

FEC to 'Go Green' during annual Green Fair

"Living green" isn't just a catch phrase anymore. It's the direction more and more people are taking as the importance of protecting the environment becomes a growing focal point for the planet. While "living green"



once just meant sorting recyclables, it has evolved into making lifestyle changes that are environmentally friendly and sustainable. To further these efforts, the Siuslaw News, KCST Radio and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will host Florence's sixth-annual Green Fair on May 2.

Businesses will assemble at the Florence Events Center with information and displays demonstrating how consumers and businesses can choose products and take simple steps to create less waste, save money, be healthful to the environment and leave a smaller carbon footprint on the planet.

Whether it is about recycling, using less energy or protecting the soil, air and foods we eat, the Florence Green Fair will offer ideas and

solutions for adopting a greener lifestyle.

"Businesses will gather to show local consumers how to improve their lifestyle while preserving this planet," said Siuslaw News general manager Jenna Bartlett. "Children and adults will learn how easy it is to be environmentally friendly. Equally important, the show is an opportunity for vendors to introduce their products and services in a way that is meaningful to people who want to make such changes."

Vendors on hand for the fair will include Dr. Energy Saver, Organic Pest Control, Siuslaw Watershed, Coos Bay Toyota and Johnston Motors, Real Food Co-op, Lane Area Pollution and many others.

Exhibits, seminars and interactive



activities are scheduled through the day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 2.

Admission to the Florence Green Fair is \$3

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY

Gallery One:

"Children of the World" photo exhibit
Florence Green Fair — May 2
Community Chorus — May 3
Rhododendron Court Showcase — May 6
Jazz Kings — May 9
Eugene Symphony — May 15
Rhododendron Show — May 16 and 17
FRAA Arts Festival — May 16 and 17
Read for the Need — May 22 and 23
FloTones — May 29 and 30

JUNE

SHS band — June 1
SHS Choir — June 2
Coastal Fitness Spring Performance — June 4
LRP's "Putnam Spelling Bee" June 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21
FEC Indoor Yard Sale — June 27

Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon.
Box Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. weekdays
and 1 hour before major events



ONGOING EVENTS:
Florence Rotary Club luncheon -
Tuesdays at noon



The Florence Events Center will feature the photography of Ginger Gouveia in Gallery One during the month of May. Gouveia has taken photography classes at Linn Benton Community College, as well as various photography and digital photography workshops at the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology. She lives in Waldport, Ore., after retiring to the Oregon coast 14 years ago.

Gouveia is a member of Yaquina Art

Association and the Yachats Artist Guild, and her work has been exhibited at Gallery 34 in Waldport, various venues in Yachats, and in Florence. Her "Children of the World" exhibit has been previously exhibited at the Runyan Gallery and Sylvia Beach Hotel in Yachats, as well as venues in Corvallis and Portland.

"During travels to new cultures, I relish my connection with the children. With my lens, I try to capture the hope, joy and sometimes pain in their eyes," said Gouveia. "Many of these children face a world that is uncertain and



fearful, but through it all, their innocence and playfulness continues to shine through from their souls.

"With this exhibit, I hope to honor the dignity of children everywhere."



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