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FEC to 'Go Green' during annual Green Fair

"Living green" isn't just a catch phrase anymore. It's the direction more and more people are taking as the importance of protecting the environment becomes a growing focal point for the planet. While "living green"



once just meant sorting recyclables, it has evolved into making lifestyle changes that are environmentally friendly and sustainable. To further these efforts, the Siuslaw News, KCST Radio and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will host Florence's sixth-annual Green Fair on May 2.

Businesses will assemble at the Florence Events Center with information and displays demonstrating how consumers and businesses can choose products and take simple steps to create less waste, save money, be healthful to the environment and leave a smaller carbon footprint on the planet.

Whether it is about recycling, using less energy or protecting the soil, air and foods we eat, the Florence Green Fair will offer ideas and

solutions for adopting a greener lifestyle.

"Businesses will gather to show local consumers how to improve their lifestyle while preserving this planet," said Siuslaw News general manager Jenna Bartlett. "Children and adults will learn how easy it is to be environmentally friendly. Equally important, the show is an opportunity for vendors to introduce their products and services in a way that is meaningful to people who want to make such changes."

Vendors on hand for the fair will include Dr. Energy Saver, Organic Pest Control, Siuslaw Watershed, Coos Bay Toyota and Johnston Motors, Real Food Co-op, Lane Area Pollution and many others.

Exhibits, seminars and interactive



activities are scheduled through the day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 2.

Admission to the Florence Green Fair is \$3

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY

Gallery One:

"Children of the World" photo exhibit
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 LRP's "Putnam Spelling Bee" June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21
 FEC Indoor Yard Sale — June 27

Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon.
 Box Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays
 and 1 hour before major events



ONGOING EVENTS:
 Florence Rotary Club luncheon -
 Tuesdays at noon

Gallery One featuring 'Children of the World' photo exhibit



The Florence Events Center will feature the photography of Ginger Gouveia in Gallery One during the month of May. Gouveia has taken photography classes at Linn Benton Community College, as well as various photography and digital photography workshops at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology. She lives in Waldport, Ore., after retiring to the Oregon coast 14 years ago.

Gouveia is a member of Yaquina Art

Association and the Yachats Artist Guild, and her work has been exhibited at Gallery 34 in Waldport, various venues in Yachats, and in Florence. Her "Children of the World" exhibit has been previously exhibited at the Runyan Gallery and Sylvia Beach Hotel in Yachats, as well as venues in Corvallis and Portland.

"During travels to new cultures, I relish my connection with the children. With my lens, I try to capture the hope, joy and sometimes pain in their eyes," said Gouveia. "Many of these children face a world that is uncertain and



fearful, but through it all, their innocence and playfulness continues to shine through from their souls.

"With this exhibit, I hope to honor the dignity of children everywhere."



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Rhododendron Court to compete in talent showcase May 6

Continuing a tradition that began more than 100 years ago in 1908, five Siuslaw High School senior girls, four Siuslaw High School senior boys, one Mapleton Elementary School girl and four Siuslaw Elementary School girls will participate in the Rhododendron Festival's 2015 "Rock 'n' Rhody" themed Royal Court during Rhody Weekend (May 15-17.)

The Rhododendron Festival High School Court is comprised of five outstanding young

women: Trista Lane, Courtney King, Natalie Madden, Kennedy Roylance and Bailey Wells.

The four outstanding young men are Keoni Castro, Trey Cornish, Joseph Dotson and Jonathan Griffes. This is the Rhody Festival's second year with young men included in the scholarship competition.

Applicants had to provide references, fill out an application and describe their personal achievements and goals. They also said which

college they would prefer to attend. The mission of the Rhododendron Court program is to provide scholarships for higher education, to promote community outreach and volunteerism and to offer networking and mentoring opportunities to outstanding young women and young men in a program that perpetuates an appreciation for Rhododendron Festival history and tradition.

The Junior Court is comprised of five

young ladies: Alize Giselle Castellanos, Adelaide Ficcadenti, Ariana Galvan Mendez, Olivia Moore and Elizabeth Perez. Mendez represents the Mapleton School District.

Since early March, court members have been visiting community events, business leaders, senior living centers, youth organizations and civic groups as part of the program's commitment to community service.

Community Chorus to present 'Hooray for Hollywood'



At 2 p.m. on May 3, a unique musical performance titled "Hooray for Hollywood" will be presented by the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon (CCFO). The program, under the baton of interim director Paul Guthmuller, will include many songs from popular motion pictures of the past. In addition to a medley of favorite tunes, the chorus will sing several other unusual favorites, including the theme from the James Bond series of movies.

Special guests performing at the concert include Florence favorite the Flo Tones. In addition, The Siuslaw Children's Choir, consisting of students in grades three to six, will also perform. Elise Arnold will direct both the children's choir and the Chorus' James Bond theme.

The May concert will highlight the chorus' scholarship program, with this year's scholarship recipient(s) being announced during the concert.

Tickets are available at the Florence Event Center box office and are \$15 for adults, with children under 18 years of age admitted free.

For more information or tickets, call the FEC at 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org, or the Community Chorus at www.communitychorusflorenceor.org.



Bailey Wells



Courtney King



Joe Dotson



Jonathan Griffes



Kennedy Roylance



Keoni Castro



Natalie Madden



Trey Cornish



Trista Lane



Eugene Symphony offers special 'Florence-Only' concert

SEacoast Entertainment Association's sensational season of seven high-caliber performances wraps up on Friday, May 15, at 7 p.m., when the Eugene Symphony returns to present a special Florence-only "Orchestra Showcase."

This unique, one-time concert will include the music of Barber, Haydn, and Beethoven; and feature the Symphony's principal cellist Anne Ridlington. The Symphony will host a free pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m. to meet their audience and give insights on the evening's music. In addition, the Siuslaw High School band will perform in the lobby at 6:45 p.m.

According to Lindsey McCarthy, spokesperson for the Eugene Symphony Association, attendees will hear the Eugene Symphony at its very best, from the poignant emotions of the

strings in Barber's Adagio for Strings, to the cello-rich melodies of Haydn's Cello Concerto in D Major, to Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, "Pastorale" that pays tribute to the natural world and our existence within it.

Barber's Adagio for Strings is one of the most solemn and evocative pieces of

American music. It begins with a single, sustained note, eventually joined by the elongated melodies and extended suspensions that create a great unresolved harmonic tension.

Ridlington will play Haydn's gracefully athletic Concerto in her first solo spotlight. The piece begins with a long sonata form movement that develops two relaxed and lyrical melodies, and which allows for a long solo cadenza. The middle movement features a songlike melody from the cello, alternating with contrasting material. The concerto ends with high-spirited and flashy rondo.

The first movement of Beethoven's "Pastorale" begins with Awakening of Cheerful Feelings Upon Arriving in the Country. The following Scene by the Brook unfolds with aptly flowing grace. At the very end, Beethoven has woodwinds imitate birds with a flute as a nightingale, and oboe as a quail, and a clarinet as a cuckoo.

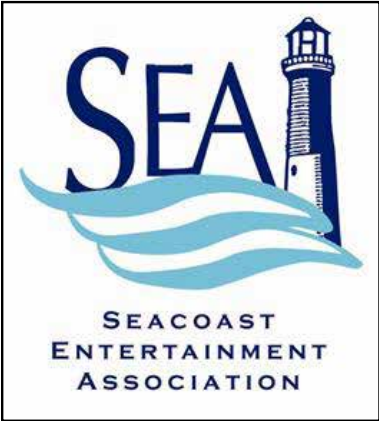
Individual tickets are \$30 per adult and \$10 for those under 18. Tickets are available online at SEacoastEA.org or at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince Street; or by phone at 541-997-1994. Artist profiles, video clips, and more



information are available at www.SeacoastEA.org.

SEacoast is planning another outstanding season beginning in October with Latin/pop/jazz/classical artists, QUATTROSOUND. Also included in the 2015-2016 line-up are singer Ken Lavigne, guitarist Jesse Cook, Ballet Fantastique, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, SHUFFLE (a group so multitalented they let the audience pick the playlist), and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America.

Season tickets, which offer a value of seven concerts for the price of five, go on sale later this spring.



'Why Don't You Do Right?' and come Celebrate classic female vocalists with Jazz Kings

The Jazz Kings close their 19th season with a focus on those great female vocalists who shared the stage with jazz ensembles who never made it to the stardom or mega-stardom enjoyed by Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald or Billie Holiday. But in fact, these phenomenal vocalists were stars in their own wonderful ways, as this sparkling evening will evidence!

The show, set for Saturday, May 9, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will include a few nods to Ella, Billie, and Peggy of course, before turning to exquisite sides by Anita O'Day, Julie London, Helen Ward, Marion Hutton, and Helen Forrest. Listen for "Cry Me A River," "Hold Tight," "The Peanut Vendor," "Goody, Goody," "Is That All There Is," "I Only Have Eyes For You" and "Why Don't You Do Right?"

Jazz Kings crooner Shirley Andress will lead this vocal trip to the past.

Rhodys to bloom at annual flower show May 16 and 17

The American Rhododendron Society's Siuslaw Chapter will host its annual Rhododendron Flower Show May 16 and 17. The flower show, which is a judged event, aims to educate and introduce the public to as many varieties of rhododendrons as possible. The show is free and open to the public as soon as judging is completed.

The flower show is a great place to find what flowers would look great in your garden and view varieties of both rhododendrons and azaleas from around the world. The Siuslaw Chapter also has an outdoor plant sale both days. Many selections of rhododendrons and azaleas are available for a reasonable price.



Doors are open Saturday, May 16, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FRAA artists to exhibit works during Rhododendron Festival



The FRAA will present its Rhododendron Days Arts Festival May 16 and 17. The exhibit will showcase an eclectic display of unique works of art and fine craftsmanship — many of which will be available for purchase. For more than five years, the FRAA Art Festival has attracted local artists as well as artisans from all around Oregon to participate and display their works. This special event at the Florence Events Center runs Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and again Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, with 10 percent of all sales benefiting the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Art Center.



Friends of Florence Events Center grant application deadline approaching

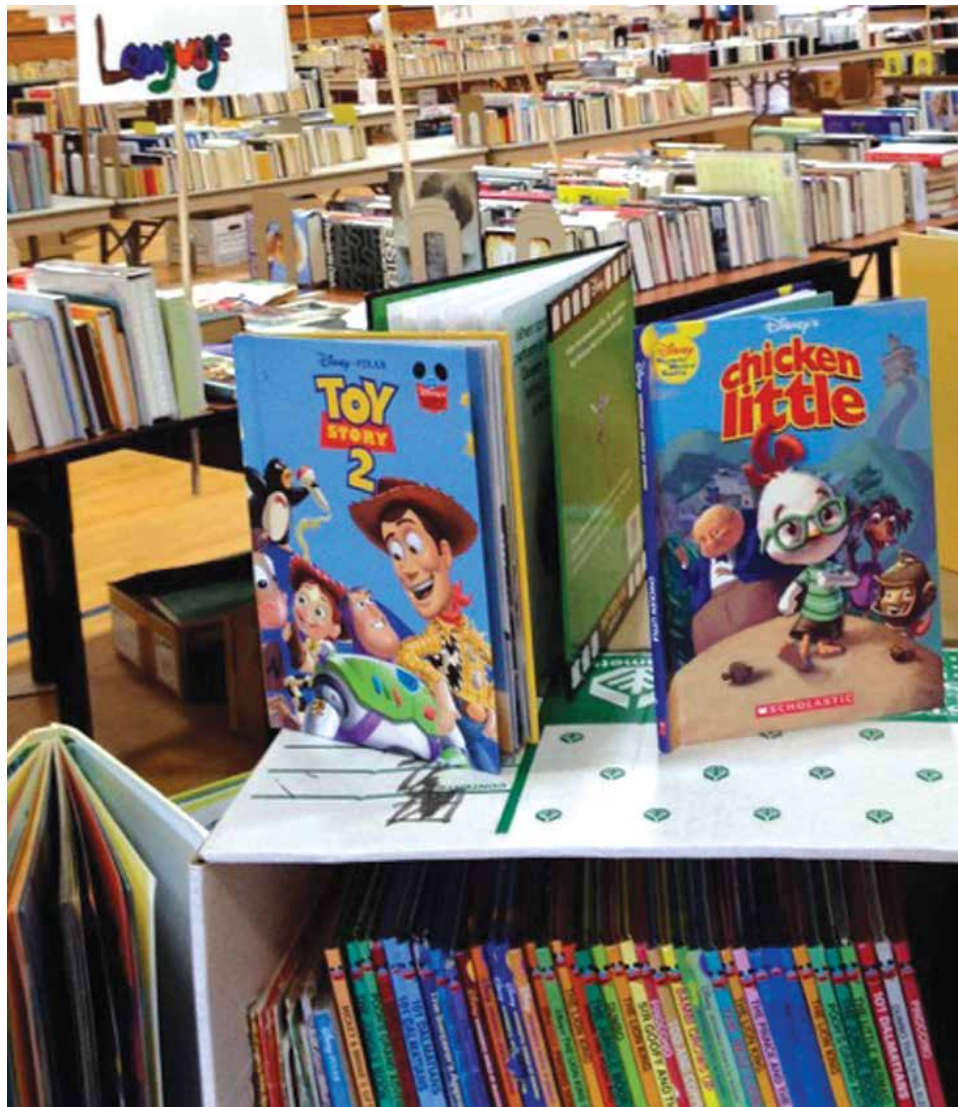
The Friends of the Florence Events Center performance grant applications are being accepted from 501(c)(3) performance groups that use the Florence Events Center. Fund requests up to \$700 are to be used for an event rental during the 2015-2016 season.

Applications are due in the FEC office by June 1.

More information is available from the FEC website at <http://www.eventcenter.org/general/page/friends-fec-grant-application>.



The exhibit will feature woodworking, as well as many different art mediums from artisans around the state



Read for the Need returns to FEC to help the hungry

The annual Read for the Need used book sale to benefit Florence Food Share will take place May 22 and 23. The sale, a creation of Siuslaw High School student Taylor Graham when he was still in primary school, has become a highly popular annual fundraiser for Florence Food Share.

The book sale will be held over the Memorial Day Weekend at the Florence Events Center, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 22, and again on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students at Siuslaw Elementary School are among those within in the community who collected books for the sale, with classes competing for prizes for the most books donated.

Anyone wishing to donate gently used books for adults or children can bring them to Florence Food Share any weekday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or drop them off at the Florence Events Center after 10 a.m. on Friday May 22.

For more information, call 541-997-9110.

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FloTones to perform concert 'For the Glory of Love'



"Glory of Love" musicians Lou Invernon, Marty Adams and Lynette Kristine. (Not shown: Ron Green and Randy Curtola)

The Benny Goodman 1936 hit tune recording "The Glory of Love" spawned many covers, including the 1969 Jimmy Durante version and Bette Midler's 1988 appearance in the movie "Beaches."

Florence's jazz ensemble singing group, the FloTones, will use the song's lyrics as a framework for its May 29 and 30 appearance at the Florence Events Center for the "The Glory of Love" concert. The lyrics cover the gamut from disappointment to euphoria that lovers experience.

Songs will included such favorites as "That Old Black Magic" and "As Time Goes By," mixed in with Bobby Troup's "The Meaning of the Blues" and Dave Brubeck's tricky "Take Five" (with lyrics by Brubeck and his wife, Iola).

The performance, which will be accompanied by a group led by Marty Adams, will feature more than 20 classic tunes.

Adams is a favorite Florence musician who will be backed by three veterans of previous FloTone performances, along with one relative newcomer. Trumpeter Ron Green, bassist Lynette Kristine and drummer Randy Curtola all appeared with the FloTones in its 2013 production of "Down Memory Lane."

For "The Glory of Love," the FloTones will be joined by woodwind player Lou Invernon, who brings outstanding music experience from 22 years of teaching band music in Sacramento, Calif. His professional career includes stints with the Barnum and Bailey circus band, the Ice Follies, the Dorsey Brothers, Artie Shaw and Nelson Riddle road bands, and as back up for such artists as Johnny Mathis and Ray Charles.

Seating for the two performances is limited. Tickets are available now for \$15 at the FEC Box Office.

For more information, call 541-997-1994.

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Siuslaw High School choirs, bands to host spring concerts

Music from the Siuslaw High School bands and choirs will fill the auditorium when they perform their year-end concerts on the Florence Events Center's main stage. A concert featuring each of Siuslaw's award-winning bands will key-up Monday, June 1. The following night, on Tuesday, June 2, the SHS choirs will gather to perform their singing talents with special, hand-picked student selections.

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

The choirs' Spring Pops Concert will

feature the high school Concert Choir, the student-driven A'Capelicans (A'Cappella group) and the Chamber Choir in a special themed show.

On both nights, there will be solo and group acts by many individuals from the school's award-winning music programs. This concert will highlight SHS seniors in their final high school performance, as well as recognize some of the outstanding musicians and what they've accomplished throughout the year.



Coastal Fitness to present annual spring show June 4

On Thursday, June 4, starting at 6:30 p.m., the Florence Events Center will come alive again with jumping and tumbling fun from Coastal Fitness gymnasts. This year marks the 20th annual show and will spotlight skills and talents of Florence's youth of all ages. Expect to be inspired by the dreams of young people whose tumbling routines will be filled with enthusiasm, energy and fun effects. Come enjoy a wide array of abilities, color, costumes

and themes with a few surprises mixed in as the participants show their skills.

The show is choreographed by Myrna Clark, a 30-year gymnastic coach and judge from Washington. She is assisted by Deena Mitchell, Brynne Sapp, Sarah Holdren, Erin Linton, Ivy Clement, Natalie Madden, Angie Herring, Lori Johnson, Tracy Markley and Bonnie Coombs.

The show will also be polished by several

dance numbers from "Time and Tide Dance Company" taught at Coastal Fitness by Laura Brandon.

All performers featured have trained at Coastal Fitness and Aquatics, where gymnastics, trampoline and dance classes are offered to children ages three and older.

Pre-sale tickets are available at Coastal Fitness and the Florence Events Center for \$8 each or \$10 the night of the performance.

The public is welcome to come and enjoy a wonderful evening.

For more information about the performance, or summer classes and swim lessons, call Coastal Fitness at 541-997-8086.



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LRP cast set for June production of 'Spelling Bee'



From left: Elizabeth Rose, Tamara Cole and Jesse Reeves prepare for competition in LRP's "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

The cast for The Last Resort Players' production of the adult comedy "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will take the main stage for six performances at the Florence Events Center. Show dates will be June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21.

Among the cast are local theater veterans and some fresh new faces that will delight audience with wit and humor. "Chip Tolentino" by Jesse Reeves; "Logainne Schwartzandgrubenniere" by Elizabeth Rose; "Leaf Coneybear" by Matthew Korso; "William Barfee" by Jason Wood; "Marcy Park" by Erin Reinke; "Olive Ostrovsky" by Tamara Cole; "Rona Lisa Perretti" by Hillary Roach; and "Mitch Mahoney" by Jacob Temyik

In this riotous play, an eclectic group of six

mid-pubescents (played by an all-adult cast) vie and conspire for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home life, the 'tweeners spell their way through a series of (potentially made-up) words hoping to never hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake.

Six spellers enter; only one speller leaves.

Show times are as follows: June 12 and 13 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee June 14; June 19 and 20 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee June 21.

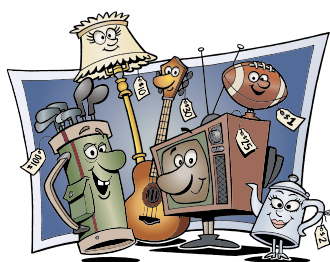
Tickets are \$15 and are available at the FEC box office, or by calling 541-997-1994.



Find your treasures at FEC's next Indoor Yard Sale

Be the first in line when doors open for the ever-popular spring Indoor Yard Sale at the FEC June 27, beginning at 8 a.m. Coffee will be waiting for early-bird shoppers, along with booth after booth of treasures ranging from \$1 bargain items to antiques, tools, collectibles, prints, table linens, glass, jewelry, miniatures, art, music, needlework, books, household items, sporting goods, neon signs, clothing, shoes, furniture, appliances, vintage glass and more. Sign-ups for booths are June 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the FEC

Though the doors will close at 2 p.m., you could leave with the find of a lifetime!



FEC's mobile-friendly site makes it easy to find fun this summer



Want to stay plugged in to what's happening with arts and entertainment at the Florence Events Center this spring and summer? The FEC's mobile-friendly website makes it easy! Visitors can check event calendars, view performer photos and order tickets on their smart phones and other mobile devices. A photo carousel on the home page displays previews of upcoming events and performances for the

next 10 events. Look ahead, plan ahead and order ahead in just minutes. Users can click on a carousel photo and go directly to the detail page with information about that event and others in the carousel. In addition, a new map feature helps out-of-town visitors find the FEC's exact location, as well as locate hotels and restaurants in town with easy-to-use hyperlinks.

"We've made our website totally user-

friendly so that visitors feel welcome and can find us easily," says FEC director Kevin Rhodes. "We want everyone, both in and out of Florence, to enjoy the many features and activities we have to offer."

Bookmark www.eventcenter.org and stay in touch with what's happening at Florence's hot spot for arts, entertainment and cultural events all year long.