

Sal Strom to preview U.S. 20 art project

Local artist Sal Strom and co-creator Lynn Moyers will be holding a debut of their "Connecting U.S. 20" project this Sunday, Jan. 22, at 1 p.m. at Ocean Unity Church in Newport.

The purpose of this free project is to connect people through art, focusing on 22 libraries in small towns. Participants will connect multi-colored safety pins into necklaces, symbolizing solidarity and the linkage of communities across the country. Each participant will create one chain as a souvenir and a second chain to be shared with the next town.

Another part of this interactive event will include colorful cheesecloth to accentuate books by local authors. One of the project's goals is to focus on the importance of libraries in all communities.

The project will begin at Kenmore Square in Boston on May 1, returning to Newport via U.S. 20, on May 31. U.S. 20 is the nation's longest highway, stretching 3,365 miles across 12 states,

from Boston to Newport.

This project is in honor of Strom's late mother, Gracie Strom, who owned the popular Sea Hag restaurant and bar in Depoe Bay. Sal Strom said, "I want to share her colorful zest for life, her community service and her generosity across the county.

Those who want to be part of the first group to participate in this project are invited to attend Sunday's event. Ocean Unity Church is located at 834 SW Lee St. There is no cost to take part. For more information, call 541-574-6560.

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The project involves stops in communities located along U.S. 20, between Boston and Newport. (Courtesy photo)

