

DragonFire Gallery to present Plein Air events

DragonFire Gallery will feature a full weekend lineup of events and artist demonstrations for the Gallery Group's Seventh Annual Plein Air Art Festival in Cannon Beach from June 26 to 28. The Plein Air Festival features artists painting outdoor and on location, showcasing the immediacy of the natural beauty for which Cannon Beach is so well known.

The festival commences on Friday, June 26 at 10 a.m. when participating artists establish their locations about town and the beach and begin creating their work. Individual gallery receptions for featured artists are scheduled to follow, with DragonFire's reception taking place from 4 to 6 p.m.

On Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. the festival continues with artists creating all over town and in the individual galleries. The Chamber of Commerce also opens its doors for the festival's

Group Show, featuring a sampling of all participating artists' works, and for attendees to vote for the People's Choice Award. At 4 p.m., artists will update their displays at the Group Show with new work and the day will culminate with the Plein Air and Pinot Artists Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the chamber, where Festival Awards of Excellence in both the "En Plein Air" and "& More" categories will be curated and presented by Kimberli Moore of Southwest Art Magazine.

DragonFire's featured artists include veteran Festival participants (and award-winners) Michael Orwick and Anton Pavlenko, as well as festival newcomer Rob Hooper. DragonFire Gallery will also host artist demonstrations on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring painter Theresa Andreas-O'Leary, who renders light in colorful acrylic and gold leaf landscapes; jewelry artist Deb Steele, who creates organic textured contemporary jewelry using precious metal



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Elegant portraits of water by Dana Murray will be on exhibit at DragonFire Gallery.

clay; and Dana Murray, whose photographic portraits of water embody the artistic element of physics.

After overwhelming success and crowd popularity at the 2014 Stormy Weather Art Festival, DragonFire Gallery will host another "Dueling Easels" event at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 28 with featured artists Anton Pavlenko and Michael Orwick. During Dueling Easels, each artist begins work on a separate

canvas and then intermittently swap canvases, with the end products providing a wonderful lesson in art, technique, collaboration and friendship. A light brunch will be served and the event will also feature live music from local singer and songwriter Bucky Pottschmidt.

Artist work on site and the group show at the Chamber of Commerce also continue on Sunday until the festival conclusion at 3:30 p.m.

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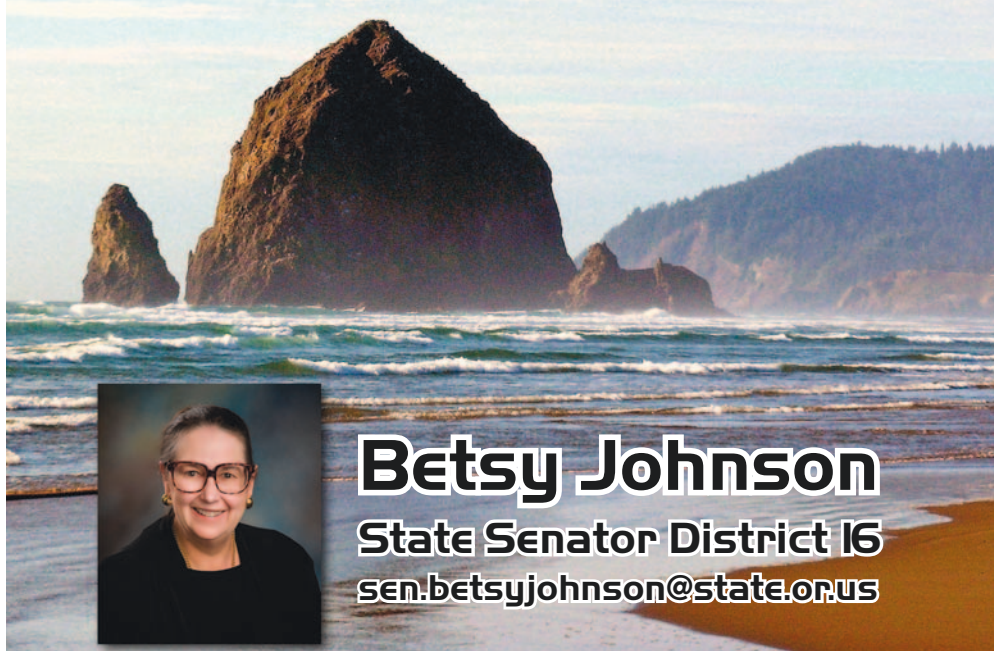
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