



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

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Featured Article

North Bend's Newest Mural Inspired by Don McMichael's "Whale Hugger"

Well-known local artists gather at Books by the Bay to celebrate it's new stunning mural. This blog article does a deep-dive into the artist behind the original piece, his inspiration and what it took to create it.

On Saturday, November 18, 2023 Books by the Bay in North Bend held its, Meet the Mural Artists event. The two-hour-long meet and greet brought together all the artists who contributed to the new mural adorning the large outer wall of the bookstore, including renowned local artist Don McMichael who painted the original image that was adapted for the mural. Also in attendance was the original Books by the Bay sign artist, Bill Blumberg, as well as a representative of Friends of Coos County Animal Shelter (FOCCAS). Don was at the event to hand out signed prints of his painting. Guests did not have to pay for the posters but

instead were kindly asked to donate what they could to help the local animal shelter. Don stated that he makes “a good enough living without having to make money off of things like this. So this was to donate to the local animal shelter.”

The current owner of Books by the Bay, Harold Midyette teamed up with Patrick Erm of Artworks Unlimited to paint a larger-than-life version of Don McMichael’s gorgeous “Whale Hugger” painting. This amazing new treat for the eyes was made possible in part by a \$5,000 grant that Harold received from the North Bend Urban Renewal Agency’s Micro Mural Grant Program. The program aims to help revive and renew North Bend by promoting the arts while beautifying the city.

[Click here to read more!](#)



Bay Area Artists' Association

AAA Alumni Charles of Charleston Exhibit



The Black Market Gourmet had a lovely reception for Charles of Charleston on Sunday November 12, 2023. Charles's paintings filled the walls of BMG and he priced his work to sell and sell he did! By the end of the reception almost every piece had a red dot on it. There are still some paintings left, so if you didn't make the reception you can call Kristin at [541 269-0194](tel:5412690194) and she will be happy to let you in. So many people attended to show their support of our beloved Charles Edmunds and his wonderful artwork.

BAAA Artist of the Month

Fascination with remnants of our material culture led me to explore the venue of found-object jewelry. What is the power of these cast-offs to capture my imagination even more than the silver and semi-precious stones of my usual work as a jewelry artist? How do these shards of metal, rust, glass, or pottery, that have endured time and elements of nature to attain a special patina and aura of mystery, convey a message about their past? How does a shard of pottery found at the site of a deserted homestead in the desert elicit a whispered story about the brave pioneers who discarded it? Why does finding a fragment of sea glass in the sand quicken one's step to claim it and add joy to a walk on the beach?

My goal as a jewelry artist is to pair the found-object with textured metal using the principles of design to capture qualities of the "unseen" to create a piece of wearable jewelry with special meaning for both the wearer and the viewer.

If successful, the meaning of the piece will cross time, connect the wearer

and the viewer, and convey some essence of the found-objects' story.

[Click here to read more on Veneita Stender's Background...](#)

Artist's Loft



Jewelry Artists Featured at the Artist Loft Gallery through December

As in the past, we are featuring our four Jewelry Artists during November and December. In addition to their usual displays they will have our Guest Wall filled with additional pieces! Our Jewelry artists are; Pam Calandrino, Tricia Hayden, Hester Solseng, and Veneita Stender. Their work will make lovely gifts!

We also have our "Holly Berry Sale" Throughout the gallery. This is when all the artists put many of their pieces on sale during November and December. So be sure to stop in at The Artist Loft!

Artist Loft Gallery
367 Anderson Ave, Coos Bay, OR
[541-756-4088](tel:541-756-4088)

theartistloftgallery@gmail.com

Art by the Sea Gallery

Featured Artist, Christopher Bailey

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Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio's Featured Artist is Christopher Bailey.

Christopher's watercolor paintings won the People's Choice Award at Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio in the 2022 Community Show, 'Color-Bright & Bold.'



Christopher studied graphic design then painted and worked in the printing industry for 35 years in Salt Lake City, Utah. His abstract works are based on organic elements he studied carefully before placing them on vibrant backgrounds. Sadly, Christopher passed away after the show due to complications from skin cancer. The Bailey family will be donating a portion of the proceeds from this current show to cancer research.

The Member's New Show, 'Black & White,' will also be on exhibition, as well as their various artworks throughout the gallery. Meet and greet artists and friends while enjoying some wine and refreshments during the reception. The show runs from November 7th to December 3rd.

Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio is open from 10am-5pm daily and is located at 145 Fillmore Ave SE, Bandon, (next to the Station Restaurant on Highway 101).

You can always check our website at artbytheseagallery.com

Gallery by the Bay



"Flying Free", Colored Pencil by Gail Arceneaux

Gallery by the Bay will be featuring three local artists in their November/December exhibit.

"Hooking" for over 35 years, **Robin Haruna** of Bandon uses traditional style rug hooking techniques, hand dyeing her wool to achieve color effects and gradients that make her work unique.

Nature and wildlife artist from Port Orford, **Gail Arceneaux** makes local wildlife come alive with her colored pencil drawings. Gail exhibits at galleries up and down the Oregon Coast and teaches classes to both adults and children.

Jeri Baumgardner will bring the spirit of aloha to this coast with her renderings of life in Hawaii on hand painted silk, as well as some 'Zentangle' inspired works.

Both Gail and Jeri will soon be offering classes in the newly reopened "Art Salon" classroom at Gallery by the Bay.

Gallery by the Bay is currently open by appointment. Please contact Jeri at [808-640-0595](tel:808-640-0595) for more information.

The gallery is located at 2100 Union Street in North Bend.

Southern Coos Hospital Call to Artists



Stormy Weather

People are drawn to the power of storms, of nature showing off its strength and unpredictability.

From typhoons, tsunamis, hurricanes and tornados to gentle rains, fog, billowing dark clouds, ice storms and more, we invite you to portray stormy weather using landscapes, seascapes, sky portraits, events, or perhaps internal storms, dreams or emotions. Stormy weather can be dramatic, exciting, scary or calming. Works may be realistic or abstract, or impressions / feelings, or a combination.

The Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center will host a show of artworks relating to the theme **Stormy Weather**. This show runs January through March 24, 2024. As usual, you can be creative in your interpretation of the theme, keeping in mind that art on the hospital walls is meant to entertain and de-stress the patients, families, staff, and general visitors. It is not a venue for nudity, violence, morbidity, or as a political soapbox. Thank you for your continued positive approach to art in these shows.

Artists may enter 1-3 pieces using painting, collage, mixed media, drawing, photography or assemblage in all artistic styles: representational, abstract, impressionistic, or futuristic. All works must be able to be hung on the wall.

Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center's Art Program continues to remain free to enter. Please consider donating to the Hospital's Art Fund if you are able. For more information, please email Scott at foundation@southerncoos.org.

[Contest rules and application can be found HERE](#)

Coos Art Museum



The poster features a dark blue background with a large, glowing full moon. A masquerade mask is superimposed on the moon. Below the moon, a small figure in a suit is visible. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large blue serif font for the main title and a yellow circle for ticket information. A calendar-style graphic shows the date December 31, 2023, from 6:30-10 PM.

**COOS ART MUSEUM'S
NEW YEAR'S Masquerade
Party**

TICKETS: \$25
\$20 FOR MEMBERS

1 TICKET GETS YOU
1 DRINK & BOTTOMLESS
WINGS

DEC
31
2023
6:30-10PM

*Join us for dancing,
drinks, and
chicken wings!*

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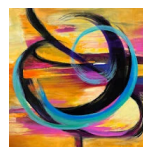
Nicart Gallery

Our art rotations have changed! Every location has a new artist and we've added three new artists to our line up! [Cindy Pinnock](#), [Graham Wickham](#), & [Morgan Johnson](#). Art will be on display until December 31st. You can see ALL of our artists' work at anytime at: www.NicartGallery.com



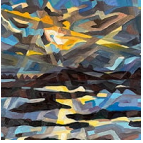
Graham Wickham

Location: Evergreen
Courts
451 o'Connell St, NB



Judy Caldwell

Location: Pacific Coast
Medical
1957 Thompson Rd, CB



Morgan Johnson
Location: Harry Ritchie's
 Jewelers
 1356 N Bayshore Dr, CB



Cindy Pinnock
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



OPENING RECEPTION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023
 1204 11TH 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
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in Bandon, OR



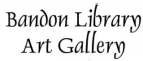
Second Street Gallery

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

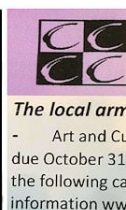
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The local arm of the Oregon Cultural Trust
- Art and Cultural grant requests to CCCC are due October 31 annually for projects to occur the following calander year. For grant forms and information www.ccculturalcoalition.org

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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