

Florence home to original 'Rosie the Riveter'

Her friends call her Ginger. Born Feb. 11, 1925, as Clara Elizabeth Taylor, Ginger lived and worked in the Bay area of California. In 1994, she and her late husband moved to Florence.

But it is another name that makes Ginger unique: Rosie the Riveter.

As a young girl right out of high school, Taylor began work that had previously been done by men. She worked in a Kaiser shipyard as a welder in 1943 and 1944 during WWII, travelling by ferry from San Francisco to Richmond and back. She worked the night shift, getting off at dawn every morning.

The term "Rosie the Riveter" was first used in 1942 in a song of the same name, which became a national hit. The song portrays "Rosie" as a tireless assembly line worker doing her part to help the American war effort. Millions of women were



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Ginger Taylor was one of the original "Rosie the Riveters."

encouraged to work in industry and take over jobs previously held by men who had joined the military. "Rosie" became an icon representing women who worked in factories and shipyards during WWII, inspir-

ing a social movement that increased the number of working American women from 12 million to 20 million by 1944.

Taylor was one of those women, wearing leathers and black hood to protect from

sparks as she worked at the out-fitting dock as a welder.

Taylor was a Rosie Riveter, and is one of the heroes recognized by the new Oregon Coast Military Museum here in Florence. The museum seeks to honor all those who have played a part in defending liberty, both here and abroad.

One of the museum displays shows the "Home Front," where Americans young and old joined in to support the WWII effort.

At her last birthday, Taylor celebrated turning 90.

Her story and others will be preserved for generations to come at the Oregon Coast Military Museum, opening July 4. The museum's grand opening will be the culmination of a seven-year building project, and will be open to the public on that day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular museum hours will be announced.

Library to present this year's endowment books

The Siuslaw Public Library will be presenting new books purchased this year with proceeds from its endowment fund Thursday, June 11, at 1 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

The Siuslaw Library Endowment Fund, administered by the Western Lane Community Foundation, was founded in 1994 for the purchase of books.

It was started by an initial donation from the Friends of the Library, which has been added to with yearly donations from the Friends as well as donations from many individuals in the community.

Bookplates are placed in the books acknowledging individual and group donors.

Each year, the library receives a certain amount of the interest accrued for the purchase of books. As the fund increases, the amount

spent on children's, young adult and adult books has increased.

Some of the books purchased are special; more expensive books that wouldn't fit within the library's regular book-purchasing budget.

They range from large coffee-table art and photography books, reference books, science and health, cook books, classic, contemporary fiction and more.

Each year, these books are presented at a public program and made available for check-out on that day. In addition, many of the books are prominently displayed in the library for some weeks after the presentation.

This program is free and open to the general public.

For more information, contact the library at 541-997-3132.

Proposals sought for Siuslaw Watershed restoration

CORVALLIS — Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development (CPRCD) is accepting pre-application proposals for watershed restoration projects in the areas represented by the Alsea, Hebo, Marys Peak and Siuslaw stewardship groups.

Approximately \$400,000 is available for projects that improve or restore fish and wildlife habitat on private and other non-federal lands where there is a demonstrated benefit to national forest lands.

CPRCD, working in conjunction with the Siuslaw National Forest and the four partner stewardship groups, will help to administer the process of project application, technical review, prioritization and final award of funds to approved project proposals.

Funding requests generally should not exceed \$100,000. It is recommended that projects be scalable. A 25-percent match in funding or in-kind contributions is recommended.

Pre-application proposals are due Aug. 3.

The Siuslaw Collaborative Watershed Restoration Program was developed after the Wyden Amendment authorized that retained receipts from stewardship timber sales may be used on nearby lands that benefit resources within watersheds of the Siuslaw National Forest.

"The Collaborative Watershed Restoration Program allows the Forest Service and its partners and neighbors to consider the whole landscape when planning restoration efforts," said

Kirk Shimeall, CPRCD executive director. "It's a valuable and effective collaborative program that we're pleased to host and administer."

All required forms, including the pre-application, timeline, stewardship group area maps, final application and more are available online at

www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist_1/documents-forms/documents-forms.

For more information, contact Connie Barnes, Program Administrator, Cascade Pacific RC and D, at 541248-3094, or email her at connie@cascadepacific.org.

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It's time for an 'About Face' at Backstreet Gallery

For the month of June, Backstreet Gallery will present "About Face," a community challenge that invited the artists to take a simple unadorned face and create a unique piece of art with it.



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"About face" creation by Jane Rincon

Enjoy these unique creations and a reception, June 13, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St.

The rules allowed the artists to add, subtract, multiply or divide the shape and to embel-

lish the face and/or its parts in their own unique way.

Come see these one-of-a-kind art pieces.

In addition, "face the music" with Smilin' Dave Craddock on his keyboard with his own brand of smooth jazz mel-low standards that make everyone

feel at home. Come enjoy the music, the great appetizers and see how the artists faced this challenge during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.



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