

Beaudreau art exhibit featured at OPB

Troughout the month of August, Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is featuring the artwork of Jo Beaudreau in the lobby of Oregon Pacific Bank, 1355 Highway 101 in Florence.

Beaudreau has been a strong supporter and creator of the arts since childhood and graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Art cum laude from San Jose State University of Art and Design.

While studying, she worked at the Arts Council Silicon Valley learning how the arts and business can fuel economic

development and cultural enrichment.

After concluding her education in Silicon Valley, she moved to Chicago and continued to support and be active in the arts, working in academic administration for the University of Chicago before moving to Florence.

“The best thing about living in a small town is you can stay active and make a difference,” said Beaudreau, who contributed to the art community in Florence, including owning and operating BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, located at 2265

Highway 101 (Coastal Fitness Plaza).

She continues to pursue her own art of photography, graphic design, watercolor, acrylic and encaustic art mediums, while supporting fellow artists in the community.

“The connection developed across various people through the arts is powerful,” said Beaudreau. “We are all creative and express ourselves, learn and participate in spectacular way through the arts, whether it be performing, visual, musical, culinary, literary or combinations.”



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This and other art pieces created by Jo Beaudreau are currently on display at Oregon Pacific Bank through the month of August.

Trio of Florence glass artists to host one-day art sale Saturday

Three Florence glass artists, Kristin Anderson, Peggy Goodrow, and Tina Shoys, will be holding a one-day studio sale for the public on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1005 Alder Street, west of Rhododendron Street off 11th Street.

Anderson is a fused glass artist and offers a variety of jewelry, plates, coasters, and other fused glass items. She

is currently the president of Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and also a member of Backstreet Gallery.

She has art for sale at both FRAA and Backstreet Gallery.

Goodrow works with traditional stained glass and creates lamps, window hangings, sun catchers, and also unique mosaic art pieces.

She is a member of FRAA where she has artwork for sale.

Shoys, also a member of FRAA, is a mosaic artist as well. Her pieces include

picture frames, vases, plant pots, framed wall art and sometimes recycled vintage windows with colorful stained glass pieces in artful designs.

She has artwork for sale at FRAA and often participates in local arts and crafts fairs.

This will be a good opportunity to do some ear-

ly holiday shopping, find handmade, original art pieces for those on your gift list, or find something special for yourself.

Backstreet Gallery welcomes new artist Larry Bishop

Accomplished woodworker Larry Bishop is the latest artist to join Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street.

After growing up in Elkton, Ore., Bishop graduated from Oregon State University, majoring in forestry. He brings his expertise, as land surveyor and practicing forester, to his art as a master woodworker. The challenging segmentation procedure is his preferred process.

Using woods from around the world, with an emphasis on those from the Pacific Northwest, Bishop creates beautiful patterns, attaching small pieces, varying in color, to create sculptural works of art as well as functional pieces.

The Gallery is open daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.



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