

# Colors, unique art draw people to 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour

The 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour is from 3 to 5 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month. At the Sept. 8 tour, people will have the opportunity to enjoy great local art, interactions with fellow patrons of the arts and artists, receptions, refreshments, live entertainment and community. The self-guided tour begins at any of the 18 participating locations that feature various types and styles art.

Be sure to swing by the participating locations, as they will also be showcasing some incredible art: Alissa Clark Clayworks, Backstreet Gallery, BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery, Dragon Art, Florence Events Center, Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), Frames of Florence, Heffy's Gal-

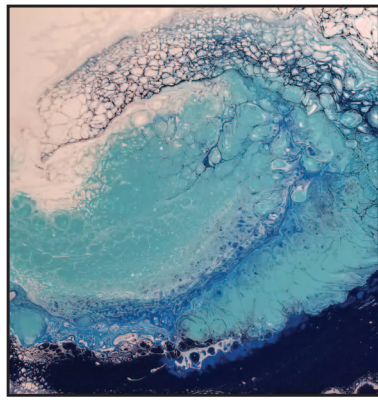
**Pam Nedder and other area artists will be displaying work around the area in September.**

lery, The Hideaway Gallery, Old Town Barbershop, Old Town Coffee & Gallery, Novelli's Crab & Seafood, The River Gallery, Serene Abundance Studio, Silver Lining Boutique & The Gallery Above, Siuslaw Public Library, The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design and The Vardanian Art Gallery.

Learn more at [2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com](http://2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com) or contact the individual galleries for more specific information.

**Backstreet Gallery**

In September, Backstreet



Gallery is featuring jewelry artists. The gallery holds a special reception from 3 to 5 p.m. each 2nd Saturday, with food, wine, music and tons of beautiful, unique art.

Local artists from the Backstreet Gallery Co-Op will be there to mingle with the com-

munity, including the featured artists.

**Florence Events Center**

Galleries One and Five at the FEC are pleased to exhibit the paintings of well-known Florence artist and teacher, John Leasure, as well as some of his art students, during the month of September.

**Heffy's Gallery**

Heffy's Gallery, 1856 37th St., features woodcarvings that are exquisite and lifelike. The artist has been developing his own unique style and process for his fine wood art.

**Novelli's Crab & Seafood**

Down on the docks, Novelli's will be featuring an'ya, artist/poetess, a famous tanka poet, and one of the top 10 haiku poets in the world. Stop by for a free sample of award-winning chowder, complimentary wine and a Free Word Print courtesy of an'ya.

**The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design**

Pam Nedder is the featured artist at The Studios, 1458 First St. She specializes in dynamic acrylic pouring. The Studios also features resident artists and the new Pilates at The Studios.

# Examine dunes at Garden Club

Author and Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative member Dina Pavlis will speak about the unique landscape of the dunes, and what's being done to save it, at the Florence Garden Club meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m.

Attendance at this presentation is free and open to the public.

The meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

**BRIDGE from page 1A**

As construction work paused this summer, cracks on the bridge's south end substructure were brought to the attention of the Siuslaw News by a Florence resident. Upon site inspection of the cracks, however, ODOT said there was no need for concern.

When the bridge's old finishing was sand-blasted away to prepare for the cathodic coating, only then the cracks became visible.

"On any cracks that we had, they would crack-inject with epoxy to seal it up," said Shane Prohaska, ODOT Region 2 Assistant Project Manager.

In some cases, cracks would not even take the epoxy, pointing to them being merely superficial.

"It's nothing we're seeing as a structural issue," said Prohaska, "but it's something we're always looking at on these projects, too."

Pictures of the cracks were also passed on to Bottenberg for review.

"None of the things in those pictures is that out of place for cathodic protection," he said, confirming that the cracks are

mostly surficial and not alarming.

Even so, Bottenberg has requested more pictures over time to be certain the cracks aren't growing.

"We take this seriously," he said, "but we don't expect to find a problem."

The Siuslaw River Bridge has also received its first seismic upgrade. Classified as a Phase I retrofit, the upgrade is designed to keep spans from separating.

"The Phase I seismic retrofit is sized with the intent to prevent collapse for any known earthquake, but not to prevent significant damage," said Bottenberg.

Galvanized steel cable restrainers on the north and south end are sized to keep the parts of the bridge that are not structurally continuous from separating longitudinally. Shear blocks are also added to keep the girders from moving sideways if the bridge should rock.

With these seismic upgrades, "the bridge can handle a reasonable amount of movement," said Bottenberg.

The bridge's railing are also in the process of being replaced. These so-called "stealth rails" meet modern standards and

provide functional reinforcement. Keeping to bridge engineer Conde McCullough's original recognizable design, the rails are embedded with structural steel.

"It's much more than purely aesthetic," said ODOT Public Information Officer Angela Beers Seydel. "It's safer not only for the folks walking along the bridge because it's higher ... but it's structurally more sound for cars that might hit it."

Lastly, pedestrian access and sidewalk improvements will consist of ramps and easier approaches to the bridge's sidewalks on both ends when construction is completed.

Final cost estimates for the project are roughly \$17.5 million, with about 90 percent funded federally and the rest by the state.

Future ODOT bridge projects are also planned in the area.

"We're working our way up and down the coast," said Beers Seydel. "In the next two and a half years, we're actually getting ready to kick off six more bridges."

The projects will include a cathodic protection for the Siltcoos River Bridge in 2020.

## Siuslaw News Garage Sale GUIDE

<p><b>We're On The Map Too!</b>  <b>Sat.-Sun.</b>  <b>9am-4pm</b>  <b>2128 42nd Street</b>                  Furniture, Housewares, Fishing &amp; Exercise Gear, Many Collectibles. Lots of Misc!</p>	<p>Downsizing Sale...                  11-years worth                  So Much Stuff, Need 2-weekends  <b>Part-1 - Fri-Sat, Sept 7th-8th</b>  <b>Part-2 - Fri-Sat, Sept 21st-22nd</b>  <b>9am-4pm</b>  <b>4861 Oceana Drive</b>                  (Off of Rhododendron)</p>	<p><b>Fri./Sat., 8/7-8/8</b>  <b>8am-3pm</b>  <b>Greentrees</b>                  Space #203 NE Corner                  Many clean, new &amp; used items plus one big furry surprise. Worth checking. Dehumidifier, pressure washer, household, yard &amp; much more.</p>
<p><b>We're On The Map Too!</b>  <b>Fri.-Sun</b>  <b>10am-3pm</b>  <b>Corner of Fir &amp; Grand Avenue</b>                  Household goods, tools &amp; fabric.</p>	<p><b>Greentrees Community</b>  <b>Wide Yard Sale</b>                  Gates open to the public on <b>East &amp; West sides</b>  <b>1600-1601 Rhododendron Dr.</b>  <b>9/7-9/8</b>  <b>8am-3pm</b></p>	<p><b>Sat.-Sun., September 8-9</b>  <b>9am-4pm</b>  <b>86226 Xylo st</b>                  Tools, home repair and upgrade items, working appliances. Clothing, other miscellaneous.</p>
<p><b>We're On The Map Too!</b>  <b>Multi-Family</b>  <b>Fri.-Sat.</b>  <b>9am-3pm</b>  <b>5495 N. Fork Siuslaw Road</b>                  (Left before Munsel Lake Road)</p>	<p><b>Part of Community</b>  <b>Garage Sale</b>  <b>One day only</b>  <b>Saturday 9/8</b>  <b>9am-4pm</b>  <b>10 Sea Watch Place</b>                  Garden, kitchen, handbags, jewelry, holiday, Dept. 56 Retired, artwork, owls, small appliances, assorted décor, new HYLVA vacuum system, new 13pc-Lustre Craft Cookware, loads more. Cash &amp; local checks only. Refreshments. No Early Birds please.</p>	
<p><b>We're On The Map Too!</b>  <b>Multi-Family Sale</b>  <b>Fri. 9/7 10am-4pm</b>  <b>Sat. 9/8 9am-4pm</b>  <b>2293 Willow Street</b></p>		

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Come for the wiener dog races and stay for the food, beer, music and games.

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 13**  
 11:30-3PM  
 RACES START AT 1PM

**DACHSHUND\* CATEGORIES**  
 PUPPY • 6 MONTHS - 23 MONTHS  
 YOUTH • 2-5 YEARS  
 ADULT • 6 YEARS AND UP  
**Awards for First and Second Place!**  
registrations begins at 11:30 am

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Proceeds go to Florence Van Pans

**DON'T BE A WEENIE!**  
 Sign up your pup for our WIENER DOG RACES  
**Race Registration - One Entry form per dog**  
**Official Siuslaw News Okto-fur-fest Wiener Dog Race Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age of Dog \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dog Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
**Race Divisions: Place X next to race divisions you would like to participate in**  
 Puppy - 6 months -23 months \_\_\_\_\_ 2 years to 5 years \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult - 6 years and beyond! \_\_\_\_\_  
 Small Mixed Breed Contest (under 15lbs) \_\_\_\_\_

Races: \$10.00 entry fee per dog  
(Includes entry into the Okto-fur-fest)  
 Photo Enclosed  
 Photo Emailed to [jpetersen@thesiuslawnews.com](mailto:jpetersen@thesiuslawnews.com)  
**Please submit a copy of current shot records with registration form to race your dog**  
**For the Dachshund Races:**  
**Dachshund Breed ONLY!**  
**Shot records must indicate dog is of Dachshund breed**



Submit your form:  
 Mail: PO Box 10, Florence, OR 97439  
 Drop Off: 148 Maple Street, Florence, OR  
 Fax: 541-997-7979  
 or email information to  
[jpetersen@thesiuslawnews.com](mailto:jpetersen@thesiuslawnews.com)  
 Call 541-902-3529 with questions.

**• NEW THIS YEAR •**  
 Small mixed breed race following the Dachshund races  
small mixed breed dogs under 15 pounds, no age category

**\$10 to enter your Dachshund**  
 Please call Jeanna Petersen for registration  
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