

Walk the beach to support Habitat

The Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk will be Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at the North Jetty parking lot. Walk the beach from the jetty to Driftwood Shores, any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join in this fun event, including leashed dogs. Walkers will be entertained with music, be treated to refreshments, can hunt for glass floats and keep what they find, and participate in a sand sculpture contest with awards.

Any walker raising at least \$100 will be given a Habitat

BeachWalk T-shirt.

Every donation raised goes to purchasing building materials to build Florence Habitat for Humanity homes in the community.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 to eliminate poverty housing in the world.

Anyone who would like to join the BeachWalk can pick up a registration form at the Florence Habitat for Humanity office in the Grocery Outlet shopping center.

For more information, call 541-902-9227.

Shorewood to host art reception for Mason

The Shorewood Retirement Residence has been featuring local artist Earl Mason as August's artist of the month.

His photography is on display during the month in The Shorewood dining room and entry.

"Various forms of art and design have been a part of my life for as far back as I can remember," said Mason.

As a practical application for his creative nature, Mason became an architect and practiced in Redondo Beach, Calif., for many years.

While in business, most of his creative energy was focused on architecture except for an occasional painting or sculpture.

"After retiring, my wife and I traveled, mostly by RV, seeing much of the country and taking pictures" said Mason. "However, we were drawn to

the Oregon coast, where we settled in 1994. It was here that I was inspired by the natural beauty to begin painting."

Mason said his pursuit was casual at first, until he recently began making a serious effort resulting in a collection of land and seascapes and "people pictures."

"I try to present strong, balanced compositions and to delineate them accurately, sometimes conveying a message and always attempting to please the eye," Mason said of his art.

Mason will be at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St., for an artist reception this Friday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m.

He will be available to answer questions about himself and his art.

Refreshments will be served.

IN BRIEF

SWC to discuss water rights, sea stars today

Water rights and the fate of sea stars will be examined at the Siuslaw Watershed Council meeting today, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The SWC meets at the Mapleton Grange, 10880 E. Mapleton Road.

Visit www.siuslaw.org or call 541-268-3044 for more information.

Library Friends to hold board meeting

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library (FOL) will hold a board meeting tomorrow, Aug. 27, at 11 a.m. in the Bromley Room.

FOL members and others interested in supporting the library or learning more about the Friends is invited to attend. Refreshments are provided.

Share, see British Cars, Saturday

The Central Oregon Coast British Car Club will hold its monthly breakfast meeting, rain or shine, Saturday Aug. 29, starting at 9 a.m., at Kozy Kitchen Restaurant, 820 Highway 101 in Florence.

For more information, call 541-997-7354.

Florence Dems will meet again Sept. 5

Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m., in the Port of Siuslaw meeting room, 100 Harbor St., in Old Town

Florence.

Mayor Joe Henry will speak about goals and plans for the City of Florence.

Annual Senior Expo set for Oct. 1 at FEC

The annual Good Life Boomer and Senior Expo will be held Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Admission is free.

The Expo is a unique hybrid of information, resources and entertainment, all geared toward satisfying and enhancing the life of boomers and seniors. Spend the day socializing, becoming better informed and having fun.

For more information on booth and sponsorship opportunities, call 541-902-3524.

SHS Class of 1970 reunion set for September

The Class of 1970 will be having its 45th class reunion Sept. 11, 12 and 13.

There will be a Friday night social at 6 p.m. at the Woahink Meeting Hall; a Saturday evening dinner at the Three Rivers Casino Events Center, with the Siuslaw Alumni All-Class Reunion at 5:30 p.m. for no-host social hour and 7 p.m. for dinner; then Sunday Brunch at 9 a.m.

Contact Debbie Peterson by email at deb52_3@yahoo.com for details.



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Hot trends in wedding cuisine

Once a couple has officially tied the knot, the newly recognized man and wife and all of their guests will retire to a party room where they can mingle, dance and enjoy a good meal.

In the past, standard fare like prime rib and roasted chicken dominated wedding menus. But today's weddings cater to people of various culinary tastes, and couples and their guests can expect more upscale and creative cuisine to be rolled out for wedding receptions. The following are a handful of the more popular trends with regard to wedding cuisine.

MINIATURE BITES

Many people say good things come in small packages, and when it comes to miniature versions of favorite foods, they may be right. Instead of large meals that fill guests up fast, they can munch on smaller bites of their favorite dishes. How about a piece of meatloaf topped with whipped mashed potatoes? A cherry tomato with a small piece of mozzarella cheese makes a mini caprese salad. Turning favorite foods into bite-sized adventures can add a touch of whimsy to the reception.

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

Some couples are circumventing high price tags for their weddings by choosing to hold the festivities at less expensive times of day. Brunch-themed weddings are a big hit with those who would much rather dine on a stack of pancakes than a dish of pasta. Omelet stations, croissants and a bevy of other breakfast table fare can be enjoyed any time of the day.

DIM SUM

Dim sum allows guests to sample different foods without filling up. Carts of dumplings and other small plates of appetizers can be wheeled around so everyone can choose what they want and what they want to avoid.

GOURMET COMFORT FOOD

People love familiar comfort foods, but now gourmet comfort foods are shaking up wedding receptions. Mac-and-cheese with gouda and brie or chicken pot pie with a puff-pastry crust are a few offerings that can add glamour to down-home cooking.

FOOD WITH A SHOW

Instead of passed foods or buffet stations, couples are opting to make food an experience for guests. An oyster bar with a chef serving fresh seafood or a dessert master whipping up flambé is a feast for the eyes and mouth.

INTERESTING BUFFET STATIONS

Keep guests on their toes with various meal stations. A bountiful display of artisanal cheeses, fruits and breads will be a cheese lover's dream. These stations also can be appetizing focal points around the room and ensure all guests get a bite of what they like best.

FAMILY STYLE

Rustic and informal weddings have grown in popularity. Rather than food being brought to the guests or participants lining up in buffet lines, family-style dining allows guests to share conversation and pass the peas at the same time. Larger, rectangular tables allow more guests to sit with one another and serve themselves food from community plates located in the center of the tables.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE PAIRINGS

Food-forward wedding couples are offering guests mouthwatering appetizers matched with a cocktail. A slider and a craft beer or a dumpling and a shot of saki are examples of this trend.

NONTRADITIONAL 'FAKE' CAKES

Instead of a multi-tiered cake or the cupcake fad that is starting to fizzle, couples are now opting for something new. Desserts that mimic the look of cake, but aren't quite that combination of sponge and frosting are trending. Crepes, pies, cookies, and doughnuts are acceptable and can add a creative spark to the cake-cutting ceremony. When offered along with dessert stations, guests can certainly get their fill of sweet delights.

VEGAN AND GLUTEN-FREE OPTIONS

Chances are one or more people attending the reception will be on a

restricted diet. Rather than relegate these guests to dining on side dishes and patchwork meals, certain couples are building entire offerings around vegan and gluten-free foods.

Couples are getting creative with their food and beverage offerings at their weddings. Guests never know which culinary wonders they will encounter as they gather to wish the newlyweds well.



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