

2ND SATURDAY GALLERY TOUR SHOWCASES LOCAL ART, GALLERIES

Florence art lovers are set to explore the arts this Saturday for the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour, a monthly reception where galleries and art spaces celebrate art, artists and patrons of the art. The tour runs from 3 to 5 p.m. and begins at any of the participating locations. Here are some highlights:

Backstreet Gallery

The members of Backstreet Gallery join together to welcome the community to the New Year by filling their windows with photographs taken by the artist members. Come to a celebration on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. at 1421 Bay St. to bring in the New Year with creativity, refreshments and joy during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour. Winter hours, which resume this week, are daily are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit www.backstreetgallery.org.

Florence Events Center

The Friends of FEC and the Gallery Committee are offering exhibits in Galleries One and Five celebrating the artwork of students from Siuslaw, Mapleton and Home School High Schools. The community, including students and their families, are invited to an award reception on Monday, Jan. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In addition, the FEC Gallery Committee is working with Backstreet Gallery on a call to artists for the annual Where Art Thou?



Area artists will be showing their works at galleries and art centers throughout January. The community can meet some of them during the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour.



Oregon Pacific Bank

OPB in Florence will display the photography of Craig Shreeve in the lobby during the month of January.

Shreeve has lived in Florence for five years, focusing primarily on art photography.

“One doesn’t have to go far to be able to see and capture the wonders that our beautiful coast has to offer,” he said. “I am grateful in my ability to see every photo as a blank canvas waiting to be recreated in the mood that I feel will best bring out the uniqueness of the subject matter.”

More of his work can be viewed at FRAA’s Art Center, which will be open for the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour.

Siuslaw Public Library

The library honors art all year round in the Colgan-Bennetts Gallery and inside display cases at the Florence branch, 1460 Ninth St. In January, Reggie Oflock will be displaying oils, Backstreet Gallery will be showcasing 3-D works and fiber artist Maggie Bagon will be showing her naturally dyed fabric arts.

The inside display case will switch over on Jan. 15 to show “Rusty Relics.”

The Studios at Jayne Smoley Design

Besides featuring resident and guest artists, The Studios offers classes in fused glass and special seasonal Studio Boxes.

See what is happening this month at jaynesmoleydesign.com.

Winter Music Festival 2019 comes to the FEC

Music fans — don’t just mark your calendars. Buy your seats now for the Friends of the Florence Event Center’s 2019 Winter Music Festival, happening Jan. 25 to 27 at the Florence Events Center, with Sea Lion Caves as the presenting sponsor.

The 2019 festival headliner is international star John McEuen, American folk music icon and founding member of The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. He will bring his “Will the Circle Be Unbroken” tour to Florence along with the fabulous band, The String Wizards.

Opening for McEuen is Pacific Northwest favorite Chris Kokesh of Misty River fame and her husband, singer-songwriter-guitarist LJ Booth. Saturday show sponsors are Art and Jean Konning/Terrace Homes, Inc.

The Winter Music Festival opens Friday with a hot bluegrass night, featuring Chris Jones & The Night Drivers. In addition to his bluegrass artistry, Jones is the popular host of SiriusXM’s “Truegrass” show.

Friday night’s opener is the hot ‘n’ rising group out of Washington State, North Country Band.

Saturday’s Americana general admission show, sponsored by Oregon Pacific Bank, boasts fan favorites Katie Jane Lubien, True North and Cabin Fever NW, along with the very best folk singer you’ve never heard of, Eli West. Any one of these bands is worth the price of admission for this amazing afternoon, but plan to hear and cheer all four.

Circle back on Sunday to buy some cornbread and a cup of hearty soup, then get ready to sing along at the Gospel Gathering.

Local music luminaries Laura Merz and Marty Adams raise the roof with their enthusiastic singers. The afternoon is capped by Lane County’s own University of Oregon Gospel Choir under the direction of the incomparable Andiel Brown. The Gospel Gathering is sponsored by Le Bouchon Wine Bar & Kitchen.

The popular Pie Sale, Florence Regional Arts Alliance Winter Arts Festival, after-hours jam sessions at the ICM Restaurant, community outreach concert at Oregon Pacific Bank, and fabulous food and beverage offerings, including Ninka-

si Beer, complete the festive weekend.

The heart of the Winter Music Festival remains the invitation-only Thursday Kiwanis Kids Concerts, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Florence, The Mapleton Community Foundation, Florence Elks Lodge #1858 and the Ladies of Elks. This one day is like no other in Florence — when 900 elementary-age students from Florence, Mapleton and Reedsport rocking the house to the “Ameri-Celtic” music and storytelling of Katie Jane Lubien.

Don’t miss a moment of this fantastic event.

Tickets are available at the FEC Box Office, by phone at 541-997-1994, or online at WinterMusicFestival.org.

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