

# Depweg named FRAA Artist of the Month

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will hold a reception for Minn Depweg on Saturday, July 11, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the FRAA Art Center, 4969 Highway 101.

Depweg is a versatile artist who creates in oils, water color, water color pencil, crayon, oil pastels, acrylics, needle work, embroidery, crewel, counted threads, pulled threads, needle point and quilting.

Currently, she has two quilts on display at our Siuslaw Public Library.

Depweg started her career in seventh grade when her teacher gave her a piece of plywood and ask her to paint a Santa Claus, and then paid her.

At about the same age, she became interested in

stitchery.

During her high school years, her artwork was selected to hang in a store in her town.

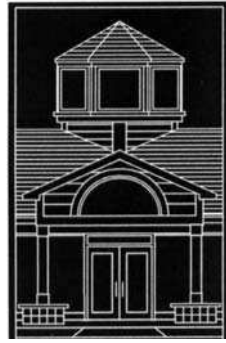
Depweg continued her needlepoint at the sake of her painting until her two children were in school, which provided extra time for painting classes from several artists in California and the Republic of Ireland.

Depweg enjoyed crafts also and, while living in Chico, Calif., on an almond farm after her husband retired, she started an arts and craft class at the Elks Lodge.

She eventually moved to Florence.

Depweg has many art works on display at the FRAA Center representing her varied skills in the arts.

# Library Tidings



## News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

## First Steps to Free-motion Quilting

By Christina Cameli  
Book review by Susie Voth

I wish I had access to this book when I first began free-motion quilting. Cameli does an excellent job of simplifying a somewhat complicated and challenging skill.

The book begins with "The Necessities" or what is required to be successful at free-motion quilting. The list is thorough and not too extensive. Most of the items an experienced or beginning quilter would have in the sewing room.

She then progresses to "The Basics" which begins with a very useful start-up checklist.

Each chapter includes what the author calls "Tips," little gems of useful information to help guide the reader.

The meat of this book begins with chapter 3: "Quilting Tips and Techniques." It is here the actual free-motion quilting adventure begins.

Cameli shares an assortment of grids for successfully planning the quilting and a variety of free-motion quilting designs.

These designs may be edge-to-edge or continuous line quilting. She uses words like "peb-

bles" and "kissing" and "meandering" to help describe the action of the quilting.

I found her tips for thread writing to be very helpful. In sewing words onto a quilt, I have often puzzled over dotting an "I" or crossing a "T." Cameli solved that puzzle for me.

After the basic instructions, Cameli provides "24 Projects for Fearless Stitching." These are great little projects to use for practicing the techniques described in the previous chapters.

There are charming little gift bags and a "good advice" wall hanging. There are easy potholders, placemats and even a table runner. If coordinating fabrics were used for these kitchen projects, then the kitchen table would have a fresh look. The introduction states, "you can make beautiful things with needle and thread. It's simply a matter of jumping in with joy ..."

Go ahead and jump!

## Summer reading — there's still time!

If you haven't signed up for summer reading be sure to do so!

The program for children, teens and adults runs through July, so there is still another

month of fun and informative programming and reading.

All ages can earn and win great prizes.

The children's programs include family movie nights each Tuesday at 6 p.m., "Discover Your Inner Hero" each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (1 p.m. in Mapleton), and story times on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Teens have a movie marathon, set for Wednesday, July 22.

Adult programs still to come include a special movie presentation Wednesday, July 7, at 1 p.m., titled: "History of Folk Music," and a concert on Saturday, July 18, at 6 p.m.

There will also be another Friends of the Library food event Thursday, July 23, at 2 p.m.; and lastly, Nan Laurance from the City of Eugene will be speaking on "A City's Center," an Oregon Humanities Conversations program.

## Holiday closure

The library will be closed both Friday, July 3, the day the holiday is observed this year, and Saturday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day.

Here's wishing you all have a safe and wonderful holiday!



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# PeaceHealth hosts Minutes of Gold for grieving families

Minutes of Gold volunteers Doreen Enochs, of Dune City, and Betty Peak and Eleanor Barr, of Florentine Estates, presented PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Chaplain Joanie Schmidt with an additional supply of specially designed clothing for babies born not living.

Families are not prepared when this tragedy occurs and hospital nurses need to help them prepare their tiny baby for a viewing when desired.

The Minutes of Gold organization began in Florence in 2004 and is currently serving



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Betty Peak, Doreen Enochs, Eleanor Barr of Minutes of Gold and PeaceHealth Chaplain Joanie Schmidt

more than 250 hospitals in 38 states.

In February of this year, Minutes of Gold was asked to partner with the March of Dimes in its quest to bring research and public awareness

to the rising statistics of early loss pregnancies.

Every 20 minutes in America, a mother loses a baby from a pre-term or still-birth.

Family Ambassadors will be working with hospitals to

ensure that they have adequate bereavement programs.

Florence is the headquarters for the Minutes of Gold program and provides their gifts free of charge. For more information, call 541-902-8747.

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Florence Relay For Life

Man up for a good cause and compete in Florence's 2nd annual Mr. Relay competition!



The contestant who collects the most donations will be crowned and treated to a 2 night stay and \$75 restaurant gift certificate at the Adobe Resort in Yachats.  
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