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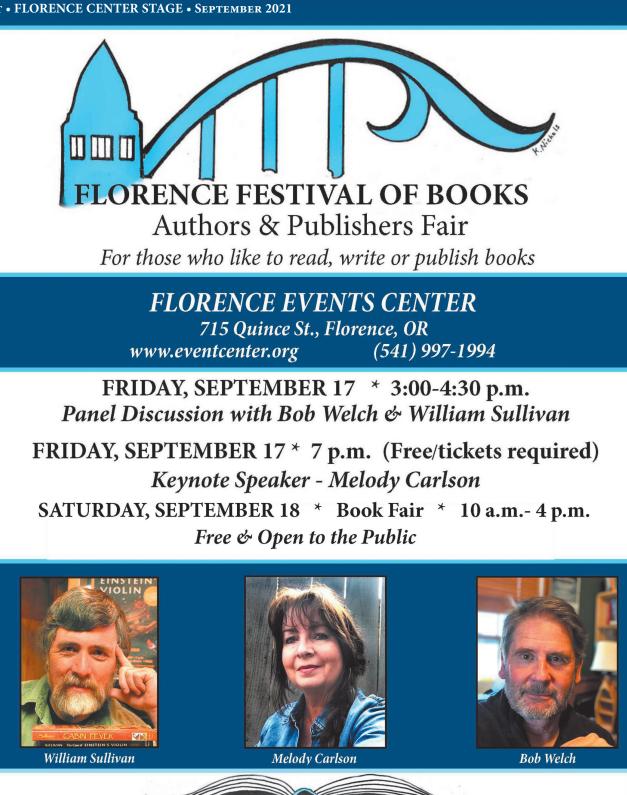
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MEET AUTHORS & PUBLISHERS AT FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

The Florence Festival of Books (FFOB) and chat with authors, such as Melody Carlson, Bob Welch and William Sullivan, and have them sign a book. More

than 50 authors and five publishers, including Oregon State University Press, are signed up to participate in the book fair portion of the 10th book festival, held in Florence on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

No admission is charged.

Everyone is invited to come see

participating. And among the returning and beloved Romance authors. She also authors, many have new books.

as well, expect to see returning publishers Hallmark movie. There will be no charge as well as new ones. This provides an opportunity to pitch an idea or manuscript a ticket is required. So, call or stop by the and be back next year as a participant.

Besides the book fair, additional FFOB up a ticket. L is the community's chance to meet activities take place the day before on Frison as the Keynote Speaker.

As the author of more than 250 books,



what's new. This year, 20 new authors are she is one of America's most prolific has been an adjunct professor of journalwrites for teens and tweens and has had Because this is a book fair for publishers more than one of her books turned into a for the talk, but because space is limited, Florence Events Center to reserve or pick

Another Friday event, requiring no fee, day, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m., with Melody Carl- is a panel discussion — "The Path from Writer to Author" - from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the event center. This discussion will

be between Bob Welch and William "Bill" Sullivan, two of Oregon's most admired writers.

Welch is an award-winning former newspaper columnist with Eugene's Register-Guard, who has written more than 20 books on a variety of subjects in the non-fiction genre. He is also an inspirational speaker and teaches writing workshops and

ism at the University of Oregon.

Many of Sullivan's books are hiking guides, and he wrote a hiking column for many years. He has also written six novels, three travel and adventure books, and two Oregon histories.

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Student art takes wing through Dragon Art Showcase

Students who attended Dragon scheduled for Friday, Sept. 10, and has a lifetime of craft and Art Summer Camps this summer starting at 5 p.m. This event is art knowledge. She brings her

worked on a variety of educational creative projects that will be on display in September at the Florence Events Center (FEC). The students were able to attend up to two camps thanks to the Siuslaw Education Foundation including Dragon Art in a grant supporting summer enrichment.

Student work will be available for viewing at the FEC starting Aug. 31 and will be up until Sept. 28 during the FEC's regular business hours.

The Florence Event Center's Gallery Committee and FACE (Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment), a non-profit that supports the efforts of the FEC, will help celebrate the participating versity, receiving her master's students' show with a reception



open to the public.

The students' course instruction was headed by local artist and Siuslaw school educator, Kassy Keppol.

Keppol studied at Hollins Unidegree in children's illustration,

professional art and education expertise to our local youth. She also is the owner and creative behind the local arts organization, Dragon Art, kassykeppol. com and Patreon.com/ dragonartco.

The Dragon Art summer programs helped keep the school doors open for students to grow in decision making, inventiveness, language and everyday concepts in action, as well as positive self-esteem development.

The students' works will be for sale — with proceeds going to the students.

For more information, including how to help continue this program, contact Keppol at kkeppol@gmail.com.

Local pit-fired ceramics studio hosting annual Labor Day Sale

day, Sept. 4, local ceramic artist Mike Schwartz will once again host his annual sale at his Mudmusic Studio.

This will be an outdoor sale, rain or shine, so that social distancing may be maintained. Since the weather may be uncertain, the sale will be set up at the front of retirement should not be spent his garage just behind the overhead door, so that both his visitors and ceramic art will be protected from the weather if necessary.

signature pit-fired ceramic pieces. As the term implies, pit firing is an ancient process in which the pieces are not fired in a kiln, but rather in an open fire. No glazes are used; the dramatic colors achieved are due to the interaction of fire and smoke working on salts and metals applied to the ceramics.

The pieces themselves are 997-1012.

On Friday, Sept. 3, and Satur- thrown by Schwartz on his potter's wheel, so each is a one-of-a-kind work of art.

> A psychiatrist in his prior professional life, Schwartz moved to Florence in 1995 and learned to become a potter to fulfill his view of retirement.

> "It's all about reinvention — and just sitting around," he said.

Currently, Schwartz's work can be seen in five Oregon coast galleries, from Gardiner to Astoria. The artwork will be his unique Locally, his work may be seen at the River Gallery on Bay Street year-round. Preview his art at www.mudmusicstudio.com.

> The two-day sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Mudmusic Studio is located at 04899 Heceta Beach Road, 1.3 miles from Highway 101.

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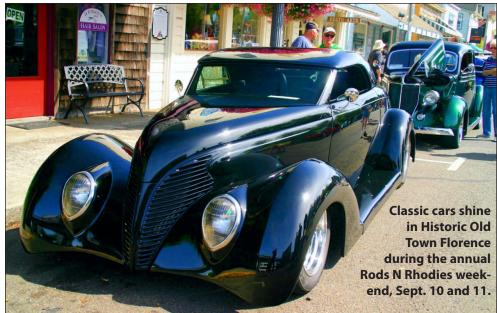
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Florence's Rods N Rhodies **Car Show Ready to Roll**



Top hot rods, Communitywide Garage Sale return to Florence Sept. 10-12

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m lorence}$ is revving-up for both the an-visitors and locals to abide by the Oregon nual Rods N Rhodies Invitational Car Health Authority's guidelines in effect at the Garage Sale. This year's edition takes place primarily in and around Historic Old Town Florence on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11. The Community-wide Garage Sale continues through Sunday, Sept. 12.

"At Rods N Rhodies, you know you'll see some of the West Coast's most gorgeous, amazing, awe-inspiring hot rods all around town," said organizer Gary Cargill. "Up to 125 of the west coast's best high-end hot rods, rat rods, and custom cruisers from 1976 and earlier will be in town. Some are worth up to a quarter-million dollars."

Though known primarily for the annual September event, Rods N Rhodies became its own local volunteer-led nonprofit in 2018 with a renewed vision to provide automotive assistance to locals in need. This year's event will be a benefit for their mission and goals.

"It's a high-octane weekend at a spectacular time of year here in Florence," said Florence Area Chamber of Commerce President/ CEO Bettina Hannigan. "We can't know for sure right now what the COVID-19 regulations are going to be, but we expect all

Show and Benefit and the Community-wide time, and to bring their patience and good manners when attending, dining or shopping."

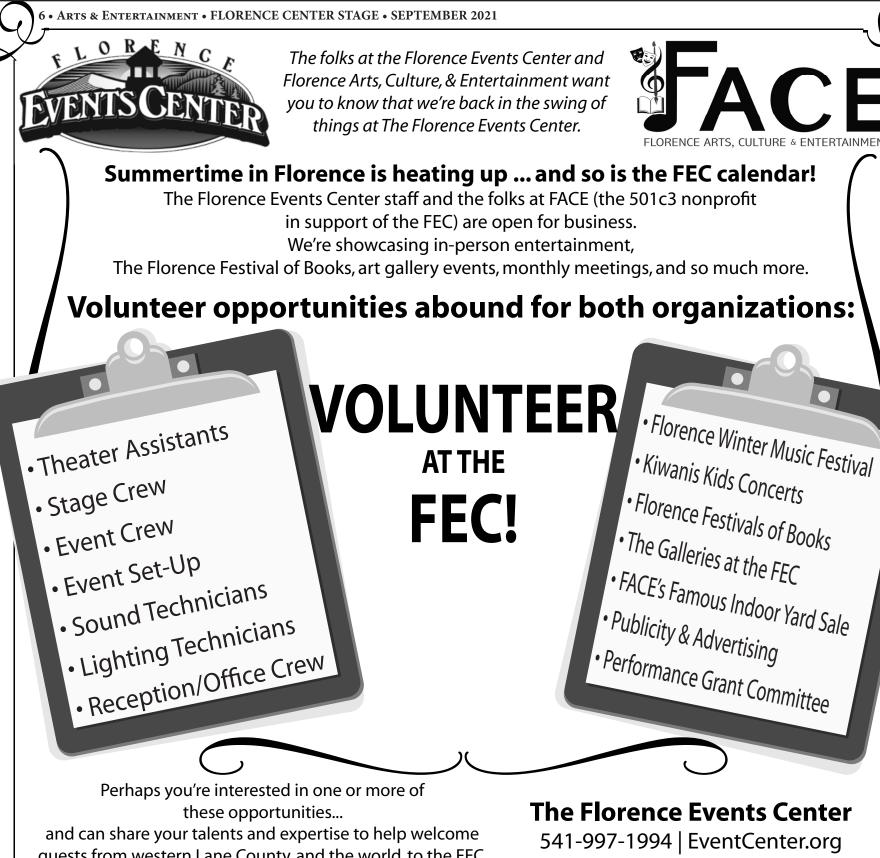
Friday starts with an all-comers "Kool Car Stand-Around" show-and-shine at the Port of Siuslaw parking lot at the east end of Bay Street There will be food, music and 100+ cars on display, including the 2019 event winners. Owners of any classic car are welcome to exhibit along with the invited vehicles.

Rods N Rhodies' main event takes place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Bay Street. The event also includes a classic Saturday night cruise in and around Old Town, a poker walk and raffles with lots of prizes and awards for the exhibitors.

Music from the 1950s to the '70s will be provided all weekend by Russ Strohmeyer, a popular DJ on the car show circuit.

"He's a master, a car enthusiast, and his DJ equipment is to die for," said Cargill.

Bargain hunters can pick up a guide to the Community-wide Garage Sale at the Siuslaw News office, 148 Maple St., at See RODS page 7



guests from western Lane County, and the world, to the FEC. Get started by calling Kim Gomez during business hours. Thank you -- and see you at the FEC! 541-997-1994 | EventCenter.org 715 Quince Street | Florence OR 97439 FlorenceArts.org







Melody Carlson William Sullivan

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Sullivan's "Listening for Coyote" was selected as one of the 100 most significant books in Oregon history by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission.

The FFOB Planning Committee is thrilled to host these three outstanding authors. They will help make this 10th festival one of the best ever.

It is a milestone year in more ways than one.

Because of the pandemic, the event was canceled in 2020. This year, because of the Delta variant, the event has 1/3 fewer tables 997-1994. **Bob Welch**

than in the past, which will allow social distancing for those attending. Since the tables are either six or eight feet with space between, social distancing is already there for the participants.

The pandemic was taken into consideration in the planning of the 2021 Florence Festival of Books. Mark your calendar for September 17-18.

For more information, visit www.florencefestival ofbooks.org or reserve your free ticket for Melody Carlson through the Florence Events Center, 541-

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TheSiuslawNews.com and in the Wednesday and Saturday editions of the newspaper that week. Maps will also be available at FlorenceChamber. com.

People can then cruise the bargain trail all weekend to stop by dozens of commercial and private sales all over town.

On Saturday, Bay Street will be blocked to regular traffic beginning at 7 a.m. for exhibitors to enter at the west end at Kingwood.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. cars will be on display along both sides of the street, there will be themed music, and raffle tickets for sale with a different winner's name drawn every half hour.

The awards presentation begins at 4 p.m. with exhibitors vying for the Merchant Award, Children's Choice Award, Peoples' Choice Award, and Best of Show Award. Visitors are invited to vote for the Peoples' Choice by obtaining a ballot in Old Town and returning it by 3 p.m.

According to Cargill, "Rod" and "Rhody" — retired teachers in blue and pink overalls like mechanics wore back in the day — will help kids with a special ballot for the Children's Choice Award. Kids who vote receive have that luxury. a small goodie bag.

"The couple will also inform the public about the Rods N Rhodies, Inc.'s Transportation Solutions Project, which assists local families in need with transportation solutions," Cargill added.

At 4:15 p.m., immediately following the awards presentation, cruisers will begin the annual classic car cruise in and around Historic Old Town.

"The cruise is one of the public's and exhibitors' favorite events during the weekend," said Cargill. "Low and slow is the goal."

Rods N Rhodies uses this annual event as a benefit to highlight Rods N Rhodies, Inc. and its Transportation Solutions Project.

"Most of us go through day-to-day activities without even thinking about how we will get to where we want to

go," Cargill said. "We have the means of transportation that is reliable and comfortable. However, within our community, there are those who struggle to make ends meet and don't

"Many families who do own transportation may not have the means to properly maintain the vehicle for safety and reliability. Sometimes it comes down to a choice between the car or food, clothing, or housing. An unexpected flat tire has been known to cost a person a job for making them late. A burned-out headlight or taillight yields an expensive citation. Worn out windshield wipers can impair vision leading to an accident. We want to change that for as many as possible."

There are multiple levels of opportunity for businesses and individuals to sponsor various aspects of Rods N Rhodies during this year's event or support their year-around charitable work.

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FEC cancels planned 25th anniversary

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the area and the Lane County advisory on events, the City of Florence announced that the Florence Events Center 25 Year Celebration planned for Aug. 25 was canceled.

According to a post about the canceled event on Facebook, event

center staff wrote, "We will find ways throughout the year to celebrate the FEC and our community. We greatly appreciate the sponsors who provided support for this event. Thank you for your understanding and support."

two days before the event had been planned for Aug. 25. The event would have been held outdoors, and would have included live music and a corn hole tournament.

"As you can imagine, we are all disappointed that we need to cancel this event," said Assistant City Manager Megan Messmer. "It is in the best interest for the health and safety of our community members that Center, visit eventcenter.org.



we make this decision."

Since the city had already purchased food and supplies for the event, Messmer said staff are creating a plan to "share that with the community."

"We look forward to a time that we can The announcement came Monday, just come together and celebrate all our community has to offer," she said. "In order to do so, we need to be healthy. Please help us take care of our friends and neighbors by following the public health guidelines so that we can get together soon."

For more information about the City of Florence, visit ci.florence.or.us. For more information about the Florence Events



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For more information, contact the FEC's

Suniga, Angels perform holiday concert

Tickets are on sale now for it's in my homethe first scheduled Christmas production at the Flor-

ence Events Center this year. This Christmas "The Magic is Back" with Charles Suniga and the Angels. This will be an evening of seasonal holiday music kicking off the yuletide on Dec. 11.

"We all want to get back to our traditions, and this has become a new tradition for me at Christmastime. Plus

town," said Suniga. A Florence na-

tive, Suniga has carved out a niche in the music industry with his

renditions of tranquil, peaceful compositions established years ago with his "Moments of Peace" concept, captivating many around the world. He was nominated for the center.org.



Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each at the FEC box office or online.

For more information about the concert, call the events center at 541-997-1994 or visit www.event

Grammy's.

People are in-

vited to mark

their calendar for

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On Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, CROW will hold open auditions for limited solo, duet and specialty act spaces in the 2021 Holly Jolly Follies.

The follies will be performed Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at the Florence Events Center. This audition is for those who wish to be considered for a special performance slot, such as vocal soloists, dance Saturday, Nov. 6, from 2 to group, variety act, etc.

only in the ensemble, you 3120 Highway 101. do not need to audition. All are welcome to join the general cast of the Follies. Participants just need to attend the first all-cast meeting on forming Arts.



Sparkle the Elf, played by Zhade Beers, encourages Sarge, Mike Smith, to "Find Joy at Christmastime" at the 2019 **Holly Jolly Follies.**

5:30 p.m. at CROW Center Please note, to perform for the Performing Arts,

Specialty Act Auditions will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the CROW Center for the Per-

"Please mark your calendar, and begin working on your Follies piece that you'd like to share. We'd love to see what you can offer us!" CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard said. "You must show us the exact piece you are proposing for the show. It does not need to be 100% finished, but enough to show us what you have in mind."

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You will also receive two official Community Wide Garage Sale signs as well as a tip sheet on how to have a great sale. Maps will be available in the Siuslaw News, online and at the Florence Visitors Center.

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