

# GENERAL NEWS

## Donate tools for local schools March 15-20

The school gardens are in need of gardening tools and the community's help.

Between March 15 and 20, community members can drop off donations of gently used garden tools (shovels, rakes, hand tools, garden gloves, etc.) at either the Real Food Co-op or Homegrown Pub.

In exchange, donators will receive a raffle ticket for a special drawing for gift certificates and merchandise donated by local supporting business.

The drawing will be held March 23 at Real Food Co-op. Winners need not be present to win.

Support students in learning

about gardening, which is a great way to get kids outside learning about plants, food, composting, bugs, soil, math, writing, stress relief and more.

Gardening gives kids an opportunity to become more intimate with their food and how it is grown so they can continue to be good shepards of the land.

Real Food Co-op is at 1379 B Rhododendron Drive; Homegrown Pub is at 294 Laurel St.

For information or other donations, call Jen at the Co-op at 541-997-3396 or Jody and Kelsey at Homegrown at 541-997-4886.

## Colonial herbs topic of today's Garden Club meeting

The Florence Garden Club will meet today, March 11, when Jacquie Beveridge will be the speaker.

She is the expert-class president of the Herb Enthusiasts and will talk about herbs from Colonial times to the present.

Her talks are always informative and entertaining.

Garden Club meetings are

held the second Wednesday of the month, September through June, at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 North.

Social time starts at 12:30 p.m., followed by the speaker at 1 p.m., and the business meeting at 2 p.m.

The public is welcome.

## GIVING LIFE TO POETRY



PHOTO BY JO BEAUDREAU

**F**lorence Spoken Word Poetry Contest winner Noah Schultz (second from left) and his friends celebrate Saturday evening after he gave a moving performance of his memorized poem, "Spring to Life," in front of a full house at Kenneth B Gallery in Old Town. Schultz was awarded a \$250 cash prize. More than two dozen poets took the stage for the first-ever monthly contest featuring original poems. The next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 4. Online registration will be available at [www.KennethBGallery.com](http://www.KennethBGallery.com) as well as the day of the event, from 3 to 4 p.m. Readings begin at 4:15 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door. A Taste of Hawaii will provide food at the gallery, 1458 First St.

## Rotarians rise to meet costume challenge

Each year about this time, Florence Rotarians and their friends devote serious time and energy to planning their costumes for the upcoming Rotary Auction.

This year's event, scheduled for March 14 at the Florence Events Center, is billed as "A Roaring Good Night for Giving."



COURTESY PHOTO

**Harriet Smith displays her flapper roots during a Rotary "fashion show" in preparation for this year's auction.**

Flapper costumes are in. In an effort to help its members appear in appropriate attire, the club recently staged a

fashion show where a group of "professional" models portrayed the possibilities to be considered.

Lis Farm and Guy Veach might well have been on their way to the local speakeasy to sip some champagne and discuss a woman's right to vote or some other challenging political topic of the day.

After dipping in some bathtub gin, Crystal Farnsworth and Bobby Jensen had a night planned at the local speakeasy. They might make some plans that involve breaking the bank — breaking the bank for the kids of Florence, that is.

Every penny raised at the Rotary Auction goes toward scholarships for local high school, college students and other community projects.

And she may be Florence's oldest flapper, but her glamour had not faded for Harriet Smith, who is proud to be a modern 1920s woman.

In all her glory, Smith represents that young lady who continued to hike up her skirt, stay out late and go with what was in. Times were, and still are, changing, and thus the flapper age comes to Florence.

The March 14 auction begins at 5 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$60.

For information, call 541-902-9807.

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MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15	MARCH 16	MARCH 17
Breezy, Periods of Rain	Warmer, Periods of Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Breezy, Periods Of Rain	Cloudy, Brief Showers	Partly Sunny	Times of Clouds and Sun
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