

Mermaid to make a 'splash' at Stormy Weather festival

'Stormy' debuts at 28th annual art festival

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A mermaid in a gray sweater with windswept hair and an umbrella stands on the beach, dark clouds and waves rolling in behind her. "They Call Me Stormy," she says. Artist Ken Grant's piece sets the mood for the 28th Annual Stormy Weather Arts Festival.

The festival surges to life on Nov. 6 and runs through Nov. 8.

They're not very useful in Oregon's coastal winds, but they will be pretty to look at during the festival. New this year is umbrella art, said Jim Paino, administrative assistant for the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce.

He added that Bonnie Gilchrist with the Cannon Beach Gallery Group helped out, using her Portland connections to find artists to do the paintings.

The Coaster Theatre is also holding its first "Dancing in the Rain" Fashion Show on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Chamber Director Court Carrier said many shops "jumped on board to make that happen."

"They're all stormy weather wearables," he added.

Local galleries will feature a variety of artists and demonstrations throughout the weekend. A map is included in the Stormy Weather brochure, provided through the Chamber of Commerce.

The main events include Art in Action on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Surfsand Resort Ballroom, where artists will demonstrate their techniques while ticketholders enjoy music, food, wine and a silent auction, and the Spotlight Concert with blues musician Lloyd Jones on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Coaster Theatre. Music Around Town will feature a variety of other musicians before the concert.

Tickets for Art in Action are \$55 per person, and \$35 per person for the Spotlight Concert. They can be purchased at www.cannonbeach.org.

Grant, a former Cannon Beach resident, isn't able to participate in the event



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Stormy Weather poster by Ken Grant, "They Call Me Stormy."

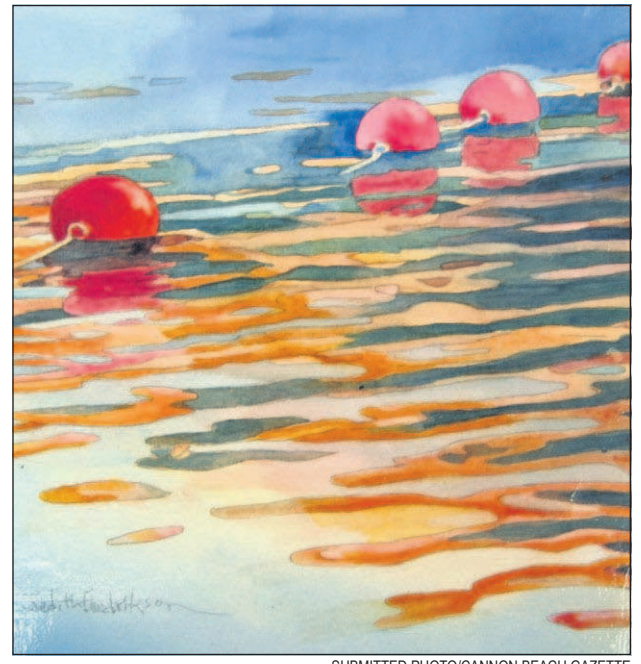
this year, but hangs his art in White Bird Gallery where he has a show going now. The original piece for his Stormy Weather art is on display there.

Grant's partner Frances Johnson is the one who suggested he paint a mermaid when he was asked to do the poster. It was inspired by a John William Waterhouse painting, he said, and was

"something different" as he typically paints sunny skies rather than dark ones.

Grant lives in Depoe Bay now, but his children grew up in Cannon Beach and he began painting in the city in the 1960s, "so I still feel connected."

"I think anything they can do to stimulate the interest in arts in Cannon Beach is good," he said.



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Watercolor by Judith Judith Frederikson will be part of the Palette Puddlers exhibit at Stormy Weather.

Palette Puddlers to hold Stormy Weather Art Show and Sale

The Palette Puddlers annual Stormy Weather weekend art show and sale will be held at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce, 207 N. Spruce St., Friday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 8. Admission and refreshments are free. Artists will be providing morning and afternoon demonstrations of their particular art styles throughout the weekend. Artists are also willing to sell their "hot off the easel" work to interested buyers.

The Palette Puddlers are a group of professional women artists, many of whom have painted together for more than 12 years. The following members, Louise Birkenfeld, Susan Bish, Betty Brower, Sheila Brown, Patricia Button, Judith Fredrikson, Mary Ann Gantenbein, Jeannette Gran-Davis, Ireta Sitts Graube, Suzanne King, Jo Pomeroy-Crockett, Susan Thomas and Ellen Zimet will be showing and selling original works of art



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A watercolor by Ellen Zimet of the Palette Puddlers in Cannon Beach.

in a variety of mediums, including watercolor, lino-block prints, acrylics, mixed media, oils, and pastels. There will be also art reproductions, cards, small matted prints and gallery wraps for holiday shoppers, and a bargain bin with original unmatted, unframed works of art for \$20 each.

Hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's calendar contains art from 13 members and is available at www.palettepuddlers.com.



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