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Fall 'Splash of Color' in Gallery One



The Florence Events Center and the Friends of FEC Gallery Committee will share an exhibit of talented local and regional artists entitled, "A Splash of Color." Among the artwork on display will be the colorful blown glass work of Marion Hall, photographs by Ken

McDougal, as well as art from Gene Olson, Jaroslav Lupinek, Richard Reynolds, Ronald Hildenbrand, Kate Alexander and Claudia Ignatieff.

The exhibit, which opened in September, will be on display through Oct. 29.

Blown glass created by Marion Hal, along with photography by Ken McDougal will be featured, with other local artists at the "Splash of Color" exhibit at the FEC in September and October.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

Splash of Color exhibit through Oct. 29
 Good Life Senior Expo — Oct. 1
 Oktoberfest — Oct. 3
 Cascadia Opera — Oct. 4
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NOVEMBER

Firearms Training — Nov. 5
 Season of Caring exhibit reception — Nov. 14
 LRP's production of "Chicago" — Nov. 6-8 and 13-15
 Ken Lavigne concert — Nov. 21



ONGOING EVENTS:
 Florence Rotary Club luncheon - Tuesdays at noon

Seniors, Boomers: Learn tips, services to enjoy 'The Good Life'

People are living longer, healthier and more productive lives than in any time in human history. How do we make the most of our lives in those later years? The Florence Events Center and Siuslaw News will host the third annual Good Life Senior Expo, an event for baby boomers, seniors, caregivers and their friends and family members, on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The expo will feature a diverse range of exhibitors, along with entertainment and several informative seminars. The expo's goal is to help people age 50 and older to manage and enhance all aspects of their lives. The FEC will be full of vendors with products, services and resources tailored to seniors and boomers. In addition, the Good Life will include free admission and door prizes.

"We have a diverse senior population in this community and we hope the Good Life Senior Expo offers new and creative ways to meet the needs of these residents," said Jenna Bartlett, committee co-chairwoman and Siuslaw News publisher. "We have programs for active seniors who are looking for everything from new

fitness activities to financial services, or information and tips for those who need assistance getting around safely and affordably."

Come spend the day and learn how various businesses can help make the most of their retirement years.



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Grab your lederhosen and a good beer — Oktoberfest is here!

Authentic German food, beer and entertainment will be on tap for the annual Oktoberfest, with festivities set for Saturday, Oct. 3. German bands, Scandinavian dancers and Polka playing accordions are just parts of a full day offering entertainment for the entire family.

Last year, more than 700 people celebrated with authentic German food — bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, apple strudel, German chocolate and more — along with beer and lots of entertainment. Gather with the crowd to watch the fleet-footed (use your imagination) Weiner Dog Races in the afternoon, with awards handed out to the top Dachshunds in several categories. In addition, there will be 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, the Scandia Dancers and a booth from Atlas Cider of Bend will be selling cider.

The fun starts at 8:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast hosted by the Florence Kiwanis Club until 11 a.m.

There will be fun activities for the little ones in a Kinder-corner, until 4 p.m., 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!

The event is hosted by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.



Cascadia Concert Opera to present Mozart masterpiece 'Giovanni' Oct. 4

Cascadia Concert Opera will conclude its 2015 season with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni" on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3 p.m.

The concert will be presented with piano accompaniment. A groundbreaking serio-comic masterpiece, Mozart's "Don Giovanni" recounts the story of a wealthy, charismatic Lothario who recklessly seduces a multitude of women only to meet his rightful yet untimely fate. Arguably the pinnacle of Mozart's collaborations with librettist Lorenzo da Ponte, the opera offers an incisive and ironic perspective on the duplicitous nature of humanity.

The concert will be presented in English, with piano accompaniment. The convergence of Mozart's exquisite

musical development and da Ponte's vulgar depiction of the Don Juan myth results in a complex and electrifying opera that exemplifies Mozart's mastery of the form.

Currently in its seventh season, Cascadia Concert Opera is a non-profit performing arts organization based in Eugene. Showcasing some of the finest local and regional talent, Cascadia has a unique identity as a touring ensemble, presenting opera in intimate venues throughout the Northwest.

Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$10 for students. Purchase them by phone at 541-888-968-4086, online at www.eventcenter.org, or at the door.

Quattrosound kicks off SEAc coast season with exciting musical fusion

SEAc coast Entertainment Association's 2015-2016 concert season begins Friday, at 7 p.m., Oct. 9, with Latin Grammy-nominated Quattrosound, an innovative ensemble that blends Latin pop, jazz and classical music into a new genre called "Popzzical." Quattrosound is raising the bar of originality while paying homage to the classics and forging a contemporary new sound. Individually, the talented musicians of Quattrosound have earned a well-established and highly respected presence in the recording and live performance industries in Los Angeles.

Together they combine their love for various musical styles and cultural backgrounds to create the incredible new sound they are sharing with the world. Music critics from across the country have described the group's musical fusion as "...bursting with intellect, passion and virtuosity, but sounding like nothing you've heard before," and "...original and fun arrangements, and palpable chemistry on stage make for phenomenal performances."

The next concert in SEAc coast's 2015-2016 season after Quattrosound will be Nov. 21 and will feature Ken Lavigne, who has performed on many world stages, including New York's Carnegie Hall and in England for Prince Charles.

"SEA's 2015-2016 lineup promises to deliver yet another outstanding concert season," said SEA president Ernie Doud.

This season features 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.

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

According to Doud, the best way to enjoy all of these amazing shows is with the \$150 season ticket package.

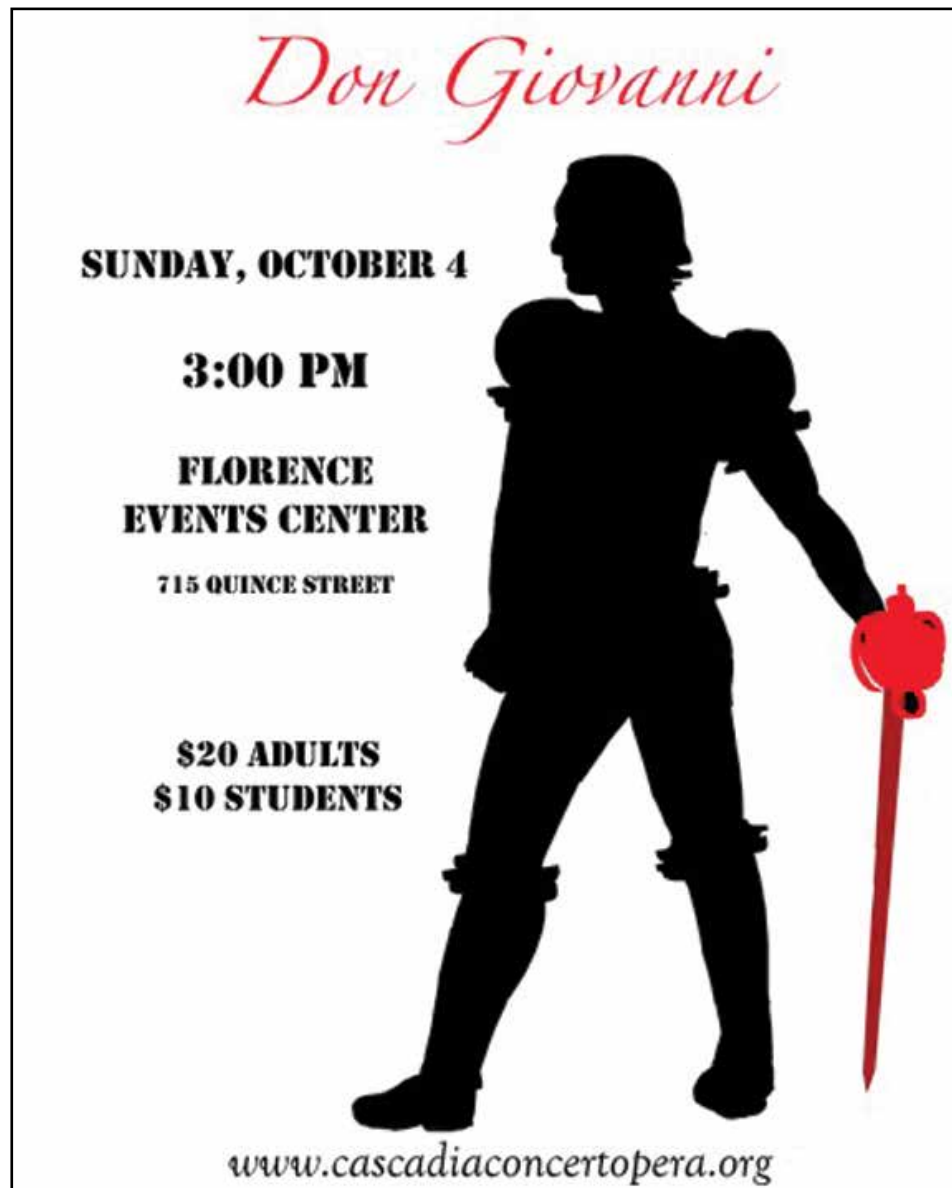
"Individual concert tickets are \$30 each, so that's a per-show savings of more than \$8," said Doud. "As a season subscriber you can enjoy all seven concerts for the price of five individual shows, and you get the same great seats at every performance."

This season, four performers will participate in SEAc coast's community enrichment program. Several will offer master classes or narrative performances for local school districts, as well as visits to retirement and senior care facilities.

In addition, the award-winning, nationally-recognized educational theatre company, Living Voices, will again collaborate with the Siuslaw School District to bring history to life in the classroom.

Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips, and more information are available at SEAc coastEA.org.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince Street, or by phone at 541-997-1994.



Don Giovanni

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

3:00 PM

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The poster features a black silhouette of Don Giovanni, a man in 18th-century attire, holding a red sword. The text is arranged in a clean, sans-serif font, with the title in a red script font.



FEC stage to sizzle with Northern Lights Fall Tour Flamenco dancing

Seattle-based Flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show, Northern Lights Fall Tour to The Florence Events Center Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Spanish Flamenco encompasses the full spectrum of human emotion in its three key elements: Song, guitar and its signature percussive instrument: dance.

Fuentes will be joined by singing sensation and crooner Juanarito from Spain.

Fuentes and Juanarito will be accompanied by Latin-style guitarist Bobby de Sofia. Originally from Bulgaria, Sofia discovered Flamenco while in Los Angeles and continued his studies in Andalusia with artists such as Pedro



Viscomi and Paco Arroyo. He currently performs regularly at the various Flamenco clubs in the Los Angeles area.

Born in Seattle to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry, Fuentes began her studies in Seattle and continued in Spain with dancers such as Belen Maya and Cristobal Reyes.

She currently tours throughout the western United States and has independently produced over 250

presentations and workshops featuring internationally recognized Flamenco singers.

Don't miss this chance to experience the enchantment of Flamenco in an intimate setting.

Tickets are \$23, with VIP seating available for \$35; student tickets are \$15, with youth tickets available for \$8 at www.brownpapertickets.com.



THE SLEEPING BEAUTY

Eugene Ballet Company to bring classic 'Beauty' to FEC main stage



Eugene Ballet Company's 36th performing season awakens to one of the great ballets of all time. The Sleeping Beauty is for kids, parents, grandkids and grandparents, and everyone who loves fairy tales, Tchaikovsky, tutus and tiaras. This timeless story delights with classical variations and magical characters set in a mythical land, starring Fairies, the White Cat and Puss in Boots, the Bluebirds, the wicked fairy Carabosse and, of course, Sleeping Beauty and her Prince.

This classic ballet tale will be performed Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$30. Purchase them by phone at 541-888-968-4086, online at www.eventcenter.org, or at the door.



Award-winning author, speaker Bob Welch to make Florence appearance with 'Friends'



When his 2014 debut show at the Hult Center sold out a month in advance, Bob Welch made a mental note last October: Two shows for 2015.

But that won't be the case this fall. Instead, he and his expanded cast and crew will actually offer three shows, including one at the Florence Events Center on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. Umpqua Bank is presenting all three events, with the cooperation of the Seacoast Entertainment Association for the Florence event.

"I'm already pumped about this fall's shows," says the author, speaker and former full-time Register-Guard columnist. "We blend stories, songs, images and — yep — s'mores to create a one-of-a-kind evening that honors the best of the human spirit. We tickle some funny bones, tug on some heart strings and generally have some fun."

Last year's focus was on community and families. This year, the focus will be "My Oregon," so-named for Welch's book series of Register-Guard columns titled as such, the third of which will be released this month.

"This is not The Welches' Oregon Vacation Slide Show," says Welch. "This is an exploration of the soul of this place we call home. An experiencing of Oregon through all the senses. An examination of the relationship between us and the land."

In the four-part show — The High

Desert, The Mountains, The Valley, The Coast — Welch and Co. will find the humor in Oregon, the heart-stirring stuff of Oregon, "the things that make us like no other place on earth," he says.

Beyond Welch's storytelling, the "My Oregon" show will feature:

- The Eugene Symphony's Dale Bradley and trio, whose music bridges his stories.
- Comedic poet David Perham, whose poetry will have the audience laughing wildly.
- The photography of six of Oregon's best: Stan Newman and Jason Friesen, Eugene; Laren and JerriLynn Woolley (Oregon Coast Photography), Newport; Jorma Meriaho, Dexter; and Eric Valentine, La Grande.
- A special video piece by AO Films' Ryan Welch, Bob's older son. unnamed-1

"Full Moon at Yaquina Head" by Oregon Coast Photography

The show will again be directed by Judy Wenger, Rose Children's Theatre director and coordinator of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Educator Preview Weekend.

"What's cool about 'Welch & Friends' is that we gather people with all these diverse talents and just let them do their things," says Welch. "The results, last year attested, are pretty amazing. And this year, with the photography and video, we're just adding to that 'amazing.'"

Florence sponsors are the River House Inn, Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters, City Lights Cinemas, the Chicken Coop Gift Shop and Mari's Books in Yachats.

Tickets are \$27 for adults or \$10 for youth. Purchase them by phone at 541-888-968-4086, online at www.eventcenter.org, or at the door.

PEO wine tasting to offer art, food and fun for a good cause

Wines for the third annual Philanthropic Educational Organization's (PEO) fundraiser, "Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" will include LaVelle Vineyards, River's Edge, Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards and Silvan Ridge.

In addition, food pairings for each wine

will be created and prepared by Siuslaw High School culinary arts students.

More than 20 uniquely themed gift baskets will be available, including everything from treats and toys for your favorite dog, to a special date night package or elaborate barbecue collection.

There will also be a silent auction featuring art works by more than a dozen well-known local artists.

The "Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" wine tasting will take place Sunday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Galleries

One and Two at the Florence Events Center.

Sponsored by PEO, Florence Chapter FQ, all the proceeds from the event will go to fund scholarships and loans for women pursuing higher education. A number of past scholarship winners are from the Florence and Mapleton communities, and many have returned home to contribute their talents to the local business community.

"Our first two wine tastings sold out," said event co-chairwoman Paula Becker. "So it would be smart to reserve your tickets early."

Tickets are \$25 per person, and can be reserved by calling 541-999-9667 or 541-997-2318.



Like card games? Try your hand at this Van Fans fundraiser

The Van Fans will hold a card games and lunch fundraiser on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Florence Events Center. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Ticket price, with or without card games, is \$12 and includes a catered lunch by Fresh Harvest Café and Bakery.

There will be raffle prizes and other exciting events.

The Friends of Florence Van Fans is a non-political organization that sponsors this event. All proceeds benefit Friends of Florence, which transports cancer patients every weekday to Eugene and Springfield for radiation treatments.

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Jazz Kings to celebrate 20th anniversary of Swing music — 'Goody Goody!'



For its 2015-16 20th anniversary season, Jesse Cloninger and the Emerald City Jazz Kings announced a complete year of big band swing! The Swing Era unofficially began at the Palomar Ballroom in Los Angeles on Aug. 21, 1935, when Benny Goodman and his band went for broke and wrapped up this final performance on a lackluster tour with an evening of their hottest “late night” tunes. The audience went wild! Coined “Swing,” the new sounds coming from bands of the era electrified audiences and began a resurgence of widespread popularity for larger and smaller jazz ensembles alike. This was the big band era, the era of demanding bandleaders, flashy soloists, swinging riffs, handsome crooners, and heartbreaking lady vocalists.

Spanning 12 years, The Swing Era produced such an iconic and massive volume of hits that it has remained one of the most loved and widely celebrated genres of jazz music today. In the Jazz Kings’ “Year of Swing,” each of the three concert series’ will be dedicated to a four-year span of time. From each of these four-year blocks we will draw the greatest hits from the bands of the day as well as playing some of the most loved songs of the time. Focusing on bands and vocalists alike guarantees a rich blend of swinging material with more than enough to send everyone home happy.

In this first installment and examination of the Swing Era, “Goody Goody,” the Emerald City Jazz Kings will focus on the years 1935-38 with hits from Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Jimmy Dorsey, Count Basie, Chick Webb, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and the Andrews Sisters.

The Jazz Kings’ “Goody Goody” performance will be Saturday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by phone at 541-888-968-4086, online at www.eventcenter.org, or at the door.

Concealed handgun permit certification class being offered by NRA instructor

For anyone planning to purchase a handgun for the purpose of carrying a concealed firearm, the state of Oregon requires class and certification prior to applying for a permit. Oregon residents must apply for a CHL in the county they live in, and Oregon does not recognize any other state’s CHL permit.

On Oct. 29, NRA certified trainer Shaun Curtain of Firearm Training

Northwest will be offering two classes at the Florence Events Center providing the necessary Oregon Concealed Carry training certificate.

Curtain has been a Hunter Education chief instructor for 10 years, with monthly classes at the Vancouver Trap Club. He has also been a college instructor for 15 years, with concealed carry classes offered twice a semester at both Mt Hood and Lane

Community College.

The class begins with a review of Washington Firearm Laws and how to obtain a Washington Concealed Carry Permit, and then Oregon Laws and how to obtain an Oregon Concealed Carry Permit (including a training certificate).

Class times are 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sign up at www.shauncurtain.com.



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Last Resort Players to present award-winning musical 'Chicago'

Rouge your knees and roll your stockings down! Oregon Coast stage director David Lauria has announced one of the most exciting fall musicals to be presented by the Last Resort Players: Chicago. The iconic musical score includes one of the most famous opening numbers All That Jazz, along with showstoppers such as Mr. Cellophane, Razzle Dazzle, and Cell Block Tango. This score is fast paced and will leave audiences begging for more.

Chicago takes place in the roaring twenties when chorine Roxie Hart murders a faithless love and convinces her hapless husband Amos to take the rap. Awaiting trial, Roxie and another "Merry Murderess", Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines. The musical is based on a 1926 play of the same name by reporter Maurine Dallas Watkins about actual criminals and crimes she reported on.

For out of town theatre attendees, LRP has arranged discount lodging along with some secret menu items available at local eateries. To keep up on the latest details of the production and view our travel deals, visit www.lrpproductions.org

Opening night at the Florence Events Center is Nov. 6, with performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Performances will be Friday and Saturday (Nov. 6-7 and 13-14) at 7 p.m. and Sundays (Nov. 8 and 15) at 2 p.m. For ticket information, call the Florence Events Center at 541-888-968-4086 or visit www.eventcenter.org.



"June" (Erin Reinke, right) and "Wilbur" (Cesar Castillo) share a tense moment in LRP's upcoming production of "Chicago."



Chicago cast includes: Front row: Crystal Farnsworth, Matt Korso, Maree Beers. Back row: Erin Reinke, Polly Flemming, Tamara Szalewsky, Angela Palmer, Chantelle Meyer, Jennifer Marus, Tamara Cole, Siarra Rain, Elizabeth Rose, Sabrina Hand, Courtney Ricketts, and Chantall Guzman.



Call to artists given for 'Season of Caring' exhibit in November, December

The Florence Events Center and Friends of Florence Gallery Committee are presenting a themed exhibit during the months of November and December in Gallery One called "A Season of Caring."

On Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a reception that will benefit the local Food Share and Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) organizations.

There will be a bin for food donations, and one for donations of warm coats and blankets. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a soup-kitchen style lunch offered to all visitors. For \$1, attendees will

be served soup and bread, coffee and water. There will also be an Art Raffle to benefit Food Share and SOS.

The call to artists invites artists and photographers to rent a rod for up to three paintings for \$20, or up to three items for the case.

To follow the theme, artwork can show social needs (children, elderly, homeless), and ways to care; foods of the harvest season, themes involving Thanksgiving, Christmas and family.

Get an application for the show at the FEC office, or on its website at www.eventcenter.org. for more information, email cignatieff@live.com, or call the FEC office at 541-997-1994.

Want to have an impact on local arts? Volunteer 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.

