

Learn how to leave a smaller carbon footprint at Florence Green Fair

“Living green” is not just a catch phrase anymore. It’s the direction more and more people are taking as the importance of protecting the environment stays in the forefront. Now “living green” means making changes to lifestyles — changes that are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

To further these efforts, The Siuslaw News, KCST Radio and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce are hosting Florence’s 6th annual Green Fair. On Saturday, May 2, more than 40 companies will assemble at the Florence Events Center with information and displays that demonstrate how consumers and businesses can choose products and take simple steps that will create less waste, save money, be healthful and leave less of a mark on the environment. Whether it is about recycling, using less energy, or protecting the soil and air and the food we eat, the Green Fair will offer ideas and solutions for adopting a greener lifestyle.

Exhibits, seminars and interactive activities are scheduled through the day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first 500 people to attend the fair will receive a complimentary package of energy-efficient light bulbs, courtesy of show sponsor Central Lincoln Public Utility District. Admission to the Florence Green Fair is \$3.

Visitors to this year’s Green Fair will have access to more ‘living green’ vendors than ever before.



FRAA artists to exhibit during Rhododendron Festival

The FRAA will present its Rhododendron Days Arts Festival May 16 and 17. The exhibit will showcase an eclectic display of unique works of art and fine craftsmanship — many of which will be available for purchase. For more than five years, the FRAA Art Festival has attracted local artists as well as artisans from all over Oregon to participate and display their works. This special event at the Florence Events Center runs from Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and again on Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, with 10 percent of the sales benefiting the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Art Center.

The exhibit will feature woodworking, as well as many different art mediums from artisans around the state

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