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## 'Season of Caring' exhibit continues in Gallery One through December



The Florence Events Center Gallery Committee is presenting a themed exhibit in Gallery One titled "A Season of Caring," that began in November and continues through December. Art includes photographs, paintings and 3D works, all with a theme of social needs (children, elderly, homeless, veterans, etc.), ways to care (service animals, health professionals, volunteers, etc.), and foods of the harvest season or themes involving Thanksgiving, Christmas and family.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

FRAA Art Festival — Dec. 4-5  
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 Winter Music Festival — Jan. 16-17  
 Jesse Cook concert — Jan. 29  
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**ONGOING EVENTS:**  
 Florence Rotary Club luncheon - Tuesdays at noon

# Artists display holiday spirit at FRAA art festival

Holiday Arts Festival 2015 is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for the coming Holiday Season.

This event, presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), is a two-day event that begins Friday, Dec 4, from 1 to 7 p.m., and continues Saturday, Dec 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Come meet the crafters and artisans showing their latest creative designs and unique works of art in many genres.

For those seeking work from their favorite artists or looking for something new from artisans visiting from up and down the coast, the list of vendors in this year's festival includes the following artists: Karen Skulley, knitted scarfs and shawls, purses and quilts; Ralph and Vicki Martin,

scrollsaw wood art; Cindi Covert, all things crocheted; Debbie Brown, handwoven bags and pillows; Carol Strenkoski, dog sweaters and women's beaded hats; Peggy Goodrow, stained glass; Patti Land, fabric baskets and pottery; Debbie Kiturkes, painted pottery dishes and jewelry; Karen Souza, upcycled jewelry and yard art; Tina Shoys, mosaic art; Lori Muir, local photography; Claudia Ignatieff and Ron Hildenbrand, prints, cards, oil paintings and lighted cubes; Sun Levine, fine pottery; Claudia Brown, sea glass, bead and wirework; Annette Bignami, woodworking; Sharon Pryor, tole painted item, Christmas crafts and glass art; Maggie Bagon, hand spun and dyed and felted items; Ken McDougal, fine art scenic photos; Janet and Kevin Square, intarsia woodworking and

fractal art; Diane Osburn, Santas (large and small); Norma Burkett, fibre arts; and Peggy Murray, original art and illustrated printed cards.

Holiday Arts Festival kicks off this special holiday event with the annual Empty Bowls event. So come join the fun and enjoy a unique shopping experience.

Admission is free.

Artisans exhibiting in the Holiday Arts Festival will be donating 10 percent of their sales to the FRAA Art Center at our new location, 120 Maple Street, just off Bay Street.

For more information, contact Claudia Brown at 541-902-1933 or Peggy Goodrow at 541-902-1430.

## Still time for local artists to 'Dance With Sea Lions' in celebration of FEC's 20th anniversary

Next year marks the FEC's 20th anniversary as a leader in community arts and entertainment. A coastwide celebration of this milestone will come in the form of the iconic sea lion and its longstanding relationship with the Florence area. Jennifer Connor, FEC marketing specialist and event coordinator, said, "This is a project not just for the FEC and our celebration, but a project for the city, community and whole Oregon coast."

Dancing with Sea Lions will be a public art display sponsored by the nonprofit group Friends of the Florence Events Center and local businesses and individuals.

Twenty area artists have an opportunity to be a large part of the historic project, which is centered around 20 fiberglass sea lions that are 7.5-foot tall. Each is a blank canvas that can be decorated to reflect the artist's own unique style. Sponsorships are now available for the project. Sponsoring a sea lion costs \$1,500, with a total of 20 sponsorships available. Other sponsorship options are also available. For example, two businesses, Sea Lion Caves and Three Rivers Casino and Resort, have teamed up under the name "Stellar Underwriters."

"I keep going back to our original theme, that the arts have a ripple effect on the

community. Art reaches out to all ages, and this project will reach out to all ages too," Connor said.

The "blank canvas" is a plain design nicknamed "Porter," which is modeled after a cow sea lion.

The project officially kicked off Nov. 1, when the call to artists went out. A grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund will provide a \$500 stipend for the artists who are selected and complete their project.

"In the beginning, they will get \$250 up front so that they can get their supplies and start the project. When the sea lion is completed, they'll get another \$250. We hope that's an incentive to bring in the artists, and that will get a lot of ideas going," said Connor, who explained that a line-art drawing will be available for artists to compose their color sketch, where they will also need to list design elements and materials. "I hope that our local artists really jump in and get excited about this. It's an opportunity for them to be recognized," Connor said.

The Florence Public Arts Committee is helping set standards, so certain designs will not be allowed. Selected artists will be notified by the end of December. They will receive their statues in early January and finish work in March, before the April 7 and

8 Dancing with Sea Lions Splash Off, when all 20 unique sea lions will be on display at the FEC.

"I foresee some of these sea lions will be in the area for years," said Connor.

While they are on display, a map will detail each of the 20 locations, starting at the Umpqua Discovery Center in Reedsport, stretching through Florence to the Sea Lion Caves on Highway 101 and up toward the Sea Lion Foundation in Newport. Many of the sea lions will be available for auction in October 2016.

Forms and information are available at the Florence Events Center, Banner Bank and Oregon Pacific Bank. All artist applications will be due by the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 4.

For more information about Dancing with Sea Lions, visit [www.facebook.com/DancingWithSeaLions](http://www.facebook.com/DancingWithSeaLions).



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# Empty Bowls celebrates 20 years of helping the hungry



## Auditions for 'Diary of Anne Frank' to be held Dec. 5, 6



The story of Anne Frank captured with heartbreaking eloquency in the pages of her diary have been shared on stage, film and countless art forms over the decades. However, newly discovered writings from her diary, along with survivor accounts, have been interwoven into a contemporary and impassioned re-telling of the lives of people persecuted under Nazi rule.

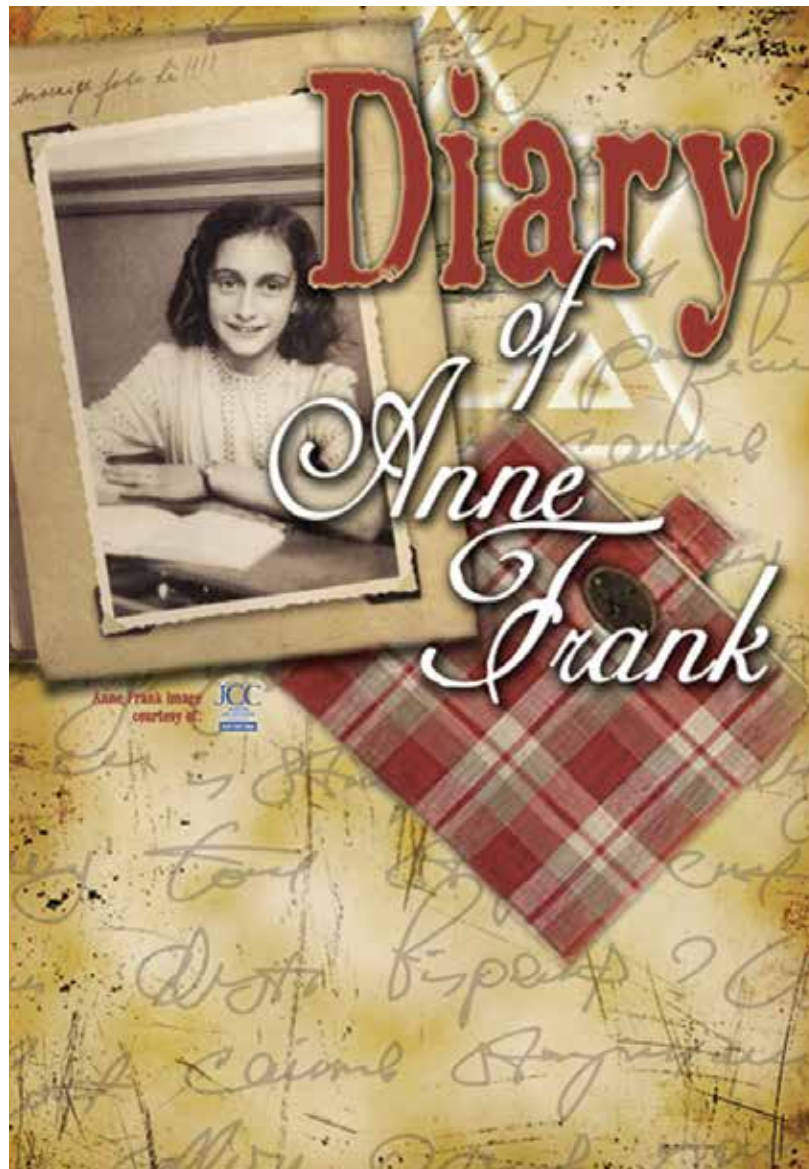
Written by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, and adapted for the stage by Wendy Kesselman, the play has been described by The Associated Press as "A powerful new version that moves the audience to gasps, then tears."

The play captures the claustrophobic realities of the families in hiding as they move through a daily existence mixed with fear, hope, laughter and grief during the two dark years Anne Frank and her family managed to stay alive within the confines of a space that was both safe haven and prison.

Presented by The Last Resort Players and directed by Jennifer Connor and Cathy Dupont, auditions for "Diary of Anne Frank" will take place at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m.

Auditions are open to the public.

For more information, visit [www.lastresortplayers.org](http://www.lastresortplayers.org).



Buy an empty, handmade ceramic bowl created by local artists and, in the process, help someone who may otherwise go hungry for the holidays. That's been the idea behind the annual Empty Bowls event, now celebrating its 20th year. This year's event will offer more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls to the public, created by many local artists, with the purchase price of \$10 each. Smaller bowls will also be available at \$5 each. Each bowl will be accompanied by a coupon redeemable for one cup of the soup of the day at a participating restaurant during the month of December. Participating restaurants' menus and location will be featured at the "Soup Table" at the event for viewing by the public.

There will be a wide variety of eating establishments participating this year so that many different cuisines will be available to choose from.

Along with local Florence artists from throughout the area, more than 75 Siuslaw High School students will be involved in the production of handmade ceramic bowls. Through the Empty Bowls event, ceramics students are not only learning how to create handcrafted ceramic bowls, they are also learning how to give back to their community in a unique way. This project has helped raise their awareness of the needs of others and how they might assist in meeting those needs.

Also, for the second year, the Siuslaw High School Culinary Class will join forces with Empty Bowls, providing refreshments for the Artists Reception and the Empty Bowls Fundraiser. Under the direction of instructor Kyle Lewis, students will be creating delicious snacks for Empty Bowls attendees.

A silent auction is also available for attendants to participate in.

The 20th Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held Dec. 4, 5 and 6. Every year, sponsors, local restaurants, artists, Lane Community College, Siuslaw High School and numerous volunteers join together to make this community event a success. All proceeds from this fundraiser make it possible for our local food pantry to provide services to those in need in the area.

Admission is free.

So come purchase a one-of-a-kind piece of art that is beautiful to look at, functional and will help the needy.

# Start your holiday season by 'Lighting Up a Life'

Peace Harbor Hospice will host its annual Light Up a Life ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Funds raised at this event go to support a

variety of hospice programs throughout the year. The event allows anyone to purchase a star in remembrance of someone who has passed away or to honor someone who has made a difference in their life.

All are welcome.

Admission to the event is free. A tree decorated with the stars of names that are being honored will be lit.

Refreshments and music will be provided.

If you would like to recognize someone special in your life you can make a donation to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice, 400 Ninth Street, and a star will be hung with the recognition given to your loved one on this special day during the "reading of the names" ceremony.

Contributions are tax deductible; 100 percent of contribution to Light Up A Life remains in Florence to benefit PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice program, a nonprofit organization.

For more information about PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice or the annual Light Up a Life celebration, call 541-997-3418.



## Community Chorus to host Appalachian Winter concert

On Dec. 13, the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon will present Appalachian Winter, a cantata that celebrates the legacy of early American carols. This concert will take place at 2 p.m. Composed by Joseph Martin in the spirit of folk music, the cantata combines traditional sounds with more rustic elements.

Popular American carols like "Away in a Manger" and "O' Little Town of Bethlehem" blend with traditional spirituals such as "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain." Sacred Harp tunes are retooled and stand alongside new versions of Shaker hymns and Appalachian melodies.

Thoughtful narration weaves the movements together in a meaningful tapestry of song and Scripture.

Between sections of the Appalachian Winter cantata, the choir and special guests will entertain the audience with familiar Christmas songs.

Coming from Westminster

Presbyterian Church in Eugene, the Intrada Bell Choir directed by Donna Snyder will present two selections. This six-person choir will play "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "I Saw Three Ships." Florence's own jazz combo, the Flotones, will perform several tunes including crowd favorite, "Snowfall."

In addition, Elise Arnold will direct the Siuslaw Children's Choir composed of 26 local third- to sixth-grade children. They will perform several folk and Christmas songs.

There will also be a group of six instrumentalists providing accompaniment for the Appalachian Winter concert. The band will include Nancy Ash (violin), Chris Campbell (cello), Linda Yoder (mandolin), Greg Wood (guitar), Barbara Bublari (flute) and Johanna Bonisteel (piano).

The Community Chorus will also include several well-known carols and folk selections, including

"The Holly and the Ivy," "I Wonder As I Wander," "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and others.

Co-directors for the concert will be Dr. Paul Guthmuller and Elise Arnold; Crystal Farnsworth will be narrator and Johanna Bonisteel will provide piano

accompaniment.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; children can attend for free.

Call 541-997-1994 for tickets and more information, or visit the Community of Chorus of Florence website at [www.communitychorusflorenceor.org](http://www.communitychorusflorenceor.org).



# Tickets now on sale for annual Winter Music Festival



Formerly known as the Winter Folk Festival, this year's popular two-day music fest will see the return of festival favorites as well as introduce what are certain to be some new favorites under its new moniker, The Winter Music Festival.

"It's always been Winter Folk Fest," said Rachel Pearson, chairwoman of the Friends of the FEC committee that is organizing the new Winter Music Festival, which Pearson explained will keep an emphasis on folk while expanding the genre and diversity with new headliners like The Shook Twins and Jonathan Edwards.

Ten musicians, singers and ensembles will fill the FEC with music on Saturday,

Jan. 16, and Sunday, Jan. 17. The folk-focused festival began in the early 2000s, when a Mapleton-based band called The Singing Loggers put on a concert and showcased some of the area's homegrown talent. Since then, the festival has mainly featured headliners popular in the folk music scene. The Winter Music Festival is focusing on the "ABCs" of the folk genre: Americana, Blues and Contemporary music.

Among those performing at this year's festival will be Crow and the Canyon, Cabin Fever NW, John Craige, Ian McFeron, True North, Bob Haworth and the popular contemporary folk music of Pretty Gritty, who returns for the second



year to the festival.

In addition, the stage will welcome local performers, such as up-and-coming singer and Siuslaw High School graduate Billy Jones, who will open the music festival Jan. 16. Also, local singer/songwriter Molly Hardin, who recently sang at Backstreet Gallery during September's Rods 'n' Rhodies in Old Town, will help open the festival.

The sale of Winter Music Festival tickets has begun and continues through Jan. 15. A full weekend pass includes admission to the Jonathan Edwards and Shook Twins concerts, along with a Saturday and Sunday pass for \$45. Individual Saturday passes (10 a.m.

to 5:30 p.m.) are \$12.50; Sunday passes (10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) are also \$12.50; and reserve tickets for the Jonathan Edwards and Shook Twins concert (7 p.m.) are \$28.

While some things have changed, others — like the opportunity to introduce students to live music — will remain.

"In 2000, I heard The Trail Band in a concert put on by Florence Performing Arts, which is now SEacoast. I thought, 'We've got to get the school kids in to hear this,'" Pearson said. "It seemed like a simple thing, but now this is my part-time job. It is my passion, the music and the kids."

The Trail Band, an Oregon-based eight-piece ensemble that features songs from the Oregon Trail era, will be returning to give the traditional kids concert this year on Jan. 14. The kids' concert will also feature Lynn Anderson's students in traditional Native American regalia and dances.

The artisan fair will continue in the lobby with more than 30 booths of handcrafted art and crafts for purchase.



# Poison Pen Players bring holiday murder and laughs to FEC



Join the Poison Pen Players, a Florence based comedy murder mystery troupe, for the return of its popular holiday production, "Dead in the Sled: Ho, Ho, Ho...Oh No!"

The play is set in the town of Christmas Valley where, each Christmas, the Chamber of Commerce hosts a Community Caroling

Concert, and awards the coveted yard signs to those displaying the best "Holiday Cheer" at this event. This "friendly" competition each year has just about driven the locals mad with jealousy, conspiracy theories and alliances "to the death" sworn over back fences all over town.

Nicholas Kringleman, owner of Christmas Valley's only restaurant, "Kringleman's Deli," has closed his business, and will be out of town, as usual. Nicholas never competes for prizes and always leaves home, only returning on the Dec. 26.

The Dimmer twins, Shimmer and Glimmer, are up to their typical nasty tricks as the highly anticipated event approaches. When they aren't busy tearing up the town, they are fighting tooth and nail with each

other. Glimmer has the most cunning and criminal intelligence, but she is insanely jealous of Shimmer, "the pretty one."

Walter Winterberry (played by same actor as Nicholas Kringleman) hates Christmas. He is the postmaster of Christmas Valley, and, as such, is responsible for hand canceling all the cards sent to the town for remailing by obsessed Christmas nuts living in non-festive places with names like Death Valley. Ebenezer Scrooge would be proud to call him a friend.

Wanda Winterberry, Walter's sister, a driving force behind all of the Christmas mania, is in full steamroller mode as usual. What she lacks in money and taste, she makes up in boundless enthusiasm. Wanda loves everything about Christmas, and spends the

entire year scrounging around for junk she can use to create her "holiday masterpieces."

Holly Garland, police Chief of Christmas Valley, has a few problems of her own. She has reluctantly agreed to head up the judging committee this year, against her better judgment. Her own home isn't decorated yet because she's been too busy, and she has been spending most of her time riding herd on the Dimmer twins.

Poison Pen Players' shows are fully scripted with high-energy physical comedy and audience interaction.

Performance is Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$43.95 and includes a three-course meal and at least one murder. Purchase tickets by phone at 541-888-968-4086, online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

## Eugene Ballet to present Holiday classic 'The Nutcracker'

It wouldn't be the Christmas season without that classic holiday tradition — "The Nutcracker." This popular seasonal show comes alive on the Florence Events Center stage Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. The Eugene Ballet's holiday extravaganza once again fills the stage with smiling faces of all ages as hundreds of young dancers join the company to tell this beloved story with its grand adventures taken by Clara and Hans.

"The Nutcracker" brings the holiday spirit into focus, transporting the audience through Clara's dreams and the wondrous characters she encounters

along the way. With the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier as guides, you'll fly away to the Snow Kingdom and the Land of the Sweets, but not before battling the Mouse King and his pirate hench-mice.

Toni Pimble's exquisite choreography and Don Carson's colorful and magical sets are masterfully orchestrated to create the perfect tradition to put everyone into the holiday spirit.

For tickets and more information, stop by the FEC, 715 Quince St., call 541-997-1994 or go online to [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).



## 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 Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) in the county they live in, and Oregon does not recognize any other state's CHL permit.

On Dec. 16, 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).

Two classes will be available, at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Classes runs three hours. Cost is \$45 (cash or check; no credit cards). Checks must be made payable to the class. An Oregon driver's license is all students need to bring.

Prior to class, the new NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home video will be presented, although it is optional.

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# Jazz Kings to croon your Christmas season favorites



Shirley Andress returns with her 8th-annual Florence Christmas “Swinging On a Star,” featuring Tracy Williams, Marisa Frantz, Bob Cross and Bill Hulings fronting Jesse Cloninger and the Emerald City Jazz Kings in Christmas Swing configuration! Look for all of your favorites, plus a few surprises in this heartwarming evening of Christmas cheer and togetherness tailored to this season’s Jazz Kings 20th Anniversary of Swing!

And since so many of our best-loved Christmas songs were written during the Swing Era, that’s not going to be so hard

to do: look for old favorites like “White Christmas” (1942), “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” (1943), “The Christmas Song,” “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas” (both 1944), “Let It Snow” (1945), and many more!

It will be an evening for the entire family Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$27 for college student with ID, \$15 for youth (17 and younger).

For tickets call the Florence Events Center at 888-968-4086 or visit [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org)



## Submissions sought for Artistic Visions Show

Artists are encouraged to submit original 2-D, 3-D and photography works of art for the Artistic Visions Awards Show in January at the FEC. This awards show is sponsored by the Friends of the Florence Event Center Gallery Committee, and will be on display from Jan. 5 through Feb. 1, 2016.

Three out-of-town judges have been selected for this show, each one respected in their field of expertise (2-D, 3-D, photography).

A cash prize of \$150 will be awarded for first place in each category, along with honorable mention ribbons. Each artist may submit up to three works of art. Reproductions (ink jet prints, etc., with the exception of photography) of original artwork are not eligible.

A nonrefundable fee of \$20 per work must be sent with the entry form.

High School Student art fees will be \$10 per work. All artwork must be for sale, and content must be appropriate for the Florence Events Center.

Due to space restraints, forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All artwork must be hand delivered to Gallery One at the FEC on Monday, Jan. 4, between 9 a.m. and noon. Awards will be presented at a reception Jan. 9.

Deadline for entry forms and fees is Dec. 15.

Entry forms may be obtained at the FEC office, or by visiting [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org)



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# Upcoming SEacoast concerts promise wide variety, top-notch talent

When SEacoast Entertainment Association announced its 2015-2016 concert lineup, SEacoast president Ernie Doud promised it would be another outstanding season of quality entertainment for Florence.

So far, SEacoast has delivered. Big time.

The season kicked-off Oct. 9 when Latin Grammy-nominated pop/jazz/classical artists Quattrosound wowed the Florence Events Center crowd with their outstanding and diverse talents by introducing Florence to a delicious new blended genre called “popzzical.”

Then, Nov. 21, renowned vocalist Ken Lavigne filled the FEC concert hall with his charm, wit and outstanding voice for a memorable evening of international

caliber entertainment.

Doud says the remainder of the season will get progressively better.

“While most don’t get the chance to dine in the cafés of Seville or dance in the clubs in Havana, you will experience a sense of that passionate cultural vibe through the music of guitarist Jesse Cook and his band,” says Doud.

Cook’s music has been featured on episodes of Sex and The City, The Chris Isaak Show, and during several Olympic Games. Jesse and his group of multitalented musicians perform Jan. 29, 2016.

On Feb. 20, Ballet Fantastique brings the premiere of Dragon and the Night Queen: Celtic Stories, which forges a new and dramatic retelling of ancient

Irish legends in a vivid exploration of choreography and dance filled with riotous spirit. Violinist Cullen Vance and the Gerry Rempel Ensemble provide the exuberant live accompaniment.

“On Friday, March 18, one of most popular and sought-after big bands in the world, the Glenn Miller Orchestra, returns to Florence,” adds Doud. “SEacoast Entertainment will open the Florence Event Center’s flat floor so you can enjoy big band music the way it was intended—with dancing and limited, open, cabaret-style seating; so buy your tickets early!”

“You choose, we play,” say the members of the world-class ensemble, Shuffle Concert. From Baroque to classical and romantic; from jazz, to pop and Broadway, this group is so multitalented they let the audience select the pieces they will play.

“You’ve never been to a concert like this,” says Doud. “Every performance is a completely customized and memorable experience.”

Shuffle plays a rare Thursday night concert on April 7.

“And you’ll be in luck on Friday, the 13th of May, when The New Hot Club of America comes to ‘wow’ Florence,” says Doud. “This dazzling ensemble is comprised of some of today’s top gypsy jazz artists in North America. You’ll want to tango in your seat as they recapture the sound, style, and spirit of the 1930’s-era Hot Club of France — right here in Florence.”

For 35 years, SEacoast Entertainment Association has provided Florence with



world-class entertainment at affordable prices — from household names to undiscovered gems.

“From classics to jazz, from eclectic to electric, from ballet to big band, Florence is loving this season’s variety. Our remaining five shows will offer something for everyone,” says Doud.

Individual concert tickets for the performances are \$30 each, and \$10 for those under 18. Tickets, artist profiles, show times, video clips, and more information are available at [www.SEacoastEA.org](http://www.SEacoastEA.org).

Tickets can also be purchased at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince Street; by phone at 541-997-1994; or online at [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).



## Get tickets early for fifth annual Crab Crack

The fifth annual Florence Crab Crack is a sure fire remedy for the dreaded “cabin fever,” which threatens to afflict the general populace of the central Oregon coast every winter. Get your ticket and join the other 399 people who will attend the Crab Crack at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy

great food and company while aiding the less fortunate in this area.

Beginning Dec. 1, tickets will also be available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St. All the proceeds from this event will benefit Florence Food Share, a local food pantry that provides resources to those facing hunger in Western Lane County.

Oregon coast Dungeness crab, along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and BJ’s Ice Cream, will be served by “crab head” volunteers. A no-host bar will also be available.

While savoring the delectable crustaceans and side dishes, attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase one or many of the special silent auction items.

Tickets to this event are \$35 each, with

only 400 tickets available. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 25 and will not be available at the door. Past Crab Cracks have sold out early, so get tickets early.

Several sponsors are already stepping up to make this event possible. All individuals and companies are welcome to “sponsor a crab” for the event and help Florence Food Share serve those in need in our area.

For more information, arrange group seating or purchase tickets,

contact Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or email [dunesguy97439@yahoo.com](mailto:dunesguy97439@yahoo.com).

