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Community News

Backstreet features artists starting today

From Aug. 22 to Sept. 22, Backstreet Gallery presents two outstanding artists, oil painter Claudia Ignatieff and glass expert Kristin Anderson in a show.

According to the Backstreet Gallery selection committee, “Our community shines with their influence, support, and participation in the arts of Florence.”

Ignatieff’s unique oil paintings capture each animal in its habitat. In portraying the animal’s personality, she does so in a most endearing way. For subject matter, her pieces illustrate cats, dogs, playful otters and coastal wildlife. In the quality of her softly blended techniques, the viewer can almost reach out and touch the animals.

She paints because, “I appreciate the beauty that I see all around me. I want to express my thankfulness through art.”

The unconditional love of a pet, animals’ devotion and their innocent nature motivate her artistry.

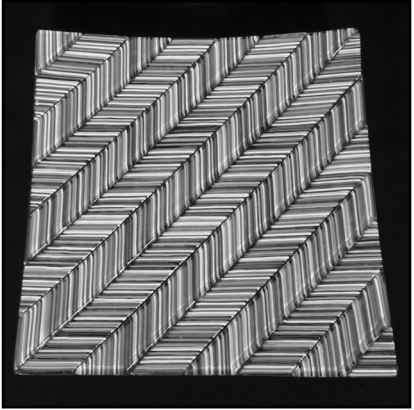
As a member of Backstreet Gallery, Ignatieff proved a leader in becoming secretary and vice president.



Have an “Otter Body Experience” with artist Claudia Ignatieff and start “Stepping Up to the Plate” with artist Kristin Anderson at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence, from Aug. 22 to Sept. 22.

She is a founding member of Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and has served as a board member. She also served on the Florence Events Center Gallery Committee. Besides Backstreet Gallery and FRAA, she’s displayed her work in other Florence venues and the Newport Visual Arts Center. Learn more at cignatieff@live.com.

Anderson’s gleaming fused glass creations are attractive utilitarian pieces: plates, picture frames, wine stoppers, coasters, plus other vibrant decorative creations. Her shimmering necklaces and earrings will enhance any wardrobe.



After her analytic career as an engineering director, Anderson combined her technical skills with the creative freedom that comes with fusing glass. She explores the chemical composition while enjoying the glass as it changes its viscosity during the fusing.

Anderson creates luminescent glass pieces by piecing together colored layers and textures of glass then fires in a kiln. Experimenting, she developed talents with color and composition that make her radiant art unique.

Currently, Anderson is the treasurer of Backstreet

Gallery and is the president of FRAA, exemplifying the alliance’s mission to unify and support all the arts in the Florence area.

Besides exhibiting her art at Backstreet Gallery and FRAA, she also shows at Pence Gallery in Davis, California. Learn more at idlecreativity.wordpress.com, idlecreativity.etsy.com and idlecreativity.com.

Enjoy these two artists as well as the other talented members at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., across from Mo’s in Historic Old Town Florence.

The gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Florence plans next FloGro giveaway for Aug. 27

The City of Florence Public Works Department is once again making the popular composted Class A biosolids product available to the public for a free giveaway on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Popularly called FloGro, these Class A composted biosolids are a valuable resource rich in plant-essential nutrients and organic matter. Using composted biosolids improves soil health and allows the soil to hold more water while letting it drain and breathe better. It can be used in gardens, flower beds and as top dressing for lawns.

The giveaway on Aug. 27

will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Florence Public Works Operations Center, 2675 Kingwood St. People are asked to enter the facility off 27th Street.

“The demand for FloGro at our prior giveaways was just overwhelming. We ran out of the product in less than two hours on all occasions,” said Public Works Director Mike Miller.

The FloGro giveaway will be first come, first served, while supplies last. The product is not packaged, so people must bring their own containers or pickup truck. There is a limit of one pickup

truck or small utility trailer load per customer.

This will be a contactless giveaway. Customers are required to stay in their vehicles at all times while waiting for and receiving their FloGro. Physical distancing guidelines will be followed and masks are required for staff if six feet of separation cannot be maintained.

According to Miller, “We’re able to produce a Class A biosolids product through a composting process that combines our chipped yard debris with our biosolids. The end result is a sustainable compost supply

for our community, which benefits our rate payers by reducing our biosolids disposal costs and producing a great soil amendment. This program allows us to take care of two waste products — yard debris and biosolids — and produce a sustainable soil amendment for our community.”

People are invited to come to the Public Works Facility at 2675 Kingwood St. to receive the Class A biosolids compost compliments of the City.

Visit www.ci.florence.or.us/publicworks/flogro-it-makes-flowers-grow for more info.

Rally seeks to ‘Save the Post Office’

On Saturday, Aug. 22, at 11 a.m., people from all walks of life who are determined to defend the essential services provided by the United States Postal Service — including the ability to vote by mail — will push back against recent changes by organizing a grassroots action outside the post office at the Florence Post Office at 770 Maple St.

The Florence Save the Post Office demonstration is part of a nationwide mobilization taking place at post offices across the country on Saturday.

Participating groups including Indivisible, the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights, MoveOn, NAACP, RuralOrganizing.org, Service Employees International Union, Vets for the People and the Working Families Party.

To promote safety given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the action will take place outdoors and have a physical distancing plan, and attendees will be asked to wear masks.

For more information, visit SaveThePostOffice.net.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUGUST 22	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 17	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 19	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 21
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
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4 Employee Illness is Serious- We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing “personal distancing” and encouraging employees to leave home if they feel under the weather.

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