

Community News

Backstreet Gallery features Anderson and Damon-Dawson in August

“Living by Water” is the theme Kristin Anderson and Kathryn Damon-Dawson chose for their joint Featured Artist Exhibit at Backstreet Gallery during August.

Fused glass artist Anderson came from her analytical engineering career to balance that left-brain activity with her creativity in working with glass. Perhaps her technical background influences the geometric patterns that much of her work contains.

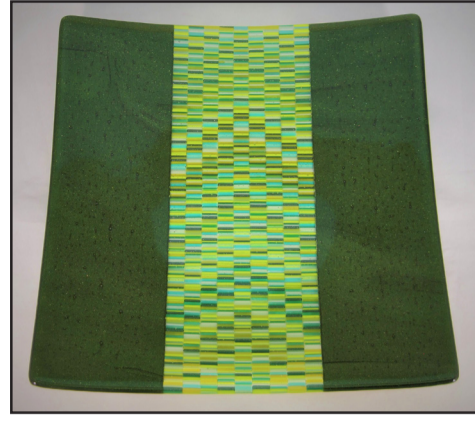
Anderson is constantly using the gleaming quality of glass while she experiments with color, design and unique forms. In addition, she often combines metal with her glass pieces.

Whether it's utilitarian or decorative, Anderson's fused glass is unique. She creates angular vases, decorative plates and unusual bowls.

Her dazzling jewelry pieces include pen-

dants and bracelets that can enhance any outfit. For a special way to display your business cards or photographs, consider her cardholders and picture frames.

Anderson is the president of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA). She is also on the board of the Lane County Cultural Coalition, which, through funding provided by the Oregon Cultural Trust, distributes grant funds each year in arts, heritage and humanities providing support for cultural programs and projects throughout Lane



At Backstreet Gallery, featured artists Kathryn Damon-Dawson's osprey breaks rules by the Port of Siuslaw and Kristin Anderson's fused glass gleams in green.

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Anderson has an innovative approach to leadership in financial expertise that she brings to Backstreet and FRAA. As the Backstreet treasurer, she researched and updated systems for barcodes to ease sales procedures.

She is also an award-winning blog writer—top Glass Art Blogs & Websites for Glass Artist. It is located at idlecreativity.wordpress.com/.

press.com/.

Damon-Dawson is an accomplished watercolor painter and platinum-award winner with the Watercolor Society of Oregon. This past year, she continued to create paintings, adding 30 more to her inventory that speak to the theme of life around water.

She photographs and collects images of characters and forms for her

Ames. Damon-Dawson juxtaposes forms within the picture frame, creating stories open to the viewers' interpretation.

Birds with their unique feather-patterns are her favored characters. “Contemplation” depicts a Great Blue Heron contemplating a Japanese fishing float at its feet. “Osprey Rules” shows an Osprey disagreeing with a Port of Siuslaw “No Diving, No Fishing” sign. Fi-

paintings from over 3,000 categorized images in her files. Many of these photos have been gifted to her by her husband, Rand, and

Stephanie. “Hallelujah” weaves seven Sandhill Cranes together in celebratory song. Damon-Dawson also enjoys the challenge of painting people actively involved in life. “Hard Day's Work” colorfully captures two dockworkers, off-loading and scrubbing crabbing gear. “Discovery” portrays a girl in her summer dress exploring beach debris.

In a setting of old-growth trees and Siltcoos Lake, Damon-Dawson's studio provides privacy, inspiration and space to work. She is a founding member of Backstreet Gallery — created in 2005 — and is currently Membership Chair. She has facilitated membership of five new members since January 2021.

Find both artists at www.backstreetgallery.org and 1421 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence. Backstreet Gallery is open daily except Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City gives Quince Street Development Update

At its meeting on Wednesday, July 28, the Florence Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) received an update from staff related to the Quince Street development progress. The FURA Board had previously entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with Sycan B. Corp./Merete' Hotel Management as a result of the Requests for Expressions of Interest solicitation in 2020. That ENA, and its subsequent extension authorized on May 26, 2021, expired on July 1.

Unfortunately, Sycan notified the FURA staff that they would not be pursuing the project further and therefore did not request further extensions of the ENA.

Subsequent to the execution of the ENA, on Jan. 13, the agency authorized the use of \$44,000 in agency funds for “critical path” due diligence activities, at the request of Sycan. These activities included an ALTA survey, a geotechnical survey and analysis, and a ho-

tel market feasibility analysis. Since the FURA Board funded these reports, they are the property of FURA and remain essential for future development.

Of note, the hotel market feasibility report indicated strong demand for additional lodging in Florence.

Next Steps

After discussion by the FURA Board, it was determined that any unsolicited proposals for development of the Quince Street property would be accepted at least through Aug. 31, 2021. The board reactivated the Selection Advisory Committee to review any proposals that may be received during that time.

Any developers interested in submitting a proposal should review the information outlining the Board's objectives for the development offering and follow the criteria outlined in the previously published Request for Expressions of Interest.

For questions related to the project, prospective developers are encouraged

to contact Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer at megan.messmer@ci.florence.or.us.

The previously published Request for Expressions of Interest is available on the FURA website at www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal/quince-street-request-expressions-interest.

If FURA receives proposals prior to Aug. 31, the Selection Advisory Committee will meet with staff to review. The full FURA Board would then meet for review of staff recommendations.

If FURA does not receive any unsolicited proposals, staff will bring recommendations to the board for a second Request for Expression of Interest to include reaffirmation of the development objectives, a structured timeline, and a streamlined process in order to continue the momentum of the agency.

Project Background

In 2018, the agency purchased the 13.4-acre previous site of the Siuslaw

Middle School, located directly across from the Florence Events Center on Quince St., from a private development company that had owned the properties since the early 2000s. Since purchasing this property, the agency moved toward a strategy for development of the Quince Street site for a hotel in order to support the Florence Events Center in being more marketable for out-of-area events, and to increase property values and transient room tax revenue to support future housing and economic development efforts of the agency and the community.

For more information about the Quince Street development and the Florence Urban Renewal Agency's Quince Street Property Development project page at www.ci.florence.or.us/urbanrenewal/quince-street-property-development or contact Messmer at 541-997-3437 or megan.messmer@ci.florence.or.us.

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Siuslaw News **garage sale GUIDE**

Garage Sale **7/28-8/1 & 8/5-8/8**
Fri. 07/30 & Sat. 07/31
8am-3pm
4936 S. Loftus Rd,
Household, Men's stuff, collectables, books, records, glassware, beer signs and more.

Fri-Sat, 7/30 & 7/31
9am-4pm
13225 Highway 36, Swisshome
Tools & Misc. Too much to mention.

Next weekend
2-Family Garage Sale
Aug 6 & 7th
9am-?
1991 Willow LP.
Collectibles, Kitchenware, household items, vacuum.

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JUNGLE CRUISE **OPENING FRIDAY**

\$9.50 | \$8.50 Sen/Student/Military | \$8 Mats - Before 2pm | *\$7.50 Child | \$6.50 Members | Performing Arts \$17/\$13

July 30 - Aug 5 (*Closed Mon & Tue)	FRI 30	SAT 31	SUN 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5
JUNGLE CRUISE - PG-13 127 MIN - "Jungle Cruise is an epic adventure - a throwback blockbuster we've been missing, a la THE MUMMY (99), PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, THE AFRICAN QUEEN & ROMANCING THE STONE rolled into 1. A thrill ride you'll want to see repeatedly. The most fun you'll have at the movies all Summer." Courtney Howard	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM			1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:50 PM
OLD - From M. Night Shyamalan - PG-13 108 A tropical holiday turns into a nightmare when a family visits a secluded beach that's somehow causing them to age rapidly -- reducing their entire lives into a single day.	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM			1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM	1:10 PM 4:10 PM 7:10 PM
ROADRUNNER: A FILM ABOUT ANTHONY BOURDAIN - R 118 MIN - "If you miss Anthony Bourdain - and for many, the celebrity chef's death in 2018 felt like the loss of a close and troubled friend - Morgan Neville's "Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain" is a salve." Boston Globe	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	2:00 PM 4:35 PM 7:10 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM			12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM
SNAKE EYES - PG-13 121 MIN - Henry Golding is Snake Eyes, a tenacious loner who is welcomed into an ancient Japanese clan called the Arashikage after saving the life of their heir apparent. Upon arrival in Japan, the Arashikage teach him the ways of the ninja warrior...	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM			12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM
THE SUICIDE SQUAD - PREVIEW! - R 132 MIN - "A no holds barred, superhero/comics bonanza." Fico Cangiano							7:00 PM

Events & Performing Arts: \$17/\$13	FRI 30	SAT 31	SUN 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5
CARMEN ON THE LAKE - 140 MIN - Exquisitely staged Bizet on the floating stage of Lake Constance, Bregenz, Austria		11:00 AM					

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

EcoGeneration Recycling Take Back

Another EcoGeneration Recycling Take Back plastic event is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Siuslaw Middle School pavilion. The event starts at 11 a.m. with the first hour being designated for the elderly and disabled. The general public is encouraged to bring their recyclables between noon and 2 p.m. Ecogeneration.org has specific information on how to prepare your recyclables and what products are accepted.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JULY 31	AUGUST 1	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 5	AUGUST 6
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	AM Showers	Partly Cloudy
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