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**Exhibits highlight river life, domestic violence**

GRANTS PASS — The Rogue Community College FireHouse Gallery will host Spirit of the Rogue, a juried exhibit that reflects life along the Rogue River.

Scheduled Sept. 30 through Oct. 30, the show features work in a variety of media by this year's participating artists: Virginia Andrade, e' Bender-Webb, Vince Carl, Gwen Childs, Al Crane, Janis Ellison, Elaine Frenett, Marilyn Hatch, Marilyn Hurst, Linda Killion Smith, Thomas Kirchen, Tosca Lies, Peter Mathois, Tina Meade, D.D. Meeks, Curtis Otto, Stephan Seable, Leona Sewitsky and Kazuko Young.

A First Friday Art Night reception and street painting demonstration is planned from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 2 at the FireHouse Gallery, and a gallery talk featuring many of the participating Spirit of the Rogue artists is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 7.

Spirit of the Rogue will show in conjunction with the Art Along the Rogue Street Painting and Music Festival, scheduled Oct. 3-4 in Riverside Park, Grants Pass.

Also during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the RCC Wiseman Gallery and the Women's Crisis Support Team will host an art exhibit. The show will be up Sept. 28 through Oct. 30 and will feature posters created by area high school students.

The show will include Silent Witness, a multi-panel display of life-sized red wooden figures representing women who've been murdered in acts of domestic violence. The figures include a breastplate shield giving each woman's name and her story.

Silent Witness displays are part of an international initiative to promote peace, healing, and responsibility in adult relationships in order to eliminate domestic murders.

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