

## FRAA hosts Holiday Arts Festival Friday, Saturday

Holiday Arts Festival 2015 is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for the holiday season.

The arts festival event is presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA).

This year there are two days to shop, beginning Friday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 7 p.m., then again Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St.

Come meet the craftsmen 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:

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 items, Christmas crafts and glass art; Maggie Bagon, hand spun dyed and felted items; Ken McDougal, fine art scenic photos; Janet and Kevin Square, intarsia woodworking and fractal art; Diane Osborne, large and small Santas; Norma Burkett, fibre arts; and Peggy Murray, original art and illustrated printed cards.

Holiday Arts Festival kicks off Friday at Empty Bowls at the FEC.

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.

## Oregon pastors welcome the Rev. Benscoter



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Lutheran ministers from around Oregon joined to welcome and install the new pastor, the Rev. Randall (Randy) Benscoter, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Sunday, Nov. 29. Pastors included (left to right) the Rev. Kyle Kneen (Florence); the Rev. John Eggert, the Liturgist who officiated the event (Portland); the Rev. Don Frerichs (Florence); the Rev. Gary Krundiek (Sutherland); the Rev. Randy Benscoter (Florence); Circuit Visitor Rev. James Markus, who performed the installation (Cottage Grove); the Rev. Brandt Hoffman (Coos Bay) and Lay Deacon Greg Howaldt (Myrtle Point).

## Joyful Noise prepares for annual holiday production

Joyful Noise Children and Youth Community Choir is excited to invite the community to its holiday production, "A Tree Lot Christmas."

The show will be presented Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m., and 6 p.m., at the Florence Christian Church, at Second and Ivy streets.

Admission to the production is free.

This musical is filled with vibrant songs that tell the

story of a group of compassionate and fun-loving kids and how they demonstrate the powerful love of Christ to the greedy "Mr. Carmichael" and invite him into the family of God.

Joyful Noise Children's Choir is a seasonal choir for children and youth of our community, 4 years old through 12th grade.

For more information, contact the church office at 541-997-2961.

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Florence Food Share has great news for our community. We recognize that many of our clients are working families who are unable to utilize the pantry during the normal work week. Thanks to an anonymous donation specifically for this purpose, Food Share will now be open on Saturdays, from 10a.m.-1p.m.. We will initially be open the first and third Saturday of each month, and will soon expand to being open each Saturday. Food Share is happy to be able to better serve this wonderful community.

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Florence Food Share tiene una gran noticia para nuestra comunidad. Somos conscientes de que muchos de nuestros clientes son familias que no pueden utilizar la despensa durante la semana de trabajo normal de trabajo. Gracias a una donación anónima específicamente para este propósito, Food Share ahora estará abierto los sábados de 10 a.m.-1p.m. Inicialmente estaremos abiertos el primer y tercer sábado de cada mes, y pronto ampliará a estar abierto todos los sábados. Alimentos Compartir está feliz de poder servir mejor esta maravillosa comunidad.

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