



Hooked rug by Laura Pierce

Hope & Optimism at Pelican Art

Through August 1, Pelican Art Gallery is hosting "Hope & Optimism", a group exhibit featuring more than 2 dozen artists. Gallery co-owner Donna Hinshaw wanted to challenge the dominant negative news. "I was ready to spread positive thinking. Art is a great way to reach people in a personal, upbeat way," Hinshaw says.

The show includes sculpture, fabric art, paintings, photography, poetry and more. The pelican's return from near extinction is the subject of a Marte Thompson painting. California poppies bursting with hope fill a photograph by Bo Svensson. Jonna Ramey's stone sculpture describes her family's optimism and practical jokes.

Participating artists include Michael Allen, Fran Barrish, Sue Capella, Megan

Edwards, Max Ellman, Marilee Ford, Muriel Goodfield, Grace Keller, Muriel Knapp, Carol Larson, Elaine Larson, Jan Lee, Lauri Luck, Janice Merola, Judy Oster, Marla Pedersen, Jordan Pepper, Laura Pierce, Linda "Post" Postenrieder, Jonna Ramey, Carol Salomon-Bryant, Mary Sanders, Bo Svensson, Phyllis Thomas, Marte Thompson, Stephen Weiss, Rita Young, and Patricia Zimmer.

A reception from 5 to 8 PM on Friday, July 10, will include a food drive for Petaluma Kitchen in the hope that donated non-perishable food will provide optimism to those less fortunate. See excerpts of the exhibit at the gallery's booth (F44) at the Art & Garden Festival, July 12.

Call 707.773.3393, visit pelicanart.com, or visit the gallery at 143 Petaluma Boulevard North.

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"St. Hilary's Storm" by Ken Smith

Ken Smith & Henry White at Riverfront

The Summer Art Show At the Riverfront Art Gallery, from July 7 through September 13, will feature "Monochrome Land" - black and white infrared photographs by Ken Smith - and "People, Places & Things" - landscape and still life oil paintings by Henry White.

An artists' reception will be held Saturday, July 11,

from 5 to 9 PM. The Riverfront Art Gallery, featuring Tracy Bigelow Grisman, Steve Spratt, and Henry White, will entertain. The gallery is also hosting its second food drive for the Petaluma Kitchen. Bring non-perishable food items to help our neighbors in need.

Ken Smith's images embody the dramatic interplay of natural forces and human-made environments. Henry White has expanded his sub-

ject range beyond California landscapes to include still life paintings that incorporate images of people with man-made and natural objects that are significant to the artist.

Riverfront Art Gallery is at 132 Petaluma Boulevard North in Petaluma. For more information, call 707.775.4278 or visit riverfrontartgallery.com.

Pelican Art Gallery & Custom Framing



TUES/WED/THURS/SAT 11-6
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more than two dozen
artists interpret the
theme with energy
and excitement!
Through August 1.**

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"Upward Spiral"
by Michael Allen

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& Food Drive
Friday, July 10, 5 to 8 PM.
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for the Petaluma Kitchen.**



July 1 to August 31, "Scenic Sonoma County", an photographic exhibition by Gus and Sharon Feissel will be on view at Chateau St. Jean Winery, 8555 Sonoma Highway (Route 12) in Kenwood. Sharon Feissel's "Abstract in Lavender" is shown above. The Feissels are founding members of Petaluma's Riverfront Art Gallery. They also exhibit at Haus Fortuna and Gallery One in Petaluma and will be at Art in the Redwoods in Gualala in August.