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# Gallery One to feature unique art of Morgan Johnson through August

The FEC is offering the public a unique glimpse of Fractionalist Art by artist Morgan Johnson during the month of August. This style, developed by Johnson, is a mixture of both Cubism and Pointillist color theory, and evolved from his experience of media's use of digital representation.

With the advent of computer and television pixilation, the use of colored dots on black and dark background, the artist notes that our everyday lives are presented with "fractured" images, both in printed and moving media. This breaking of line and form into contrasting blocks of color invite a reinterpretation of what defines an image.

Johnson attended the Lycee du Universite au Dijon in Dijon, France,

receiving a certificate of Foreign Studies in Culture. He then attended the University of California, San Diego, where he received his bachelor's degree in psychology.

His work includes use of oil, watercolor and other media, palette knife, collage and encaustic painting. His works in impressionism, divisionism and Fractalist painting have been the object of his awards and shows.

"Most works are inspired by the natural world and man's manipulation of it, and they attempt to capture the poetic moments of life," said Johnson, who has completed several murals. Two are located at the UCSD campus in La Jolla, with one a competition design winner for Discovery Hall, Revelle College. He has been published in many books and magazines, including the National Library of Poetry, Who's Who in the West, the California Art Review and American Artists: A Survey of Leading Contemporaries.

The artist's books include "Condemned to a Life of Painting Pretty Pictures," "Trees of Other Colors, Selected Poems," "Circle of the White Buffalo," "Future Present" and "Memories of Aunt Aura."

His work has appeared in the last four



decades in many juried shows across the nation.

Johnson's website, [www.morganjart.com](http://www.morganjart.com), offers information on additional artwork and accomplishments.

An artist reception will be held for

Johnson in the Florence Events Center's Gallery One on Sunday, Aug. 2, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The public is invited to come and meet the artist, view his amazing art and enjoy refreshments.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AUGUST

- Siuslaw Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner/ Auction — Aug. 1
- Concealed Weapons Training — Aug. 5
- Second Star Festival — Aug. 8 and 9
- Spirit Mountain Grant Writing Workshop — Aug. 12
- 18th Annual Coin Show — Aug. 15 and 16
- Cavy Show — Aug. 22
- LRP's "Whose Wives Are They Anyway?" — Aug. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30

## SEPTEMBER

- Model Car Show — Sept. 12
- Florence Festival of Books — Sept. 26

## OCTOBER

- Good Life Boomer and Senior Expo — Oct. 1
- Oktoberfest — Oct. 3
- Cascadia Opera — Oct. 4



**ONGOING EVENTS:**  
Florence Rotary Club luncheon -  
Tuesdays at noon

## Siuslaw Athletics Boosters to host annual auction, dinner

The 10th annual Siuslaw Booster Club Athletic Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. Guests can enjoy a delicious meal, followed by the ever-popular Dessert Dash. Guests can also peruse thousands of dollars' worth of auction items ranging from original art to getaways, as well as many regional and local goods and services.

Proceeds from the auction go to benefit the athletic departments of Siuslaw middle and high schools.



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# Find your creative spark amid merriment, mirth Aug. 8 and 9

For the first time, the Florence Events Center will play host to the Second Star Festival, which brings together more than 40 vendors

showcasing wares meant to inspire, spark the imagination and foster creativity. Activities will include acoustic musicians, local and regional art, kids events, inspirational talks about the creative process and more.



Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8, and last until 10 p.m. There will be a break from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for visitors to grab dinner, followed by a performance in the auditorium by Tricky Pixie, as well as a film by critically acclaimed puppeteer and filmmaker Touby Froud.

Tricky Pixie is a fusion of talents from a musical trio that

blends a myriad of instruments, strings, voices and drums to perform songs about pirates, dancing satyrs, gypsies and pixies to create a unique musical and visual experience. The film “Lessons Learned,” by Froud and his team of puppeteers at Stripey Pajamas Productions, is the story of a boy who is surprised by special treatment from his grandfather during his annual birthday visit — when he presents the boy with an intriguing gift offering adventure and other-worldly experiences.

The merriment continues Sunday, Aug. 9, with more music, mirth and creative mayhem from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The underlying theme of the festival is “Find Your Creative Spark!” There are endless ways to be innovative. You don’t have to draw, paint or play an instrument to be inspirational to the world around you. Creativity can show itself through building robots, making short films, dancing, or creating just about anything your imagination discovers. Creativity truly takes on any form that you give it. The Second Star Festival is here to support and help sustain

every person’s Creative Path. Come garner the inspiration you need to find your creative spark, then find It and share it with the world.

There will be two days and one evening filled to the brim with phenomenal local and regional artisans, workshops, Talks From the Flight Deck, kids’ activities/workshops, puppetry, South Eugene Robotics Team, Steve La Riccia’s Interactive Steampunk Art Pieces, Eugene Bhangra Dance Group, Eugene Taiko Drum Ensemble, daytime acoustic musicians and an amazing Saturday evening Airship Cabaret (nighttime concert) including Toby Froud’s new film, “Lessons Learned.” There will also be several interactive vending booths, such as reiki, massage, fairy hair and face painting.

Family weekend full-access pass for 4 is \$90; Individual weekend full-access pass is \$45; Family weekend day pass for 4 is \$50; Tickets for Saturday concert and film are \$20; Individual Saturday day pass: under 6 is free; age 11-17 is \$7, adults \$15 and seniors \$10.



## Spirit Mountain to offer guidance for nonprofit grant writing

An opportunity for representatives of area nonprofit organizations to meet, ask questions and share concerns with three of the largest community trusts in Oregon will be held at the Florence Events Center.

The workshop, called Meet the Funders Gathering, is a Rural Community Outreach Event for southwest Lane County. It will be held Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Representatives from The Meyer Memorial Trust, The Oregon Community Foundation and Spirit Mountain Community Fund will be on hand to share priorities for funding requests and to answer questions from participants.

This is a gathering that will help funders from these organizations to become better informed about the many challenges and opportunities that exist in rural communities. It also provides rural nonprofits the opportunity to meet funders and gain a better understanding of grant application processes, funding priorities and to ask questions.

Sally Yee, program officer of the Meyer Memorial Trust, Jeff Geiger, program officer, Oregon Community Foundation and Louis King, program coordinator for Spirit Mountain Community Fund will hold a “Meet the Funder’s Panel” from 1 to 3 p.m. Grant-writing fundamentals will follow from 3 to 4 p.m.

There will be light refreshments provided.

Registration is required and space is limited to about 45 participants. The event draws representatives from nonprofit organizations from throughout Southwest Lane County, so early registration is essential. Register or send your contact information and registration request to Louis King at [louis.king@thecommunityfund.com](mailto:louis.king@thecommunityfund.com). Contact information should include name, telephone

number, email address and the organization that you represent.

For more information or to register by phone, call King at 503-879-1462.

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# Who and what is SEAc coast entertainment association?



Back in 1980, a group of Florence residents got together to explore ways to bring first-quality, affordable entertainment to town. Their efforts soon paid off and the newly-formed Florence Performing Arts Association's first season brought three classical musical groups to Florence that played to sold-out audiences in a local school auditorium.

Audiences soon outgrew the school's

seating capacity, so concerts were held at other venues around town. Concert seasons expanded from three to seven shows. The group became SEAc coast Entertainment Association and began producing concerts at the then-brand new Florence Events Center (FEC) in 1997.

In its time, the group has produced several hundred concerts featuring international-caliber acts that sell out some of the world's greatest concert venues coming to Florence. The all-volunteer, not-for-profit group is currently the largest provider of talent, event funding, and diversity of entertainment for the FEC.

In addition, the group coordinates community outreach programs so that many of the performers can get involved with local schools, senior communities, and the public at large. Many of those occur as pre-concert talks — semi-structured meet-and-greet affairs immediately before each show — so performers can get to know their audience, and vice-versa. Outreach also includes artist appearances at retirement communities, "master classes" taught by professional musicians at local schools, and interactive acting sessions with kids.

"We try to bring a part of the experience to those who can't get to the FEC, and enrich the lives of those who have a special appreciation for the arts," says board member Nancy Pearson.

SEAc coast's board currently has 13 community members who serve staggered three-year terms and oversee operational functions such as programming, production, finance, marketing, and fundraising. Those interested in serving on SEAc coast's board can contact them via e-mail at [info@seacoastea.org](mailto:info@seacoastea.org) or through the FEC box office at 541-997-1994.

"When searching for acts to bring to Florence, SEAc coast board members look first for outstanding technical talent, professional achievement, tastefulness, audience appeal, and depth and breadth of performance," explains Pearson. "We're not looking for nightclub acts

or tribute bands. The casino excels at that. The local Winter Folk Festival does a great job of bringing performers from the folk genre, so we try not to step on their toes. We lean more toward symphonic, operatic, classic or light jazz, brass, string quartets, and guitar performers who offer entertaining on-stage energy and enthusiasm, and an entertaining interaction with the audience."

"For 35 years SEAc coast Entertainment Association has provided Florence with world-class entertainment at affordable prices — from household names to undiscovered gems," adds Pearson. "From classics to jazz, from eclectic to electric, from ballet to big band, you will love this season's variety. There's definitely something for everyone."

The season features international-caliber Latin/pop/jazz/classical artists, Quattrosound, popular singer Ken Lavigne, guitarist Jesse Cook, Ballet Fantastique, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Shuffle Concert (a group so multitalented they let the audience pick the playlist), and gypsy-jazz artists The New Hot Club of America. In addition, SEAc coast is partnering with popular author and speaker Bob Welch to offer tickets for the October 18 debut of his new stage show, Bob Welch & Friends.

Season ticket holders are guaranteed a reserved seat at all SEAc coast performances, giving them substantial savings over the price of single performance tickets. SEAc coast's season ticket package is \$150, or about \$20 per concert. Individual



tickets for each performance are \$30 and individual tickets for youth under 18 are \$10.

Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips, and more information are available at [SEAc coastEA.org](http://SEAc coastEA.org). Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St., or by phone at 541-997-1994.



## Have an impact on local arts: volunteering or become a Friends of the FEC member

Want to support the local arts and the many activities at the Florence Events Center? Consider a donation of time, talent or dollars by volunteering or becoming a Friends of the FEC member! The FEC couldn't exist without the support of its many volunteers, who contribute more than 6,000 hours each year helping with daily operations and events. Volunteers assist with everything from lighting and sound for theater shows and musical events, to ushering, working the ticket booth and volunteering at the reception desk.

In addition, community members who are unable to volunteer but who want to contribute can either make a specific monetary donation or become a Friends of the FEC member for \$15 per year. Membership has its privileges, the most valuable of which is being a part of what allows the Florence Events Center to be home to dozens of unique artistic experiences every season.

For information of how to become a Friends member, volunteer or make a donation, call the office at 541-997-1994.



# That jingling means it's time for the 18th annual Coin show



Man has used some form of coin in exchange for goods and services for more than 2,000 years, from the Romans to the Aztecs. At the 18th annual Coin and Stamp Show, nearly 50 vendors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and as far away as Connecticut will be exhibiting, trading and selling coins from around the world. On hand will be U.S. territorial gold coins, as well as coins from Greece, Italy, the Middle East and more.

“Buy, Sell or Trade” is the theme. For anyone who is new to coin collecting, or who has never been to a major coin show, here are a few tips to make the show more enjoyable:

- Plan to arrive early in the day rather than later. This will allow plenty of time to look at all the exhibits and talk with dealers.

- Bring a good coin guide with prices for reference. There will be many coin dealers at the show. Find out who can offer the best value by having the current pricing chart handy and visible.

- Bring a notebook or use the memo function in your smart phone to keep track of contact information for dealers you may want to contact again in the future.

The show will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 16., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free to the public and coin appraisals will be available.

For more information, contact Dennis Hankins at 541-401-0949, or Terry Woodward at 541-997-2682.



## You say Guinea Pig, I say Cavy — find out the difference Aug. 22

The Florence Events Center will be alive with the happy squeal of Cavies (Guinea Pigs) and their enthusiasts when the Oregon Cavy Breeders Society hosts its annual Cavy Show Aug. 22.

Local owners and breeders will be bringing their favorite cavies to be judged and assessed for their quality. Top winners will be awarded prizes. In addition there will be a youth cavy show open to the public. “Our youth have some beautiful examples of cavies,” said last year’s organizer Manetta Deggleman. “Everyone is invited to see why we love our

animals, and why we have so much fun.”

Though there are 13 breeds of Guinea pig, only a few breeds are commonly found off the show table as pets. The short-hair, Abyssinian, Peruvian and Sheltie (aka Silkie) breeds are those most frequently seen as pets.

Here’s a quick look at how to determine the difference:

**Short Haired:** The short coated cavy — often called the American, Self, or English — has consistently short, glossy hair without a part.

**Abyssinian:** Known for its short, rough coat that has cowllicked rosettes of hair.

**Peruvian:** The Peruvian is the progenitor of all modern long-haired breeds, being a Guinea pig with hair that grows long continuously all over its body, — sometimes to an excess of 20 inches.

**Silkie or Sheltie:** A Silkie has long hair that flows back over its body and never forward over the face (as in the Peruvian).

**Texel:** Like a Silkie, but with curls. “We welcome questions about our little friends at this show or any of our many shows around the state,” said Deggleman.





# 'Whose Wives Are They Anyway?' Come find out this beginning August 22

"It's About Time Productions" will present "Whose Wives Are They Anyway?," an American farce by Michael Parker, directed by Judy Adams. You'll recognize three of the cast members from their performance in the 2013 It's About Time Productions comedy, "Leading Ladies."

Come out and see Dr. John Bachmann as "David McGachen," the scheming executive who must produce a wife in a moment's notice; Cathy Dupont as "Mrs. Carlson," the uptight manager of the golf resort who doesn't tolerate shenanigans

of any sort; and Chuck Knorr as the ever aching handyman "Wilson," who can't seem to figure out why the phones don't work.

Other familiar faces include Scott Weiss, as the easily manipulated "John Baker," who is not always himself; Judy Matheny as his sniveling wife, "Laura," who just wants to go home; and Nancy Gascich as the nosey boss from the Ashley Maureen Cosmetics Company, "D.L. Hutchison."

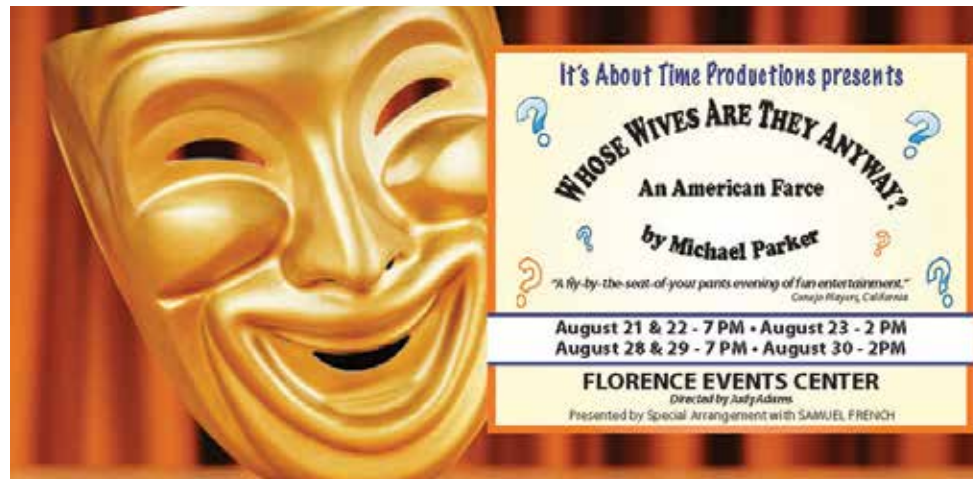
New to the stage are Siobhan Devaney as David's wife, "Karly," whose got a plan up her sleeve, and Jessica Williams as "Tina," the desk clerk who becomes involved

in much more than registering her guests.

This comedy show will be performed on the main stage of the Florence Events Center August 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m., and Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and available online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

You can also purchase tickets at the box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or call 541-997-1994.



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# Model cars to shine at collectors show

For the fourth year, the Pacific Northwest Model Car Contest, Display and Swap Meet will



roll into the Florence Events Center, bringing with it some of the most impressive model cars from throughout the region. The event will take place Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cars of all classifications, assembled by model-makers of all ages, will be on display, with many competing in one of the many divisions available. The show also offers a chance to talk with top modelers and area vendors, as well as swap creations with others — or just come to look.

Modelers of all ages are welcome to participate. Awards will be presented in 14 different classes, with a number of special awards that will be given.

Vendors can rent an exhibit table for \$30 with advance registration, or \$35 on the day of the show. Contact Michael Carroll for registration or other information at 541-997-9747.

“This event is quickly becoming the premier model event on the West Coast,” Carroll says.



## Call to artists for ‘Splash of Color’ at FEC

The Friends of the Florence Events Center and the FEC’s gallery committee invite artists to display their artistic creations at the FEC during the months of September and October for a show titled: A Splash of Color. The exhibit will include 2-D art, photography and 3-D art. September and October are filled

with scheduled activities at the FEC, offering artists great exposure for their artwork.

The cost to exhibit is \$20 per rod, and each rod can hold up to three pieces of artwork, depending on size. An artist may also purchase more than one rod if they wish. In the locked display case, artists can display up

to three pieces of 3-D artwork for \$20, as size allows.

Applications and guidelines are available online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org), or at the FEC Office, 715 Quince, which is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artwork should be delivered to the FEC’s Gallery One

on Friday, Aug. 28, between 9 and 11 a.m.

An artists’ reception will be held for all exhibiting artists, their families, friends and the community Sept. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information, email [cignatieff@live.com](mailto:cignatieff@live.com) or call the FEC office at 541-997-997-1994.

## Florence Festival of Books invites all to ‘meet the authors’

Approximately 70 authors from the Northwest and beyond will be on hand during the 5th Annual Florence Festival of Books sponsored by the Friends of the Florence Events Center. The festival will take place Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the festival, attendees can chat with authors and publishers, as well as buy their latest books.

For authors or publishers who would like to be a part of the festival, registration is now open. Author tables range in price from \$50 to \$90, depending on the number of authors at each table. Applications are available online at [www.florencefestivalofbooks.org](http://www.florencefestivalofbooks.org). Deadline for registration is Sept. 1.

Space is limited, so reserve your table

early.

The book fair will feature at least six publishers. In addition, writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many genres: fiction, non-fiction, memoir, children’s literature, fantasy, mystery, young adult, poetry and more. Nearly 20 of the authors in attendance will be local residents. Authors will also give presentations and readings from their books throughout the day. Kevin Rhodes, events center director, said the annual event has grown every year. “It’s not only a good opportunity for increased exposure for the authors and publishers, but it serves as a great networking tool as well.”

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 25, a panel discussion on the publishing process will be offered from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Following the discussion, best-selling author Jane Kirkpatrick will be a featured guest speaker at 7 p.m. Kirkpatrick is the author of critically acclaimed books such as “Where Lilacs Still Bloom” and “The Daughter’s Walk.”

There is no admission on the day of the festival, Sept. 26. Cost for admission to Jane Kirkpatrick’s program on Sept. 25 is \$8. For more information or to reserve a table, call the FEC at 541-997-1994 or visit [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org). Authors interested in finding out more about the festival can visit [www.florencefestivalofbooks.org](http://www.florencefestivalofbooks.org).



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# Like lederhosen and good beer? Oktoberfest is for you!

Authentic German food, beer and entertainment are staples of the annual Oktoberfest, which is set for Saturday, Oct. 3. German bands, Scandinavian dancers and Polka playing accordions will make up a full day of entertainment for the entire family.

The fun starts at 8 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Florence Kiwanis Club until 11 a.m.

Last year, more than 700 people were treated to authentic German food — bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, apple strudel, German chocolate and more — along with beer and lots of entertainment. For example, gather with the crowd to watch the Weiner Dog Races in the afternoon, with awards handed out to the top Dachshunds in several categories. In addition, You'll have three chances to hear Oktoberfest favorite the Alpine Echoes Band, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Other entertainment will include Sam's Polka Gems, the Tirolean Dancers and the Scandia Dancers.

There will be fun activities for the little ones, including balloon tying and face painting. During the entire festival participants can enjoy German beer, brats, plus local wines and other delicious authentic German food, served up by local nonprofit organizations.

Bring the whole family and meet friends you've never met before, or dress up in your best German attire. So dust off that lederhosen and join the fun!



## FEC's mobile-friendly site makes it easy to find fun through summer and beyond

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](http://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.

