

Arts Festival

Florence Regional Arts Alliance presents Rhody Days — Arts Festival at the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This free show and sale of unique works of art and fine craftsmanship fills Galleries 4 and 5 and the Lobby. It is a great way to find a creative treasure and benefit a cause, as each artist will donate 10 percent of their sales to the FEC.

Artists and vendors come from Eugene, Seal Rock, Coquille, Elmira, Waldport, Corvallis, Gresham and the local area.

Enjoy demonstrations by local favorites and discover new artists as well, like: Richard Anderson, obsidian knives; Doris Andrews, shadow boxes; Beverly Apple, vintage copper jewelry; Claudia Brown, sea glass and beadwork

designs; Cindi Covert, crocheted hats and scarves; Beverly Egli, painted saws; Nancy Gant, lampwork; Sandra Kay Hayes, fabric and linen items; Charlee Hendricksen, beadwork; Larry and Holly Herr, small wooden boxes; Debbie Kiturkes, hand-painted pottery; Patti Land, pottery; Guy Lundy, wire wrapping and rocktopography; Ralph and Vicki Martin, wood scroll art; Ken McDougal, photography; Karen Nichols, torn paper painting and books; Pam Parker, watercolors and pyrography; Teresa Saylor, quilts; Karen Skulley, knit/crochet and quilts; Kathi Smith, knit shawls; Karen Souza, mixed media and warm glass; Jeanne Ternahan, fabric hand bags; Linda Thompson, photography and cards; and Robert Triplett, wood boxes.

Contact Claudia Brown for more information at 541-902-1933.

Rhody society hosts flower show, sale

The annual Rhododendron Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, at the Florence Events Center (FEC). The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Sponsored by the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, the flower show opens to the public free of charge on Saturday at 1 p.m. and continues on Sunday starting at 10 a.m.

The public is welcome to bring flower trusses on Saturday from 7 to 9 a.m. to be judged by rhododendron experts.

The truss must come from a plant that the owner has grown for at least six months.



Ribbons will be awarded. It's a great time to ask questions, find books and information and enjoy the beautiful colors of the season.

Plant sales will take place outside the south side of the FEC.

In addition to the flower show inside, there will be a rhododendron leaf display and the Siuslaw Elementary School students' rhododendron art show.

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