

Arts association among cultural award winners

Group will partner with local academy

By R.J. Marx
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The arts in Clatsop County received a boost with the annual delivery of grant funds to local arts groups. Among award recipients was the Cannon Beach Arts Association, which received \$500 to benefit artists-in-residence.

The Clatsop County Cultural Coalition convened on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the River Inn at Seaside for the presentation of the group's annual grant awards. The event provides state cultural funds through the coalition, said Charlene Larsen, co-chairwoman of the county coalition.

The Seaside High School

Choir directed by Kimber Parker provided holiday carols to introduce the event.

Meagan Sokol of the arts association represented the group at the event. Founded in 1987, the association presents gallery exhibitions, workshops and classes for adults and children. "With this we'll be able to start connecting with our local academy," Sokol said, referring to the Cannon Beach Academy, now in its second year.

Other South County awardees included the Seaside's Museum and Historical Society, which received a grant of \$2,000. Funds will be used to modify the existing exit to enable easier access for the disabled between the museum and the neighboring Butterfield Cottage. Steve Wright accepted the gift on behalf



Seaside Signal

Clatsop County Cultural Coalition Grant winners. Back row: Dan McClure, Clatsop College Foundation; Graham Nystrom, Tillicum Foundation/KMUN; Steve Wright, Seaside Museum; Meagan Sokol, Cannon Beach Arts Association. Front row: Arthur Broten, Tillicum Foundation/KMUN; Greg Jacobs, Finlandia Foundation; Jay Speakman and Jon Broderick, Fisher Poets; Annie Eskelin, Astoria Visual Arts; Denise Fairweather, Fairweather Gallery.

of the museum.

Denise Fairweather House and Gallery in Seaside received a grant of \$500, with money to be applied to "Estuary Science Art," pro-

moting an exhibit benefiting the Wetlands Conservancy. The group will provide a traveling exhibit originating in Corvallis and then coming to Seaside. The show

will include about 150 different pieces, from watercolors to wood.

County recipients include the Fisher Poets Gathering, Astoria Visual Arts and Coast Community Radio, among others.

Oregon Cultural Trust board member Berenice Jones-Centeno came to Astoria in 2008. "I was blown away by how much culture was being carried on through your efforts."

As a member of the Oregon Cultural Trust, she helps distribute \$3 million per year to organizations throughout the state. "They get donations from taxpayers and they use that money, which is shared cultural coalitions throughout the state," Jones-Centeno said.

Oregon is unique, she said, as businesses receive tax credits for money

donated and money is matched by the cultural trust. "They're able to disseminate much more money across the state because you do that. Your money grows a greater difference."

The cultural credit goes before the state Legislature in 2019, and is at risk of disappearing. Residents can support the program by contact legislators, attending events, volunteering, as well as contributions.

Reaching out to youth is a key component, Jones-Centeno added.

"Remember there's another generation coming right along. You may feel they're not listening. They are. Students tell me over and over what people told me about something they weren't paying attention to. Please, take them along with you."

Incentives for workforce housing

First payout goes to Sea Lark apartment development

By Brenna Visser
Cannon Beach Gazette

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday, Dec. 3, to provide a workforce housing incentive to a developer from money generated from a new construction excise tax.

Last year, city councilors voted to apply a 1 percent tax on all building permits in an effort to raise money for workforce housing projects. So far, the council has seen the fund as a way to provide financial incentives to developers.

Mike Clark, of Coaster Properties, will be the first developer to receive the benefits to rebuild and expand the Sea Lark Apart-

ments on Larch Street. The one-bedroom units, destroyed in a fire last February, were one of the few affordable living options in town. He plans to expand the former fourplex into eight units.

Clark will be reimbursed \$19,000 for permit fees and systems development charges associated with the project, all based on the estimated \$510,000 in construction costs.

In order to be eligible for the incentive, Clark agreed to include a deed restriction that bars the units from ever becoming vacation rentals or condos.

The agreement also requires that rent must not exceed 100 percent of the average median income for Clatsop County for the next 10 years. Based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development projections, the city estimates

rent will be between \$950 to \$1,100 a month.

The process is seen largely as a sign of progress by city councilors and staff, who have been struggling to move the needle on workforce housing for years.

Some on the council, however, have expressed concerns about the sustainability of the incentives. Only about \$65,600 has been raised since the excise tax took effect in July 2017. The land-strapped city sees little development in comparison to neighboring communities, limiting the growth and utility of the tax.

But it's a step in the right direction, Mayor Sam Steidel said.

"I think this project will be a good trial run to see how it works," Steidel said at a November work session.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

NOV. 23

10:48 p.m., 3300 block S. Hemlock: Officers were dispatched to the Warren House Pub following a report of a disturbance. Subjects were trespassed from the premises and released to the custody of their mother.

NOV. 24

3:39 a.m., Avenue A: Police assist Seaside police with two possible assaults believed to have taken place at the World Mark.

5:24 p.m., U.S. Highway 101: Police arrive at the scene of a single car crash; driver lost control of their vehicle and went into a ditch. No injuries reported. Police assisted in calling a tow truck to extricate the vehicle.

NOV. 25

8:12 a.m., 100 block First Street: Police respond to a request for a welfare check on an individual who was located barely conscious in the shower. The person was transported to Providence Seaside Hospital.

NOV. 26

8:53 p.m., 1100 block Spruce Ct: A loud person became noticeably quieter following a visit from the police.

NOV. 27

9:27 p.m., Holladay Drive: The Cannon Beach police canine is brought to Seaside to assist Seaside police.

NOV. 28

9:48 a.m., Les Shirley Park: Police check on a man whose mother thought he might be having a manic episode. Police spoke with subject who stated they were fine and just getting some fresh air.

NOV. 29

8:56 a.m., E. Chisana: Police conduct a welfare check on an elderly woman. She's fine.

10:10 a.m., W. First: Police assist a resident with unlocking a door.

NOV. 30

8:49 a.m., 200 block N. Hemlock: Police take infor-

mation on a cold burglary.

DEC. 1

4:54 p.m., Spruce: Police speak to juveniles at the skate park said to be bullying another juvenile. They are warned of their behavior and advised of the helmet law.

DEC. 3

11:45 a.m., 400 block W. Eighth: Police respond to a report from a contractor that a neighbor adjacent to the construction site has been harassing the contractor and contractor's workers. The neighbor denies the allegation and says it's not a problem to "leave them alone" as they are "making a mess."

DEC. 4

7:54 a.m., Highway 101, MP 27: Police assist other agency in a rollover situation.

DEC. 5

11:51 a.m. Highway 101 and Sunset Blvd.: Police assist a vehicle stuck in mud. A tow truck pulls the vehicle out.

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Seasons Café - Thailand

255 N Hemlock St, Cannon Beach • Call (503) 436-1159

The Wayfarer Restaurant - Thailand

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Saturday, December 29th

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