

Art walk returns Saturday

May 7, 2021



The first Second Saturday Art Walk of 2021 is planned from 3 to 5 p.m. May 8 at five venues in downtown Brookings.

Venues participating include Manley Art Center, Brian Scott and Signatures galleries, Semi Aquatic Gallery, Whimsical Griffin and Ambiance by the Sea. All venues are within two blocks of Chetco Avenue between Oak and Center streets. Masks and social distancing are required inside the buildings. The art walk will be canceled in the event of a lockdown. All venues are open for business and welcome spectators during normal operating hours.

Leslie Wilkinson is the featured artist for the month at Pelican Bay Arts Association's (PBAA) Manley Art Center, 433 Oak St. Her show is titled "Layers: An Exploration of Alternative Process Photography and Paper Collage Embracing the Japanese Concept of Wabi-sabi."

This process is a way of seeing, understanding and appreciating the value of imperfect objects, according to Rachel Gates, PBAA publicity director.

“Leslie merges many different art papers such as Washi, Kozo, Lokta, Banana, Indian and silk with her images to take on a new directions and complex compositions,” Gates said. “Please come to the gallery and enjoy this exciting and inventive photo exhibit.”

For information about Pelican Bay Arts Association and activities that take place at Manley Art Center, visit pelicanbayartsassociation.org or call 541-469-1807.

The featured artist at Brian Scott Gallery, 515 Chetco Ave., is Brian Gibbons. His use of color and style in his acrylic paintings captures the senses, according to the gallery’s website. Gibbons depicts sea life, seascapes, landscapes and more. Also on display, are his wood assemblages of old houses and castles, all with little lights and secret doors.

Brian Scott Gallery features three floors of art displays and includes Signatures, a gallery within the gallery, on the main floor. For information about the galleries, visit brianscottgallery.com or call 541-412-8687.

Semi Aquatic Gallery is at 654 Chetco Ave. and features the works of owner Spencer Reynolds. A featured artist is planned and will be announced at the art walk. In addition to Reynolds’ surf-related art, the gallery features prints, cards and clothing, as well as a curated collection of hand-crafted and locally-made gifts and home goods.

For information about Semi Aquatic, visit artandsurf.com or call 503-451-3775.

A newcomer to the art walk is Whimsical Griffin, a small shop at 615 Chetco Ave., a few doors from Redwood Theater. The tiny venue features portraiture by its owner Vincent Chiantelli and a featured artist to be announced. The shop also features items relating to the fantasy world of wizards, including a collection of comic books.

For information about Whimsical Griffin, visit whimsicalgriffin.com.

Ambiance by the Sea features the paintings of Gold Beach artist Magda Druzdzal. The shop, at 530 Hemlock St., features handcrafted gifts. For information, call 541-254-4097.

The Second Saturday Art Walk began in 2004. The event was organized by Brookings artist Horst Wolf and began with four venues within a block of Oak Street, all within walking distance. The monthly event grew to as many as 17 venues and included many special activities, some in the alley now officially named Art Walk Alley. The event has continued to survive even through COVID lockdowns.