

# Cunningham art selected for port

The Public Art Steering Committee met June 8 and reviewed the submissions for the outdoor artwork to be displayed on the Port of Siuslaw marina. A "blind" judging was held, and the committee was impressed by the creativity displayed in each of the submissions, which came from both local and out of area artists.

The committee has announced that local artist Kat Cunningham's submission was chosen for this project.

It will depict a colorful, nautical theme and will be completed and in place by Sept. 30, 2015.

Originally trained as a commercial artist, Cunningham has lived in the Florence area for more than 10 years. She has won numerous awards, conducted one-woman shows, and successfully worked in a variety of mediums including encaustic, mixed media and



Artist Kat Cunningham (fourth from left) with Public Art Steering Committee members (from left) Ron Hildenbrand, Jennifer French, Sharon Stiles, Harlen Springer, Bob Forsythe and Kelli Weese.

Painted tile. Funding for the project came through a private donation from Bob Forsythe, as well as a grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation.

## Groups forming for annual Power of Florence

The fifth annual Power of Florence is an opportunity for members of the community to come together and have fun while making a difference.

The Power of Florence is a festival-like event, with fun activities around town contributing to make the community better.

Anyone can take part in it. Currently, 19 events are being organized for July 18. Many will be set up in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, such as the annual Humane Society Barbecue, Stuff the Van, and Kitten Adoption Day.

There will be live entertainment for all to enjoy during the after party in the parking lot with entertainers, including blues musician David Weigan, CROW kids' dance and song

group, and local musician Marty Adams.

Many events raise funds for local nonprofit organizations through events such as car washes, to raise money for Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops and other nonprofit groups.

There are also service projects that beautify local parks, schools and beaches.

This year, the City of Florence, Mayor Joe Henry and City Manager Erin Reynolds will be teaming up with members from Florence Christian Church and the Realtors of Florence to beautify Miller Park.

Kiwanis, Florence Ambassadors and Rotary have beautification projects planned as well.

In four years, Power of Florence participants have raised \$32,000, completed 48 service projects and collected more than 10,000 pounds of food for the Food Share and Humane Society.

If you or your group would like to participate, contact Power of Florence organizer Kaylee Graham.

Anyone who would like to plan their own event can do anything, from a service project like weeding around town,

to a collection event for a nonprofit — or make a difference by participating in events as a volunteer.

Events will be advertised by email blasts on Power of Florence's Facebook page, on the Power of Florence website, in the Siuslaw News and other media outlets.

For more information, contact Graham by email at powerofflorence@hotmail.com or call 541-997-8778.

## Author to speak on quest for missing son

In October 2010, Sandy Lee's 36-year-old son disappeared without a trace while visiting his hometown. Three months later, his partial remains were found during a community search organized by Lee — who then began her own search to discover the circumstances surrounding her son's murder.

"No Stone Unturned" chronicles a mother's passionate pursuit to lay her son to rest by finding him justice, as well as begin the process of healing through her memoirs, which include photographs, personal poems and insights.

On Friday, June 26, Lee will be at Port Hole Books to discuss her experience, share excerpts and sign copies of her book.

Though Lee isn't a Port Hole Publications author, bookstore owner, publisher and bestselling author Ellen Traylor felt Lee's message was one that needed to be shared.

"It's every parent's worst nightmare when a child goes missing, even if he or she is an adult," said Traylor. "This brave mother's story is inspiring and deserves a wide audience. We can all gain something from the message of strength and hope she brings."

The event is free and will begin at 7 p.m. at Port Hole



Sandy Lee

Books, 179 Laurel St. in Old Town Florence.

Refreshments will be served.

Come meet Lee, hear her story and be inspired.

## LIHEAP funds available

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