



What's happening on the South Oregon Coast from an Artistic Perspective

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STUDENT ART  
TAKES OVER

### **The Vision 2024 Art competition and exhibit is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

The Vision 2024 Art annual art competition and exhibit is offered to high school students throughout southwest Oregon. It is hosted by the [Coos Art Museum](#) and sponsored in part by [Southwestern Oregon Community College](#) Foundation and Art Department.

According to SWOCC Foundation Executive Director Elise Hamner, "The goal of VISION 2024 is to inspire young people to participate in the arts, celebrate their creations and showcase their work to the community through the exhibit."

Every year Call to Artist invitations are sent to six southern Oregon counties to request art from high school students in grades 9 – 12. Not only will students have the opportunity to submit their art to a juried show in an art museum, but if selected, the three top winners will receive two-year tuition scholarships within the SWOCC Fine Art Program. "For some [students] the idea of a full tuition waiver is a dream," said North Bend High School Art teacher, Becky Eddy. "The experience of exhibiting at the museum, having friends and parents see their work, the nervousness of having [their art] judged, all contribute to a higher self-esteem and worth and [all participants] walk away having a new experience that is positive."

The Bay Area Artists' Association also provides an "Up and Comer Artist" award to one Vision participant, which includes a year's membership to their association (offering multiple community art exhibit opportunities), paid membership to the Coos Art Museum, plus a \$100 cash gift to use for art supplies. All of this effort is to build a strong support system for the students in our area who want to pursue art in their future.

The theme of supporting the development and esteem of the young art community goes hand in hand with SWOCC Art Director, James Fritz's mission when coordinating the event. "SWOCC has always been devoted to the idea of building bridges between the college, Coos Art Museum and the community, which in this case is our high school students and their families. We are all working together to support them throughout their artistic development... They have the support of their high school, Southwestern Community College after graduation, the Coos Art Museum as art professionals, and the Bay Area Artists' Association as they become adults."

In its thirty-year history, the Visions show has displayed the art of thousands of our southern Oregon youth. Join us in celebrating the next generation of artists by taking the time to see this special exhibit.

Submitted by:

Nicole Graham, Perspective Editor

**Donations:**

(Both organizations are 501(c)3 Nonprofits)

**Coos Art Museum**

<https://coos-art-museum.square.site/>

**SWOCC Foundation Art Scholarships**

<https://www.socc.edu/give>

**The Visions Exhibit at the Coos Art Museum**

235 Anderson, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Awards Ceremony:**

Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30pm

**Museum Hours:**

Closed Mondays

Tues-Fri 11am – 4pm

Sat and Sunday 1-4pm

**BAAA Featured Artist of the Month**



Growing up on a remote island in Southeast, Alaska, with only my parents and dogs placed me in a unique position, making it necessary to entertain myself. I began drawing and painting at a very early age, and was self-taught through the use of many fine books and publications. The old cannery site where we lived was very picturesque, and the mountains, fjords and forests were spectacular, but the item that spawned my greatest interest was the variation of boats that came to visit. Most of those boats of that era were wooden hulled. The mailboat was an old "Yakobi". She came to be every two weeks as weather permitted, and there were many fishing boats. I took the opportunity to participate and gained a good deal of knowledge about the fishing industry in general, and the rigging and operation of the boats. My father's own boat was a wooden hulled Columbia River double ender of 36 feet, and I still have a soft spot for the old double enders, and the beautiful wooden hulls of the large halibut schooners. While out on the boats, I was always thrilled by the sea, the waves and the sky.

[Click here to read more on Carol D Howald's Bio...](#)

## Artist's Loft



### **Artist Loft Gallery Closed**

We announce, with regret, the closing of The Artist Loft Gallery (the bay area's only artist co-op) after 19 years of operation in North Bend and Coos Bay.

We have lost our location at 367 Anderson Ave. because of condemnation by the city due in part to damage caused by a second floor tenant. We have looked for a new location but all the rents, so far, have been beyond the reach of a co-op gallery.

We exist to serve our Member artists by retaining only 25% of their sales in support of the gallery. These Members pay monthly dues and operate the gallery. (When we have sufficient space we also have some Exhibitor artists whose work we display at the usual gallery commission of a 50/50 split.) This all means we need a large space to display artwork, some quite large, for a business that does not retain the bulk of its income!

The Gallery opened in 2004 on the 2nd floor of Pony Village Mall, thus the name, The Artist Loft, later occupying two different locations on the ground floor. In 2016 we sought a Coos Bay location and were pleased to open on Anderson, just two doors West of the Coos Art Museum!

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**UPDATE:**



Art by the Sea Gallery

# SUSAN TREE FEATURED ARTIST



It seems like the idea of art has always been a part of my life, from art classes in college, stained glass, set painting for the local theatre, and teaching art to home schoolers and in schools.

I started fusing glass about 5 years ago, fell in love with the play of colors and the alchemy of the glass and have been doing it ever since.

I take most of my inspiration from nature and hope that my art helps people to be aware of its beauty and its importance in our lives.



*Art  
by the Sea*  
Gallery and Studio

# EYE & THE LENS COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

JANUARY 30 - MARCH 3, 2024

RECEPTION February 3rd ~ 2 - 4 PM



Fused Glass Art by  
Susan Tree, Featured Artist

Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio  
145 Fillmore Ave., SE, Bandon, Oregon 97411



Coos Art Museum

Coos Art Museum

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February 2024

[www.coosart.org](http://www.coosart.org) 541-267-3901

[Click below to view the details on this month's classes and activities!](#)



## February Snapshot

**Yoga** - Every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30, \$5

**February 3-** Family Art Time: Mask Making, 2-3pm

**February 4** - Final Exhibition Date for Blind Bird Blind

**February 9-**Mixed Media Artist Group Begins, 11-4pm

**February 10-** Make Your Own Dragon, 2-4pm

**February 11 & 18-** Making Vessels with Air Dry Clay, 5:30-8pm

**February 14-** Artist Studio Group Begins, 10:30-3:30pm

**February 16 & 17-** Capturing Light with Soft Pastels, 9:30-4pm

**February 22-** Beginning Watercolor Begins (Every Thursday for 5 wks), 11-2pm

**February 23-** Student Show & VISION Exhibit Open, VISION Opening & Awards Ceremony from 3:30-4:30pm

**February 24-** Annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon at CAM, 12-2pm

**February 25-** Mandala Dot Art, 2-5pm



# Student Show & VISION



February 23-April 14, 2024

Opening & Awards Ceremony for VISION, Feb. 23 from 3:30-4:30pm

## Nicart Gallery

Our art rotations have changed! Every location has a new artist and we've added new artists to our line up! [Debbie Lynn](#), Marsha Vieira, [Cindy Pinnock](#) & [Morgan Johnson](#). Nicart Gallery has also opened the Pacific Medical Center for the members of the Artist Loft Gallery to use until they can find a more permanent location. You can see ALL of our artists' work at anytime at: [www.NicartGallery.com](http://www.NicartGallery.com)



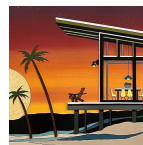
**Marsha Vieira**  
**Location:** Evergreen Courts  
451 o'Connell St, NB



**Artist Loft Gallery**  
**Location:** Pacific Coast Medical  
1957 Thompson Rd, CB



**Cindy Pinnock**  
**Location:** Harry Ritchie's Jewelers  
1356 N Bayshore Dr, CB



**Debbie Lynn**  
**Location:** Bandon Coffee  
365 2nd St SE, Bandon

## Bandon Library Art Gallery



# BANDON LIBRARY ART GALLERY PAINTINGS BY ELAINE DUNHAM DECEMBER 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2024



The abstract paintings of Elaine Dunham are just what we need to banish the dark of Winter. Her playful, bright canvases are very welcome as the nights draw in. Using movement and color, patterns shift and dance in the energetic exchange that is Dunham's specialty. Taking in all of these paintings is a delightful experience.

1204 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET SW, BANDON, OR 97411 FROM 2 TO 4 PM  
LIBRARY HOURS VARY TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY (541) 347-3221

## Art Venues in Bandon, Coos Bay, & North Bend

There are many galleries and art walls in the South Oregon Coastal region. If you don't see your venue, please feel free to contact our webmaster to have it added to this list. As always, if you would like to advertise your next event, please also contact us and we'll do our best to include it in the next edition

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### Coos Art Museum

Tues-Fri 11am-4pm  
Sat and Sun 1-4pm  
Closed Mon & holidays  
FREE - Second Sunday



### Bay Area Artists' Association

Non-profit that holds at least 4 annual exhibits throughout the year.



### Artist Loft Gallery

A Cooperative Art Gallery  
Showcasing Local Artists



### Art by the Sea Gallery

A Cooperative Art Gallery  
in Bandon, OR

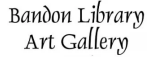
367 ANDERSON AVE, COOS  
BAY, OR



**Second Street Gallery**  
Open Daily, 210 Second  
Street SE, Bandon, OR



**High Tide Gallery**  
A gallery created by  
artists in Old Town  
Bandon



**Bandon Library Art  
Gallery**



**Nicart Gallery**  
A collection of rotating art  
walls in Bandon, Coos Bay  
& North Bend, OR



**Art Cellar**  
An interactive retail shop  
& art gallery showcasing  
handmade visual &  
textile art in North Bend,  
OR



**AKI Studio & Gallery**  
1997 Sherman Ave, North  
Bend, OR

**Black Market Gourmet**  
2100 Union Street, North Bend, OR

**Southern Coos Hospital**  
A rotating art wall featuring multiple  
artists and themes every 3 months.

**Gallery by the Bay**  
2100 Union Street - North Bend, OR

**346 Riverside Studio & Gallery**  
346 Riverside Dr NE, Bandon, OR

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The Perspective Newsletter is produced monthly by the Bay Area Artists' Association and sponsored by fine art establishments in the South Oregon Coastal Region. It is free for individual members of the [Bay Area Artists' Association](#). To have your artistic event featured in upcoming editions please contact our webmaster at: [BayAreaArtAssoc@gmail.com](mailto:BayAreaArtAssoc@gmail.com) You may also post your event free of charge on our Public Facebook Groups: South Oregon Coast Art & Events OR BAAA Bay Area Artists Association For more information on becoming a BAAA member visit: [www.BayAreaArtistsAssociation.com](http://www.BayAreaArtistsAssociation.com)

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due October 31 annually for projects to occur  
the following calander year. For grant forms and  
information [www.ccculturalcoalition.org](http://www.ccculturalcoalition.org)

Serving the Oregon Coast Bay Area Fine Arts Community since 1991

**Our Mission:** to support the success of member artists by providing opportunities to present public educational programs, forums and lectures, promote the visual arts as a positive

and necessary component in the community, interact with other artists and exhibit their work.

**General Meetings** are held 2:00– 4:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month at Coos Art Museum. The public is welcome to attend meetings.

**“PERSPECTIVE”** is published monthly. The newsletter, monthly educational programs featuring artists and topics of interest to artists, and networking opportunities with other artists are benefits of BAAA membership. This newsletter is supported in part by a generous grant from the Coos County Cultural Coalition.

BAAA thanks Coos Art Museum for its continued support, and for providing us with a monthly meeting space.

**Want to Join?** Artists and art patrons are invited to join BAAA. Annual membership is \$35 for individuals, \$40 for families, and \$15 for students.

For an application, please contact: Wendy Whitaker [415-272-1894](tel:415-272-1894)

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