

# Calling local artists: State art contests seek entries

For the artists in the community, a couple of contests will give them a chance to showcase their work, perhaps even at the national level.

## Congressional contest for high school students

First, Rep. Cliff Bentz (OR-02) announced last week that his office is now accepting submissions for the annual Congressional Art Competition. High school students from across

to visit Washington, D.C., a chance to see their artwork on display, and an invitation to a reception held in their honor. Runners-up will receive local recognition, and their artwork will be displayed in one of Bentz's district offices.

All forms and further information can be found at <https://bentz.house.gov/artcompetition>.

## ODFW wildlife art contest

Second, artists from across the state are invited to compete in one or all three of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's 2024 stamp art competitions.

The winning artist in



**2023 ODFW Waterfowl winner, Greater Scaup by Frank Dolphens. -Contributed**

Oregon's Second District, which includes Morrow County, are invited to compete for a chance to showcase their art in the U.S. Capitol Building, where it will be seen by members of Congress and countless visitors from around the world.

Submissions for the Congressional Art Competition will be reviewed by a panel of experts, which includes local artists and art professors. One winner and several runners-up will be selected.

To enter this contest, students should submit no more than two pieces of two-dimensional artwork and the Student Information & Release Form by April 23, 2023. Photos of the artwork (as a .jpeg) should be emailed, along with the student release form, to Wyndess James at [wyndess.james@mail.house.gov](mailto:wyndess.james@mail.house.gov).

In addition to a coveted spot in the 2023 national student art exhibit in the Capitol, the winner could receive complimentary round-trip airfare for two

## 2023 Oregon District 2 winner "Life Awaits" by Ayla Bingham. -Contributed

each contest receives a \$2,000 award and winning artwork is used to produce collector's stamps and other promotional items with sale proceeds benefitting Oregon's fish and wildlife, and their habitats.

Entries for the Habitat



**2023 ODFW Upland Game Bird winner, Mountain Quail by Marissa Gibson. -Contributed**

Conservation Stamp must feature an eligible species from the Oregon Conservation Strategy in its natural habitat.

Entries in the Waterfowl Stamp Contest must feature the Trumpeter Swan in its natural habitat setting.

For the Upland Game Bird Stamp Contest, all entries must feature the Gray Partridge in its natural habitat setting.

A panel will judge



**2023 ODFW Habitat Conservation winner, Western Gray Squirrel by Chris Goins. -Contributed**

artwork based on artistic composition, anatomical accuracy of the species and general appeal. Collector's stamps, art prints and other promotional materials are produced from first-place artwork. Proceeds from product sales are used for habitat improvement, research surveys and conservation projects.

Entries will be accepted from Aug. 25 and up to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29, 2023, at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr., SE, Salem, OR 97302. Entries can be mailed, or hand delivered. Artists, please see the final page on contest rules for packaging tips.

Interested artists are encouraged to visit ODFW's stamp art competition webpage for more information on the contests and to view entries from previous years. For more information on contest rules and to order stamps and art prints, visit: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp\\_contest/index.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/stamp_contest/index.asp).

# A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Maybe in more than one way, April is not viewed the same way as it was several years ago. No pranks were pulled at Willow Creek Terrace on April Fools' Day this year, such a change from those days that Velma Wight so delighted in as soon as she started planning her high jinxes on those mornings!

The month's weather has been pretty tricky, though, unpredictable from hour to hour on some days. However, Alex Camarillo and Jerry Green are finding space between rain/hail/snow showers to start work cleaning the flowerbeds, and some of the women are making plans for the flowerpots that will hopefully be a cacophony of colors soon.

The color green was significant last month, in honor of the Irish and the "Irish-for-a-day" individuals. A 4-H club had come to the Community on the Hill with St. Patrick's cards for all residents and staff. The residents had enjoyed their Friday-craft opportunity in March that resulted in laminated bookmarks, which will surely be used often. And six residents added to their St. Pat's celebration by traveling in the van to watch the Great Green Parade downtown: Dorothy and Jerry Green, Flossie Watkins, Ginger O'Brien, Sandy Hanna and Alex Camarillo. Ginger and Sandy

were joined on the last day of March by Rita Bowman and Bev Sherman for a mani/pedi party with Molly, who even added some bling to their polished nails!

The first celebration in April belongs to Joyce Ward. Joyce will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday tomorrow! She will have the pleasure of choosing her birthday lunch menu and sharing with her neighbors and some family.

Though April's weather will remain too unpredictable for outside activities, residents don't have to feel bored if they participate in the weekly in-house events.

Jigsaw puzzles are back, after the hiatus caused by the pandemic, and the group effort has already completed three in a short time. The Friday craft opportunity continues, with an Easter theme this month. And the Bingo crowd sometimes swells to an almost-full house of participants. Last Friday, with 12 playing, Rita Bowman and Ginger each won a blackout game, the second time for each of these ladies. The class for understanding, dealing with and sharing grief continues on

Wednesdays, led by home health and hospice pastor, Jerry Conklin.

Conklin will offer an Easter service in the sun room this Sunday, a first at the Terrace, for anyone wishing to attend. Of course, the menu for lunch on Sunday will be an Easter feast with all the trimmings.

Administrator Leanne Lankford has complimented Derek Swanson on the delicious meals being served. And Molly Turrell reports that residents really enjoyed the treats that Anna Grace Wenberg has created in the kitchen during her night-shift hours. Lankford also offers accolades to the Terrace Staff for their stellar work in these past several weeks. She reports that staff shortages have resulted in longer hours and more work for everyone, and she is so thankful for their willingness to go beyond expectations.

Applications for employment at the Terrace are available to individuals who come to the office and from the Terrace website and Facebook page.



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- 7am - 10am - Firemans Breakfast
- 9am - 5k Walk/Run
- 10am - 3pm - Craft Bazaar
- 11am - Parade
- 12pm - Veteran Speaker
- 12:20pm - 4:30pm - Live Music
- 1pm - Corn Hole Tournament

### Throughout The Afternoon

- Cruz In
- Kids Activities
- Bounce House
- Food Trucks
- Raffles
- Cake Walk



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