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Organizations receive grants from Oregon Arts Commission

businesses as safely as possible, now is not the time to let up our guard," the governor cautioned. "New, more infectious COVID-19 variants are circulating in the United States, including several confirmed cases in Oregon. We will continue to keep each other safe in the months to come by following the same safety measures we have throughout the pandemic—wearing face coverings, staying home when sick, maintaining physical distance and avoiding social gatherings."

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SALEM—Small grants that often make a large difference in ensuring arts access for Oregonians, especially in rural areas, have been awarded to 97 statewide arts organizations by the Oregon Arts Commission for FY2021.

Awarded to arts organizations in virtually every region of the state, Small Operating Grants are designed to provide support to arts organizations with budgets under \$150,000. Eligibility is limited to organizations who have operated as an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit for two years or more and provide ongoing, sustained artistic programming and outreach programs. Each organization received \$1,159.

At the Coquille Val-

ley Arts Association, a FY2020 Small Operating Grant award supported the purchase of a Peter Puggler Pugmill for the pottery department. The equipment recycles scrap clay that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

"We can't thank you enough for your generous support of our art center," said Bonnie Stowe, the Arts Association's pottery supervisor. "It has made a world of difference in our ability to provide quality, affordable ceramic programs to our community and a comfortable, professional studio for creative minds to gather."

"For years the Oregon Arts Commission's Small Operating Grant has helped organizations like the Astoria Arts and Movement Center survive," added Jessamyn West, executive director of the Movement Center.

"So many grants are project-oriented when what most small organizations need is basic operating support to be able to even offer programming. Because this grant can be

and underserved regions of the state."

Locally, Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence, received one of the grants.

Commission became part of Business Oregon (formerly Oregon Economic and Community Development Department) in 1993, in recognition of the expanding role the



used for expenses like rent and utilities, it truly supports organizations at their most fundamental level. We thank-you, Oregon Arts Commission, for keeping us afloat and supporting organizations like ours in rural areas throughout Oregon!"

"This grant program was developed to increase the Arts Commission's support of Oregon's small but mighty arts providers," said Arts Commission Chair Anne Taylor. "These organizations frequently represent the only arts presenter for remote

For more information about the Small Operating Grant Program, contact Liora Sponko at 971-345-1641 or via email at liora.sponko@oregon.gov.

See a complete list of the recipients at www.oregonartscommission.org.

The Oregon Arts Commission provides leadership, funding and arts programs through its grants, special initiatives and services. Nine commissioners, appointed by the Governor, determine arts needs and establish policies for public support of the arts. The Arts

arts play in the broader social, economic and educational arenas of Oregon communities. In 2003, the Oregon legislature moved the operations of the Oregon Cultural Trust to the Arts Commission, streamlining operations and making use of the Commission's expertise in grantmaking, arts and cultural information and community cultural development.

The Arts Commission is supported with general funds appropriated by the Oregon legislature and with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Florence Area Community Coalition learns about 90by30

On Wednesday, March 3, via Zoom, the Florence Area Community Coalition will be holding an

information session with 90by30.

The meeting will be at 9 a.m. Log in information

is available at www.florenceareacc.org.

90by30 Director Jeff Todahl, based in Eugene, will be presenting.

It has been eight years since West Lane and the University of Oregon joined forces to prevent child abuse and neglect in the region.

Todahl, Professor in the College of Education and Director of the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect, will share how the 90by30 effort has

evolved to connect children, support families and engage community members, in a unique partnership that is unlike any other effort in the United States.

Join the Florence Area Community Coalition's meeting to be a part of the discussion around how families are getting much needed support through 90by30, and how the community can expect the work to accelerate in 2021 and beyond.

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