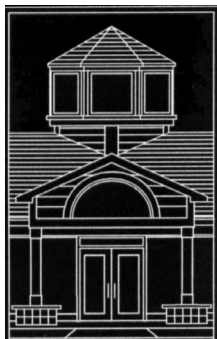


# Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.

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## BOOK REVIEW “THE SHINING MAGNET” BY ALANNA MITCHELL

“The Shining Magnet,” Alanna Mitchell’s globe-trotting history of the science of electromagnetism and the Earth’s magnetic field — right up to the latest indications that the North and South Poles may soon reverse, with apocalyptic results — will change the way you think about our planet.

Award-winning journalist Mitchell’s science storytelling introduces intriguing characters —from 13th-century French investigations into magnetism and the Victorian-era discovery that electricity and magnetism emerge from the same fundamental force to the latest research. No one has ever told so eloquently how the Earth itself came to be seen as a magnet, spinning in space with two poles, and that those poles have dramatically reversed many times, often coinciding with mass extinctions.

The most recent reversal was 780,000 years ago.

Mitchell explores indications that the Earth’s magnetic force field is decaying faster than previously thought.

When the poles switch, a process that takes many years, the Earth is unprotected from solar radiation storms that would, among other disturbances, wipe out much and possibly all of our electromagnetic technology. Navigation for all kinds of animals is disrupted without a stable, magnetic North Pole. But can you imagine no satellites, no internet, no smartphones — maybe no power grids at all?

“The Shining Magnet” offers a beautifully crafted narrative history of surprising ideas and science, illuminating invisible parts of our own planet that are constantly changing around us.

## OREGON DUNES:

### A VANISHING LANDSCAPE?

The library is pleased to have local resident Dina Pavlis discuss the “Oregon Dunes: A Vanishing Landscape?” on Saturday, July 14, at 1 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

The Oregon dunes are important to our coastal communities both economically and ecologically; they delight residents and the approximately 500,000 visitors who travel to see them each year and support a plethora of

native plants and wildlife.

And the dunes are disappearing before our eyes.

Learn about this unique landscape and what’s being done to save it from Pavlis, a local author, U.S. Forest Service volunteer, Oregon Dunes Restorative Collaborative member and exceptional steward of the dunes.

This program is free and open to the public.

## CONCERT: “JUDY, JOAN & JONI”

On Wednesday, July 18, at 1 p.m., award-winning nationally touring duo Jennings & Keller will be presenting “Judy, Joan and Joni – 3 Voices That Defined a Generation.”

Laurie Jennings and Dana Keller will share the songs and the stories behind the songs of Judy Collins, Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell, three women who were at the heart of the folk music revival of the 1960s.

Jennings & Keller is an award-winning nationally touring duo based out of Florida. They offer up 21st century Americana with influences in folk, jazz and roots music. They fuse many different musical elements into a

unique eclectic style that is refreshingly diverse. In true troubadour spirit, they travel the country in their motor home, performing at festivals, cafés, wineries, house concerts and libraries. In so doing they have earned a reputation for quality musicianship and expert storytelling.

This program is free and open to the public.

Another concert, on Wednesday, July 25, at 2 p.m., features local favorites, the Terra Nova Trio. The group, consisting of Annalisa Morton, Mike Curtis and Sandy Holder, is an ensemble of players from the Eugene Symphony and the Oregon Bach Festival.

## LIBRARY ROOF WORK

Visitors to the library will notice that our roof work has started at the Florence location and the crew is busy removing the old covering.

Please be patient as the construction continues and alert for parking lot disruptions and noise and dust.

If it gets too noisy while you are reading or working in the library, stop by the circulation desk for a free pair of earplugs.

# EXPLORE THE ARTS WITH 2ND SATURDAY GALLERY TOUR

Enjoy Florence’s 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour on Saturday, July 14, 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.

## BACKSTREET GALLERY

The work of artist Colleen McKnight will be spotlighted at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., in July. A reception, spread with refreshments and music, will be held on July 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

McKnight has been decorating gourds since 2015. Before that, she was a floral designer and a crafter.

“I still have a hard time thinking of myself as an artist,” McKnight said. “I have

taken several classes, but most of what I have learned comes from attending workshops with Backstreet Gallery members.”

She spends six months of the year in the coastal town of Florence and “soaks up as much sun” as she can during the six months she resides in Arizona.

McKnight’s pieces are for sale at Backstreet Gallery. She also makes custom pieces. Contact her at ckmcknight2014@gmail.com or see her during the gallery tour.

## FLORENCE REGIONAL ARTS ALLIANCE

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is getting a lead on the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour by having a reception instead on Wednesday, July 11, at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St., from 5 to 7 p.m. This is the artist reception for FRAA and the Friends of the FEC’s “Spirit of Summer,” open now



Artwork by area artists is on display in Florence now.

through August.

Many wonderful artists and their artwork showcasing the “Spirit of Summer” are now hung and on display at the FEC. You can stop in and view anytime, or stop by during the reception.

Artists will have the opportunity to win one of three People’s Choice Awards during this

event. The award for first place will be \$250, second place will be \$150 and third place will be \$100.

A ballot box will be at the FEC office during business hours, as well as at the reception.

Another exciting part of this exhibit will be “Patrons of the Artists,” people who will agree

to purchase a piece of 2-D or 3-D artwork and will be honored during the show.

“We have such amazing and diversified talent in our coastal area, and this is an opportunity to show you, the artist, how much we appreciate all you offer to our community,” said the organizers.

## STUDIOS AT JAYNE SMOLEY DESIGN

The Studios, 1458 First St., will feature artist Benjamin Cahoon in July.

Cahoon’s artwork expresses emotionality and spirituality by using animals, people, architecture and urban themes.

He grew up in Florence, Ore., and is currently attending George Fox University, where he is pursuing his bachelor’s degree in Studio Arts and Art Administration.

Cahoon recognizes that God

is the first and greatest artist, which is another reason that natural themes are prominent within his portfolio. Diversity in regards to medium choice is also important to him. Cahoon believes the world and the people in it are represented in a great number of ways. His artwork reflects this through the use of graphite, charcoal, acrylic paint, scratchboard, ceramics, photography and other media.

He seeks to use his experience with multiple mediums to find new and innovative ways to express himself.

Cahoon will be teaching a Kid’s Summer Art Camp at The Studios, 1458 First St., from July 30 to Aug. 3.

For registration information, contact him at BenjaminJ.Cahoon@gmail.com.

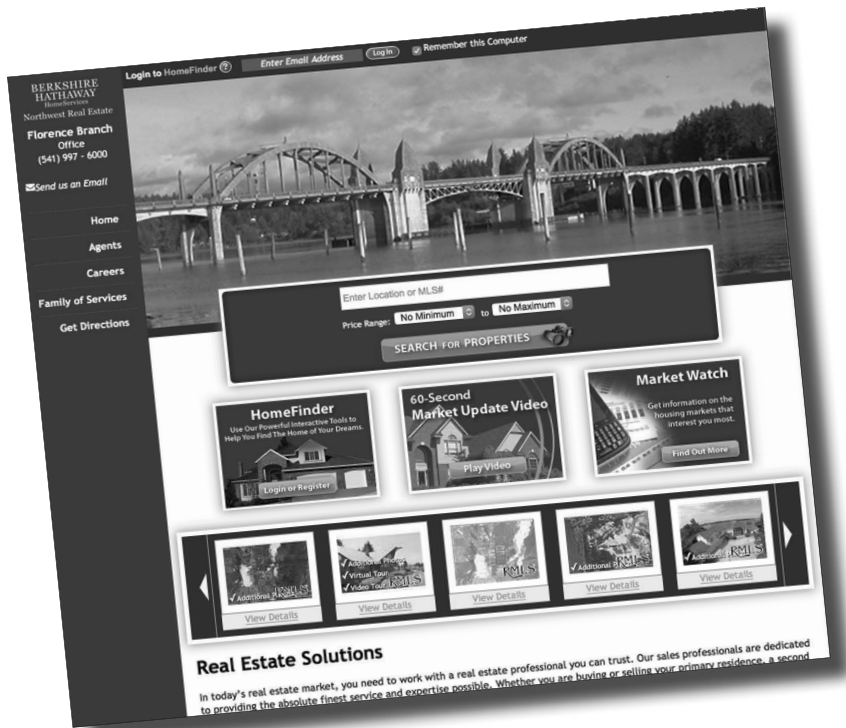
  
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