

# Community News

## Come celebrate local arts, culture Friday at Art Walk

This Friday, July 26, the community is invited to celebrate the arts and local culture during the Friday Art Walk in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove from 6 to 8 p.m.

The community event celebrates the arts and showcases local and regional talent with the visual art, music, entertainment, technology integrated art and children's activities.

Artists display their work inside participating businesses or along the sidewalks of Historic Downtown Cottage Grove.

Featured artists and locations include:

*Apple Pie Antiques* — Therese Nguyen, plein air oils and figurative art

*The Crafty Mercantile* — Art Camp Young Artists and Eclectic Jewelry designed by Michele Rose

*Delight* — Alex Heintz, new crochet plushies and Pokémon Pre-release

*Five Flying Monkeys* — Dean Crow, photography

*Axe & Fiddle* — Susan Applegate art

*Seeds and Flint* — Marie-Pierre Thomas Donner, watercolor cards

*Bookmine* — Dave Davis, fine art and political cartoons

*Kalapuya Books*

*Soleful Massage*

*The Cottage Moon*

*Bank Building*

*Rural Organizing Project*

*Main Street Galleria*

*Imagine It Framed*

*Willamette Watershed Council*

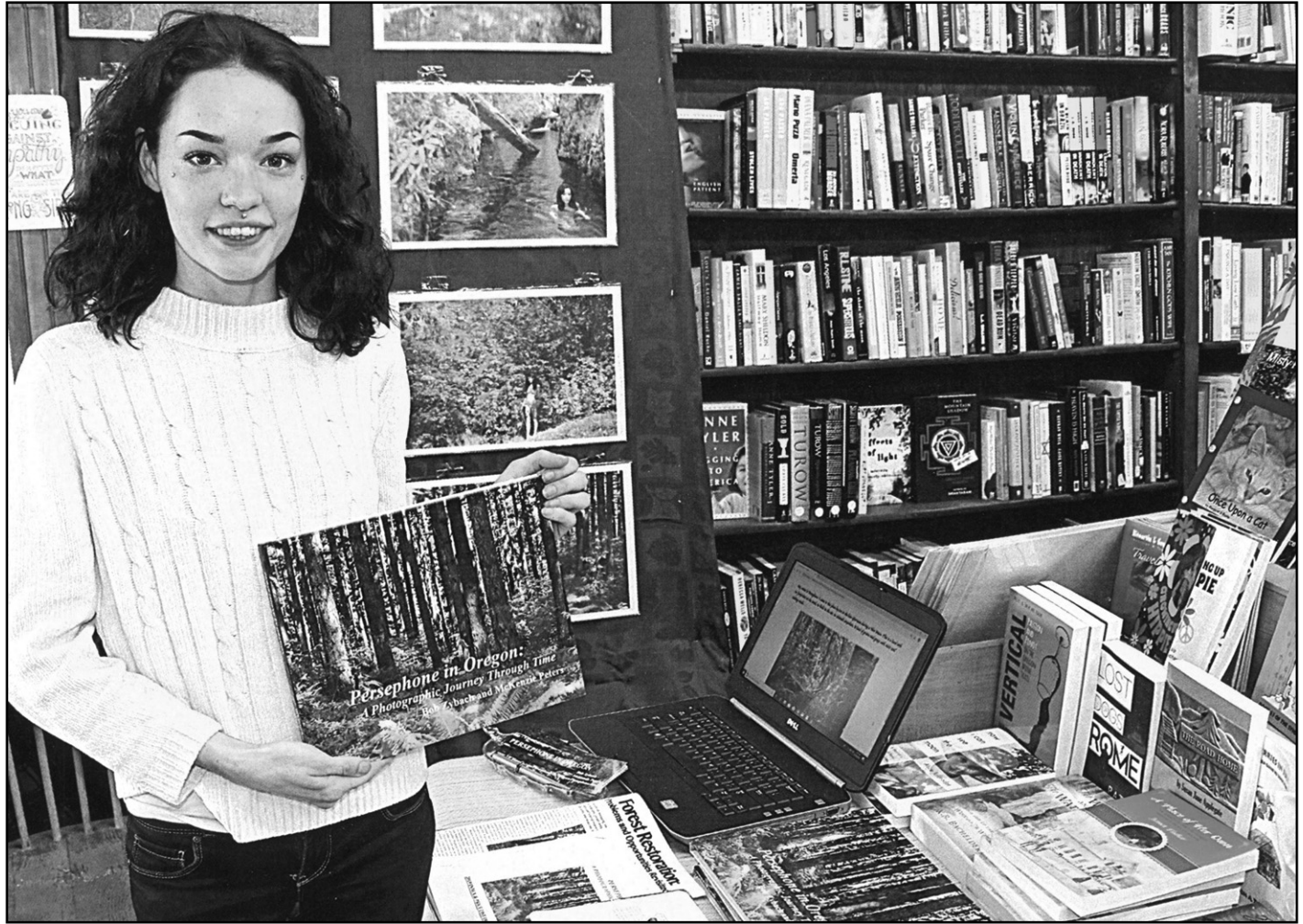
*Salon 14*

*Ambrose Collectibles*

*The Brewstation*

For more information, call 541-514-0704

## Local author being featured at Bookmine during Art Walk



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During this Friday's Art Walk in Cottage Grove's Historic District, local author McKenzie Peters and photographer Bob Zybach will be holding a "Summer Solstice Sale" of signed book copies, prints and photographs at The Bookmine. The book, "Persephone in Oregon," was released this April, and tells the classic story of Persephone through the seasons as she travels across primeval Oregon on lunar and solar time tables. Along the way, she visits strange and mythical locations known to very few people. The story is told in the form of text illustrated by 45 fine-art photographs depicting nudes within the landscapes, wildflowers and great trees of Oregon in all four seasons over an entire year. The Art Walk will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Cottage Theatre to hold auditions for 'Complete Works of Shakespeare'

Cottage Theatre will hold auditions on Saturday, Aug. 17, for "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [Revised]" by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield. Auditions will begin at 6 p.m. and no appointment is necessary.

Auditions will be held at Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Drive in

Cottage Grove.

Roles are available for three versatile actors (of any gender) who love to make audiences laugh.

"The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [Revised]" is the third show in Cottage Theatre's 2019 season and will be on stage Oct. 11-27.

Using a trunkful of ridiculous props and costumes, three daring actors bring the entirety of the Bard's canon to life on stage in a hysterical tour-de-force that will leave audiences in stitches.

This zany, side-splitting romp through 37 plays in 97 minutes is directed by Rachel Froom. Interested actors are requested to

prepare a joke and a Shakespeare monologue or sonnet. Auditions will also include improv games and scene readings.

Additional details are available at [www.cottagetheatre.org](http://www.cottagetheatre.org), or by calling Cottage Theatre at 541-942-8001.

# Distracted Driving

Driving safety involves a comprehensive set of standards that applies at all times for all drivers sharing the road. It is a privilege and a responsibility to have a driver's license.

That's why distracted driving has come to be the focus of many safety organizations across the country.

Distracted driving is a top safety concern, and it is caused by participating in a variety of activities that can draw your focus from the road. Even a simple action such as sending a quick text to a friend or family member can divert your attention long enough to put you or your passengers in serious danger.

### Common Distracting Activities

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,179 people were killed and 431,000 were injured in motor vehicles involving distracted drivers in 2014. Here are the most common distracted-driving activities, according to the NHTSA:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone and smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a navigation system

- Watching a video
  - Adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player
- Most Dangerous Activity**

Due to certain factors, some activities pose the greatest risks. Texting is a modern-day safety dilemma, and because it is a multi-dimensional activity, it is now considered the most dangerous by many in the transportation safety industry.

Sending an average text takes a driver only five seconds, but your car can still travel a considerable distance during that timespan. The NHTSA reports that teen drivers — who also are the most tech-savvy drivers on the road — are the most distracted drivers.

### What You Can Do

The statistics related to distracted driving are startling. Many drivers, innocent passengers and even pedestrians are impacted if you take your eyes off the road. Some victims have to live with permanent injuries. Drivers are responsible for not only their lives but the lives of every passenger, as well as by-standers.

Wondering how you can help keep our roads a safer place? Education is the most effective tool in persuading the public to avoid these activities and make safe driving a priority. Contact your local safety organization today to find out if there are volunteering opportunities at local events or schools. Share this article with others. Do whatever you can to spread the word on distracted driving and its negative impact on the roads we all share.

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