

Community News

Backstreet Gallery presents Fleagle and Lorraine in September

In September, Backstreet Gallery in Historic Old Town will feature two outstanding members, silk paint artist Carol Lorraine and author Judy Fleagle. Together, their theme is, "Positivity, Color and Humor — Ingredients for Joyful Living."

Lorraine creates her artistry in sensual silk art. Whether it's worn or decorating a wall, the message is joyous. She studied silk painting in Hawaii and traveled widely. The indigenous people of Hawaii, Mexico, Africa, and the Americas have influenced the vibrant and colorful work she now

creates. Guided by her inner muse, she expresses her passion and joy for life in her silk paintings.

To paint on the silk, the material is stretched on a frame and painted similarly to watercolor. Finally, the painting is steamed to preserve the color, and the addition of fringe may add extra flair. Then, the luxurious and flirty scarves are ready to change a woman's wardrobe from ordinary to extraordinary.

Along with years of practice, Lorraine earned two master of arts degrees, which contribute to the expertise of her work. Not surprisingly, her work embodies her love for music, dance and theater.

Lorraine's work has been seen in West Coast galleries and boutiques and in Hawaii. Locally, she her



Carol Lorraine



Judy Fleagle

work can be found in Backstreet Gallery. To find out more about this artist and her other inspirational and creative pursuits, visit her websites, www.Alivewith-Creating.com and www.CarolLorraine.com.

After 22 years of teaching first and second graders and 21 years of being an editor/staff writer at Oregon Coast and Northwest Travel magazines, Judy Fleagle embarked on a third career as an author.

She is known as "The Bridge Lady of the Ore-

gon Coast" because of her first two books "Crossings: McCullough's Coastal Bridges" and "The Crossings Guide to Oregon's Coastal Spans" about the coast's iconic historic bridges.

As a docent at the Siu-slaw Pioneer Museum since 2002, she was asked to write the history of Florence. Covering 1876 to present day, "Around Florence," is the result. After retiring from the magazines, she wanted to share the coastal places she found to have something totally unexpected about them. "The Oregon Coast Guide to the Unexpected, that which is odd, unusual or quirky!" quickly became her bestseller.

Fleagle also has two books that are personal. One, "Devil Cat and Other Colorful Animals I Have Known," has stories about cats and dogs she rescued that eventually became great pets. Along with her latest, "The Cancer Blog: for those who have had cancer and for those who haven't," is about navigating chemo while trying to stay positive and finding humor wherever.

Fleagle posts a blog every Friday, including the Fridays during chemo six years ago. These posts were shared with other cancer patients who thought that they would make a great book. After rereading them for the first time in years, Judy agreed.

Her books are available at Backstreet Gallery as well as throughout western Oregon. For more information, visit crossingsauthor.com.

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Increased emergency SNAP benefits continue in September

Most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments in September.

The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020. This gives SNAP recipients additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In September, approximately 402,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$65 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to provide emergency benefits to most SNAP households in Ore-

gon," said Dan Haun, director of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Self-Sufficiency Program. "We also know that many Oregonians are still struggling to meet their basic needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we encourage them to contact our partners at 211 and the Oregon Food Bank for support during this difficult time."

Emergency allotments will be available on Sept. 11 for current SNAP households. New SNAP households will receive the emergency allotments Sept. 30 or Oct. 2.

SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these supplemental

benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards.

More information about emergency allotments is available at <https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/FOOD-BENEFITS/Pages/About-SNAP.aspx>.

Questions about your SNAP benefits should be directed to the ONE Customer Service Center at 1-800-699-9075.

If you are a SNAP household and your income or the number of people in your household has changed, it could impact your benefits. It is important to make sure ODHS has the most up-to-date information.

You can report any chang-

es to your income or household in many ways:

- Online at: ONE.Oregon.gov
 - By mail at: ONE Customer Service Center, PO Box 14015, Salem, OR 97309
 - By fax at: 503-378-5628
 - By phone at: 1-800-699-9075 or TTY 711
- Resources to help meet basic needs:
- Find a food pantry: foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org
 - Learn about government programs and community resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or www.adrcforegon.org.

Florence STEP cancels picnic

The annual Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) picnic scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 1, is being postponed due to the spiking number of COVID cases locally. Organizers will try to reschedule when possible.

Learn more at florencestep.com.

Childcare Provider Equipment Grant Program Launches

On Aug. 23, the City of Florence, in coordination with United Way of Lane County, launched a small grant program for childcare providers in Florence. Grants will be up to \$2,500 and can be used for childcare providers to purchase new equipment and supplies necessary for providers to allow additional children, now that COVID requirements are loosening, and quotas of children allowed will increase.

Childcare providers that are interested in the program can find more information and apply through the City of Florence's website at www.ci.florence.or.us/economicdevelop

ment/childcare-provider-equipment-and-supplies-grant-program.

Providers will be required to submit a short application and project budget to be considered. Submittals will be reviewed by a panel of staff from United Way of Lane County, Quality Care Connections and City of Florence. Applications will be accepted through Monday, Sept. 20, at 5 p.m.

Funds are limited and all applications will be evaluated after final date of submittal. Projects that display an urgent need and are closely tied to the impacts of COVID will rank higher than projects that do not display these char-

acteristics.

This grant program is supported by a COVID Resiliency and Recovery grant from Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD). CWEDD serves Lane, Linn, Lincoln, and Benton Counties. Housed through Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, their mission is to advocate for, support, and coordinate regionally significant economic development activities.

For more information or questions, contact Senior Economic Development Analyst Sarah Moehrke at 541-991-8276 or sarah.moehrke@ci.florence.or.us.

CANDYMAN
OPENING FRIDAY

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

August 27 - September 2	FRI 27	SAT 28	SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1	THU 2
CANDYMAN - R 91 MIN A 'spiritual sequel' to the popular cult film from 1992, this one is co-written and produced by Jordan Peele (Us, Get Out).	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	11:00 AM 2:30 PM 4:45 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 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM
FREE GUY - PG-13 115 MIN - "A candy-coated hybrid... brims with digital wizardry, and there are several broad winks towards Disney's expanded universe of franchises."	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	11:00 AM 1:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:30 PM
JUNGLE CRUISE - PG-13 127 MIN - "Packs in everything satisfying about an adventure movie, with some of its own twists. There are cryptic archaeological clues and spooky legends..." Polygon	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM
SHANG CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS - PG-13 120 MIN - "Featuring funny & endearing moments amid beautifully choreographed action sequences." Empire							7:00 PM
STILLWATER - R 140 MIN - "An enthralling, exasperating, and, above all else, ambitious affair that doesn't soften or demand sympathy for its difficult main character but does insist on according him his full humanity." Vulture	3:30 PM	3:45 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM	3:30 PM
THE GREEN KNIGHT - R 125 MIN - "David Lowery delivers a modern movie masterpiece about a wannabe knight (an Oscar worthy Dev Patel) who must fight monsters he can and cannot see. It's a unique & unforgettable film that ranks with the year's best." ABC	12:30 PM 6:40 PM	1:05 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:40 PM

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
AUGUST 25	AUGUST 26	AUGUST 27	AUGUST 28	AUGUST 29	AUGUST 30	AUGUST 31
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
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