

'Our Town' photo exhibit to complement theater production

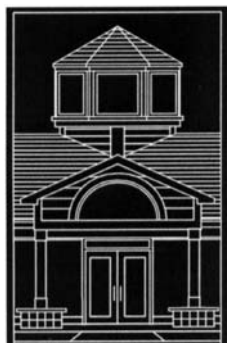
During March, the Last Resort Players' (LRP) theatrical production of "Our Town" will collaborate with the Florence Events Center galleries by exhibiting the works of local photographers and artists capturing "Life in Our Town."

Entries will either follow the themes of the play — everyday living, love and marriage, and the reality of death — or will focus on our own town of Florence.

The glass case will also offer 3-D artwork.

LRP's "Our Town" will be presented on March 20 and 21 at 7 p.m., and 22 at 2 p.m. It will be repeated on March 27 and 28 at 7 p.m., and March 29, at 2 p.m. The three-act play has two intermissions, and the audiences will be able to enhance their theatrical experience by visiting Gallery One in the FEC during intermissions to reflect on the artwork and its relation to the play.

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

Station Eleven

By Emily St. John Mandel
Book review by Susie Voth

Have you ever finished a book and wished that you knew someone who had read it so that you could have a discussion about the book?

That is how I feel having just finished "Station Eleven." This book is a conversation waiting to happen and I'm just waiting to have that conversation.

"Station Eleven" takes place in the not-so-distant future after the collapse of civilization as we know it. The story begins pre-collapse in Toronto at the Elgin Theatre. Arthur Leander, a once very famous movie actor, is playing King Lear. He has a heart attack on stage and the scene is set for the telling of the rest of the story.

Several key characters are introduced during part one.

The Theater — Kristen, a child actress playing one of King Lear's daughters, continues to perform Shakespeare with a small troupe called the Traveling Symphony 15 years after the crash. Jeevan, an almost-paramedic, who jumps to the aid of Arthur Leander in the opening sequence of the book, returns as an almost-doctor later in the story. Clark, Arthur Leander's

best friend, has a key role in preserving relics of a lost era in the Museum of Civilization.

Miranda, Elizabeth, and Tyler are all connected to Arthur Leander and all resurface and intersect with the stories of Clark and Kristen.

This book is an astounding journey into a probable future. It is not as depressing as "The Hunger Games," where a corrupt government pits child against child in "games" where death is the outcome for all but one contestant.

"Station Eleven" illustrates how wonderful things happen, how amazing things happen, and how bad things happen.

In essence, Station Eleven illuminates that life happens and, most importantly, that the relationships we have with friends and loved ones nurture and sustain us throughout it all.

Lego Club to meet

The next meeting of the wonderfully creative Lego Club will be this Friday, March 6, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in the library's Bromley Room.

Priority is given to second through sixth graders.

The creations that the kids come up with are in the display case in the children's area.

For more information, please contact the library.

Best Books lists available

For those of you who missed the Best Books presentation on Feb. 25, you can pick up a list of the books discussed, as well as a list of all the books recommended this year.

Among the most popular books of 2014, and now into 2015, are, in the fiction category: "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr; "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty; "Lila" by Marilynne Robinson; "Gemini" by Carol Cassella; and "Fourth of July Creek" by Smith Henderson.

For nonfiction, some of the best books were: "The Sixth Extinction" by Elizabeth Kolbert; "The Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis; and "Age of Ambition" by Evan Osnos.

"Death Riding Shotgun"

Connecticut author and teacher Lisa C. Taylor will be doing a short writing workshop called "Death Riding Shotgun," about how mortality affects our writing. Her presentation begins at noon on Tuesday, March 17.

No pre-registration is required and the program is free and open to the general public.

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Rotary celebrates the glamour of the 1920s to raise funds for scholarship for Florence area youth and other community projects.

Kennedy inducted into Tale Spinners

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, Cathy French, vice-president of education for the Siuslaw Tales Spinners, inducted Vickie Kennedy into Toastmaster International at a ceremony held at the regular meeting of the Siuslaw Tale Spinners.

Kennedy works at the Heceta Water People's Utility District.

She came to Florence from California in 2004.

She said her interest in Toastmasters was aroused by articles in the Siuslaw News, prompting her to stop by the

Toastmasters table on Volunteer Day last summer, where Anne Machalek, local president and area governor, explained the program and the benefits of Toastmasters.

After coming to few meetings as an observer Kennedy decided to become a member.

The Siuslaw Tale Spinners meet at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue station at 26th Street and Highway 101.

Visitors are always welcome.



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Newly inducted Tale Spinner Vickie Kennedy with vice-president of education Cathy French

Morning Star Quilt Group sponsors class on March 10 to benefit a veteran

The Morning Star Quilt Group in Florence is sponsoring a class March 10 at 9:30 a.m. that will show how to make a "disappearing star" quilt block.

The class will be taught by Sonny, an avid quilter who recently relocated to Florence from Eugene.

His specialty is making quilts for the Quilts of Valor organization, which are then

presented to veterans to honor their service.

Blocks made at the class will be put together into a quilt which will be presented to a veteran in the Florence area.

The class will take place in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' building on the corner of Munsel Lake and North Fork roads.

All sewers and quilters are

invited to attend. The class is free. Sewers can bring their own machines or use one of the quilt groups eight machines.

All other supplies such as rulers, rotary cutters, scissors, irons, etc., are available at the building. Material for the project will be provided at the class.

For more information, call JoAnn at 541-997-3805.

My son is just getting out of High School. I just want him to be able to live here and have a good job.

Heather Tramp



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