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Kenneth B Gallery opens to huge crowd



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Above, artist Stu Henderson, second from right, chats with a gallery guest during the grand opening of the new studio that featured his work as its first major exhibit. This shot was taken about a half-hour before the gallery was filled to capacity with visitors waiting outside. In the photo top left, gallery owner SK Lindsey, who is holding a giant pair of scissors, cuts the ribbon for her grand opening Saturday. She is surrounded by the Hendersons, ambassadors from the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, guests and business partners.

STORY AND PHOTOS
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Following on the heels of a new artists' group and art center opening north of town earlier this month, another gallery celebrated its grand opening Saturday, May 10.

In a refurbished old Florence landmark, once the public utilities building, more recently the Trading Post and other retail stores, Kenneth B Gallery opened its new bright red doors to the works of local artist Stuart Henderson and smaller exhibits by Robert Gene Ray, Shirley Hazlett and Brenda Louie. Music for the reception was provided by Florence Jazz Syndicate.

Most of the visitors seemed to have come to see

Henderson's paintings, most of which are done on large panels of Masonite board with abstract contemporary themes. Many guests mentioned how happy they were to welcome a gallery that featured contemporary art.

About an hour after it opened, the spaces were overflowing with guests, with many people waiting outside.

"I was absolutely astounded by the turnout," said gallery owner SK Lindsey. "I'm very proud. The people were fabulous. The band was fantastic." Lindsey praised a number of people who helped her make the gallery happen.

Lindsey said the event was also a fundraiser for the new radio station, KXCR, and about \$1,300 was collected. Also, three paintings sold on

Saturday. Henderson's work will remain on display through June 21.

The gallery owner said people can expect a lot more of the new gallery. She plans to add a print-making lab and a dinner movie theater in the near future. She has been holding off on definite plans until the city of Florence finalizes its revised parking codes for Old Town.

The concept for the theater would be a dinner seating for which customers would order their dinners online in advance from select participating restaurants. Those dinners would be delivered to the gallery where a movie will also be shown.

The Kenneth B Gallery is at 1458 First Street in Old Town; phone 541-999-5875.

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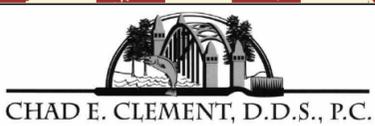


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