

# Community News

## Backstreet Gallery features artists in June

With the COVID-19 virus closures, Backstreet Gallery's special opening show will feature several distinctive artists' work:

- Mark Anderson's initial career efforts included theater arts and television production. Camera work was an inevitable evolution of these pursuits. He now creates stunning digital monochromatic imagery. Whether in black and white or sepia tones, his photos capture nature in a powerful way, inviting into his world. Our natural environment never looked better.

- John Leasure's oil paintings captures lighthouses, ocean scenes vases of flowers and more. The viewer is drawn into the moment as birds skitter across wet sand or luminescent waves explode on a craggy shore. He bathes his subject in a brilliant light that rests on a flower petal or streaks through the clouds as it radiates across the canvas.

- A gourd artist since 2015, Colleen McKnight's sculptural work enhances the organic shape of each gourd. McKnight carves or she may cut out



Painted gourd by Colleen McKnight

a section completely away. Some of her works have elegant handles integrated into the design or capped with a graceful lid. She then finishes the sculpture with a range of subtle colors, vivid shades, metallic finishes or decorative collage or beading.

- Meredith Draper, a time-piece jeweler, specializes in unique jewelry. Draper has collected antique watches, watch parts, gems and exciting trea-

asures that she refines into one-of-a-kind jewelry. Witness the beauty of the inner workings of these period timepieces. Draper used her fashion skills to aid in fighting the COVID-19 by creating attractive masks. She donated many to our local hospital. Now available through the gallery, her masks offer style and protection.

- Former elementary teacher and magazine editor and staff writer Judy Fleagle launched a new writing career a decade ago. The "Bridge Lady," as she became known, combined history plus beautiful Oregon bridges and wove them into fascinating reads. Her two bridge books are essential take-alongs for any coastal trip, as is her book on finding the coast's unusual or quirky destinations. Another tell of extraordinary pets Fleagle has rescued. And being a docent with the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum makes her Florence history book even more fascinating.

Backstreet Gallery is due to reopen in mid-June. For more information, visit [www.backstreetgallery.org](http://www.backstreetgallery.org).

## Friends of Florence annual Ice Cream Social cancelled

Due to the Coronavirus-19 pandemic and current regulations from Gov. Kate Brown's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" measures, large gatherings such as events, festivals and concerts have been cancelled through September.

As a result, the annual Friends of Florence Ice Cream Social scheduled for July 18 at the Florence Events Center has been cancelled.




### Barbara Martin

TAXES & BOOKKEEPING

Just a reminder, we are not having regular office hours at this time, however, our clients can drop off their information through the mail slot in the front door or mail their information to us. We will call you with questions and results.

Please stay safe!



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## Siuslaw Regional Scholarships awarded for 2020

The greater Siuslaw region came out to support local students and their educational aspirations Saturday, May 30.

A total of 42 local community groups and organizations generously awarded nearly \$215,000 by way of 156 individual scholarships to 41 graduating seniors to attend college, community college or other career training programs.

**Siuslaw High School and Mapleton High School students recognized May 30 included:**

Nina Aaron, Kaleigh Anderson, Andrew Austin, Layla Blakely, Brooklyn Cahoon, Raelee Dimon, Cai Fleming, Margot Fleming, Joseph Gastelum, Shakina Grover, Ashleigh Hauger, Caleb Hennessee, Tiffany Hine, Trinity Holmes, Elissa Hurley, Jonah Jarman, Brendon Jensen, Kiger Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Kelsey Larson, Madelynn Levi, Lindsey Long, Ricardo

Loza-Sanchez, Chloe Mad-den, Brayson Myrick, Jared Northrop, Olivia Olmstead, Ramiro Ramirez, Hannah Rannow, Caelia Robertson, Lacey Robinson, Elizabeth Rosinbaum, Theryn Schwartfeger, Samuel Steiner, Zachary Stinger, Katlynn Tipton, Wendy Vaughan, Hannah Waller, Amelia Wells, Lillian Wells and Taylor Winona.

**Scholarships:**

Florence Garden Club, Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), VFW Post 3232, VFW Voice of Democracy, Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, Soroptimist of Florence — Club, Chigasaki & Eugene/Thora Chin Awards, Marshall Gunderson Memorial (Siuslaw Rod & Gun Club), Genevieve Bailey Memorial, Florence Lions Club — Dale Libby, Joanne Coffindaffer & Mike Groshong Wings and Wheels, Oregon Coast Anglers, Oregon School Employees Association, Kiwanis

Club of Florence — Burton Beam, Tom Brackney, William Bromley, Ron/Norma Vestey & Vawter/Pratt Memorial, Lorraine Arnn Memorial, Jose DeLa Mora Memorial, Siuslaw Alumni Association, Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program, Ladies of Elks — President & Career/Tech award, CROW, Path to you Future (Jenil Nandu), Florence Area Community Coalition, Wayne H. Shields (LCC), Oregon Pacific Bank, Geraldine Bagley Foundation, Ada Grange Harley Huff Memorial, Students for a Better World, Delta Gamma ESA — Andrea Wright/Tami Nivens Memorial, Haley Memorial, SHS Student Body, Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club, Rhododendron Festival Court, Rotary Club of Florence — Vocational/Tech, Arts Award, Community Service, Sneddon Family, Presidents, Past Presidents/Coit & Founders Award, Daughters of the American

Revolution (DAR), Tony's Garage, Dick Parent US Marine Memorial, Florence PTA, Siuslaw Valley Fire Association — Association Award, Vern Passenger & Craig Spooner Memorial, Amy Nicole Memorial, Florence Police Union, Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors (COCBR), Mapleton Lions, Don Lee Davidson Memorial, Western Lane Community Foundation — Alan/Virginia Robertson, Art/Jean Koning, Beachcomber Community/Dan Barnum Memorial, Dick/Barbara Whitmore, Dr. Brittany Hartzell-Baguley, Elmer Waite Memorial, Hal/Lee Hylton, Jack/Bobbie Saubert, Joan Orr, Pony Ellingson (Mapleton), Johnston Family, John Seaver, Nolan/Lucille Huntington, Justin Black (LCC), Larry/Florence Englund Mechanics, Marteen Wick Memorial, Noel/Mary Dobyns, Roger/Sherry McCorkle, Willard Myers, and the Pat Knipe Memorial.

## Catalyze Rural postponed, RAINmaker Accelerator launching in July

Prior to the beginning of the pandemic in March, Oregon RAIN's Catalyze Rural 2020 event had more than 150 registered attendees. The event was set to include five venture firms, a keynote speaker and dozens of rural startups to showcase their products

and services at the inaugural Catalyze Rural event.

However, to support social distancing and comply with the State of Oregon's gathering-size restrictions, the event has been postponed.

While RAIN is considering shifting Catalyze Rural 2020 to an online event, feedback from entrepreneurs has shown a preference to do live pitches and have the opportunity to network in-person with the community, other entrepreneurs and investors. As a result, RAIN has decided to postpone the event and

will announce a date for 2021 once there is a better understanding of when large groups will be able to gather again.

RAIN coordinators gave a special thank you to its Main Title Sponsor, Peak Internet, for financially supporting the event, along with Silver Sponsors, which includes Boson Hub Digital Development, Amanda Loman Photography, Bellwether Legal, and Boulder Falls Inn.

Though the Catalyze event has been postponed, a 10-Week Virtual Accelerator focused exclusively

on generating revenue for business is set for July.






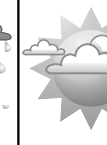
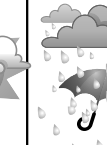
Every Wednesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m., beginning July 8 and concluding Sept. 15, Oregon RAIN is launching a free virtual "RAINmaker Accelerator," which is a 10-week series focused on sales and marketing.

This series is designed to help Oregon entrepreneurs and business owners who have seen significant revenue losses due to COVID-19 strategically invest their resources in the most critical part of any business: generating revenue.

Startups and businesses interested in applying can visit the RAIN website for more information and submit applications. The accelerator is free, but an application is required. Those wishing to apply are encouraged to do submit applicants as soon as possible. Deadline to apply is June 24.

Oregon Rain (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network) has partnered with the City of Florence since 2015. For more information, visit [oregonrain.org](http://oregonrain.org).

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- 1 Car Sanitation** - All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.
- 2 Hand Sanitation** - Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.
- 3 Give Customers Options** - We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.
- 4 Employee Illness is Serious** - We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.
- 5 Wipe Down High Touch Points** - We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you.

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