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Library's annual demARTS aims to inspire today

On Saturday, Oct. 10, the Siuslaw Public Library will present the second annual demARTS event in celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month.

This day-long demonstration of creativity and art includes something for anyone who enjoys art, creates art or wants to create art.

More than 20 artists will demonstrate techniques in painting, drawing, fiber arts, beading, fabric arts and ceramics.

The Last Resort Players will also be on hand in the lobby, performing a preview from its upcoming production of "Chicago," and representing the performing arts.

The first 100 visitors to the demARTS program will receive a special gift, and door prizes will also be given out through the day.

Mary Colgan-Bennetts, library circulation supervisor and creator of the demARTS program, is enthusiastic about the event.

"Last year's demARTS was so successful and fun that we are doing a bigger and better event this year," said Colgan-Bennetts. "We had over 125 people enjoying a day of arts and this year there will be some returning artists, as well as some new faces and art forms."

One of the artists who participated in the inaugural demARTS, Tina Shoys, said of last year's event, "It was apparent that both the artists and the public were enjoying themselves."

Beginning at 10 a.m., demARTS will feature three groups of six artists sharing their artistic talent for two hours each. These demonstrations will allow participants to observe more than 20 artists and crafters working in a variety of mediums.

Anyone who has longed to turn a blank canvas into a masterpiece or is interested in learning what inspires artists may want to attend one or more demonstrations by artists sharing their talent in oils, watercolors, beading, pottery, altered art and many more media.

Consider stopping by to see artists make monoprints, create a piece of jewelry or turn simple paper into a work of art.

Fiber artists and admirers will want to spend time in the library's lobby between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to see the Fiber Arts Guild display weaving, spinning, felting and sewing.

New this year, attendees will have the opportunity to make and take their own art.

The library's conference room will be open to anyone



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Jan Woodford, pastel and oil artist, shares her talent at demARTS 2014.

who wants to color, create a card or doodle artistically.

The demARTS event is the perfect opportunity for adults and children alike to watch and participate in the creative process, speak with local artists as they work and admire the talent we have right here in Florence.

This day-long salute to the arts and humanities is conducted in partnership with the Siuslaw Public Library Art Committee, Friends of the Library, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), the Siuslaw Fiber Arts Guild, the

Florence Area Beaders group, the Florence Miniature Club, BeauxArts Fine Art Materials and Kenneth B. Gallery.

For more information about the demARTS program, includ-

ing a detailed schedule of artist demonstrations and other arts events, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person or online at www.siuslawlibrary.org.

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"Our employees discussed ways to especially support the communities we serve during Public Power Month, and felt that donating food and collecting food donations for people in need was an excellent way to help out," said general manager Debra Smith. "As unemployment on the coast tends to climb in the winter, we knew assistance with food would meet real needs."

Pantry organizers say foods that are especially helpful include: peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned meat products (like stew or chili), flour, coffee, baby formula, Rice-a-Roni, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, canned soups (except tomato), canned vegetables and canned beans, such as great northern beans, lima beans, pinto beans, baked beans and pork and beans.

Those wishing to donate these and other canned and other nonperishable foods to feed the hungry are encouraged to bring donations to Central Lincoln's office in Florence, at 966 Highway 101, anytime from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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