 1/2 lemon
- \* 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- \* 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

**How to Make It:**

Step 1: In a large nonstick frying pan, melt the butter over moderate heat. Sprinkle the sole with 1/2 teaspoon of the salt and the pepper. Dust the sole with the flour and shake off any excess. Put the sole in the pan and cook for 2 minutes. Turn and cook until just done, about 2 minutes longer. Remove the sole from the pan.

Step 2: Add the cream and lemon zest to the pan. Bring to a simmer and cook until starting to thicken, about 2 minutes. Stir in the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, the lemon juice, and parsley. Serve the sauce over the fish.

Recipe from Food & Wine

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## Scott Steward to address Seveth-day Adventists

"Billy Graham is not in Heaven," says Scott Steward, a recent Florence resident and the former marketing director for Hope Channel, a global Christian lifestyle TV network. "That claim will upset a lot of people, but the idea that people are sent immediately upon death to their 'reward' or their 'punishment' simply is not supported in the Bible."

Steward says he's not talking about judgement or salvation, determinations which are only for God to make.

"Reverend Graham was a godly man, a great preacher and humanitarian," Steward says. "According to the Bible, he's not in hell, limbo, purgatory or floating around somewhere in the universe. But he's not in heaven either...yet."

He points out there is good news about the fact that people don't transition at their last breath. "I used to believe people went to heaven at death," explains Steward. "But after really looking into what the Bible, says I've found a better explanation of what happens, an explanation that a growing number of people around the world are rediscovering.

"Bring a skeptical but open mind. We'll look at a number of often overlooked biblical facts in hopes of restoring people's understanding of what happens at death, and of God as fair, forgiving, loving and perfectly logical," says Steward.

Steward's presentation takes place Saturday, March

10, beginning at 10:45 a.m. at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4445 Highway 101 in Florence.

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