

Snug against the rocky shore, Highway 101 wends its way south from Cape Perpetua. Dramatic overlook above the highway gives a sweeping view of the Pacific. Photo by Michael Williams

## Along the Central Oregon Coast

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For a change of pace, head west toward the sunset on Hwy. 126 through Veneta, Elmira, Noti, and Walton, ambling alongside the Siuslaw River as it makes its way to Florence and empties into the Pacific Ocean. Within an hour's drive, Lane County residents and visitors can stroll on sandy beaches, see spectacular views from high rocky headlands, feel the salt spray and sea wind, and hear the cacophony of busy seagulls. Crab or fish from a rocky jetty, troll lazily on a sand dune lake with fishing pole and lure in hand—it's all there.

There's much to see and do on the central Oregon coast, encompassing western Lane County, portions of Lincoln County to the north, and Douglas County to the south. The southern section of the Siuslaw National Forest is located in this part of the Coast Range—thick Douglas fir forests carpeted with salal, sword fern, rhododendron, and wild berries contrast with miles of open sand dunes and beaches alongside the Pacific Ocean strewn with weathered driftwood, water-worn rocks, and tide pools housing blue-green sea anemones and scurrying rock crab.

For helpful maps and information about campgrounds, trails, and recreation sites in the forest, stop at the Mapleton Ranger Station on Hwy. 26 at Mapleton, 14 miles east of Florence. For those heading north, a stop at the Waldport Ranger Station in Waldport or the Alsea Ranger Station in Alsea (north of Yachats) will yield helpful information for those areas.

Located at the junction of Hwys. 126 and 101 near the mouth of the Siuslaw River, Florence is a community of some 4500 coast-dwellers. **Old Town**,

along the river near Bay Street, is a pleasant place to stroll and visit unique shops and restaurants in some of the town's most historic buildings. For a look at the oldest structure, walk up to the corner of First and Maple Streets to see the 90-year-old Johnson House, a large two-story white salt box which has been renovated and is now operating as a traditional bed and breakfast inn, Florence's first.

Coast visitors who want to get off the beaten track will enjoy ambling along Rhododendron Drive out to **Spruce Point** and

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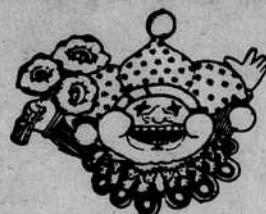
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## This Week's Highlights



### Oregon Imagination Celebration '83 Continues

On Saturday, May 14, Eugene will host a giant Community Celebration on the Downtown Mall and Hult Plaza. Beginning at 9:30 am a **Children's Parade and Royal Public Promenade** will be staged by the **NewMime Circus**. Dress is regal, if you're up to it! A mystery fairy tale will begin, unfolding throughout a guided tour, led by the **Pied Piper** and **Roosevelt Marching Band**. **Howard Wade** of TV's *Friday Night in Ducktown* will be the Emperor. Other featured performers include the juggling **Galleos**, **Weiss the Magician**, **Just Friends**, **Radar Angels**, **Carolans**, **Society for Creative Anachronism** and **Sparky's LCC Mime Team**. The day's schedule follows:

#### SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

Time	Hult Center	Fountain Area—Mall
9:45-10:15	Royal Promenade and Children's Parade	
10:30-11:00	North American Tribal Drum & Dance	
10:45-11:15		Skinner City Cloggers
11:15-11:45	Amethyst Dance Co.	Marimba Band
11:45-12:15	Ben'Zen (Jazz)	U of O Theater, scenes from Shakespeare
12:15-12:45	Youth Dance Co.	Dobre' Folk Dance Troup
12:45-1:15	Hansel and Gretel Opera	
1:30-2:00	Lane Dance Co.	Bjo's Follies, one-act play
2:15-2:45	U of O Children's Choir	McCornack Square Dancers
3:00-3:30	Asian Aloha Nui (Dance)	Academy of Artistic Gymnastics
3:45-4:15	Jr. Symphony String Ensemble	Scenes from <i>Alice in Wonderland</i>
4:30-4:45		Closing Ceremonies
Time	Park-Willamette Bldg.	Olive Plaza
10:45-11:45	<i>The Little Prince</i> , Monroe Middle School Sixth Grade	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i> , Monroe Middle School
11:45-12:15	Peter Thomas, Classical Guitar	Edison School Folk Dancers
12:15-12:45	KWAX/KLCC U of O Theater—Sci-Fi Contest Reading	
12:30-1:00		Gilham School Jugglers
1:00-2:00	Storytellers: Linda Erz, John Holtzapple, Yvonne Young	
2:15-2:45	Ebone Eyes—Puppet Show and Storytelling	

#### LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT CELEBRATION

- 10¢ bus fare on all day, May 14th
- Open house at new Customer Service Center, 10th & Willamette, 10-4 pm
- Musical performances
- Poetry readings
- View the historic 31' x 19' mural
- Information displays

#### ACTIVITIES/DEMONSTRATIONS

Awbrey School Rope Act:	In front of U.S. Bank, 11:30-12:00 pm
Chalk Drawing:	Hands-on experience by Maude Kerns Art Center, Olive Plaza, 1-3 pm
Chinese Brush Painting:	Demonstration, Information Center
Etching:	Demonstration by "Old Obie", pulling prints of historical buildings, Original Graphic Gallery, ALL DAY
Giant Loom:	Hands-on experience by 4J South Region, 2nd Floor, Centre Court, ALL DAY
Inflatable Art:	Workshop by Dick Lennox, LESD Art Specialist, Atrium Bldg., 1-2 pm
Magic Performances:	Society of American Magicians, Hult Plaza, ALL DAY
Mathland:	Hands-on science activities by Willamette Science and Technology Center (WISTEC), Centre Court, Impression Space, ALL DAY
Mural Painting:	Hands-on experience by Maude Kerns Art Center, Kiosk in front of the Broadway, ALL DAY
U of O Craft Center:	Demonstrations, Kiosk in front of Burch's, ALL DAY
Walking Art Gallery:	4-J student work, roving through Mall
Weaving:	Hands-on weaving experience by Maude Kerns Art Center, Hult Plaza, ALL DAY

#### DOWNTOWN DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

Afro-American Art: Glamour Girl  
Bethel/Danebo Art: Centre Court (May 9-14)  
"Dali": Original Graphics  
Electronic Mural: Centre Court (May 7-14)  
Emerald Empire Art: Hult Center for the Performing Arts (May 13-14)  
"Figments": Pleasant Hill High School Art  
Hispanic Culture Display  
4J School Banners: Atrium Building  
LESD Art Teachers: Gari's in Centre Court  
Native American Craft and Display  
New Works by Local Artists: Soaring Wings  
"Shadow Paintings": Artists Union  
Statewide Artists-in-Education: Public Service Building