

# Quilters to gather for popular Wave of Quilts show July 24 and 25

The Rhododendron Quilt Guild's own Donna Schoeningh will be the featured quilter for the 2015 Wave of Quilts quilt show at the Florence Events Center, July 24 and 25. There will be door prizes, a quilt raffle, demonstrations, a boutique, silent auction, quilt vendors, a boutique and quilt contest.

There will be free admission to anyone age 12 and younger, or 80 and older. Admission for everyone else is \$5. Those interested in entering a quilt in the show's judged contest can get an entry form online at [www.rhodyquilt.info](http://www.rhodyquilt.info). Entries are due by June 24.

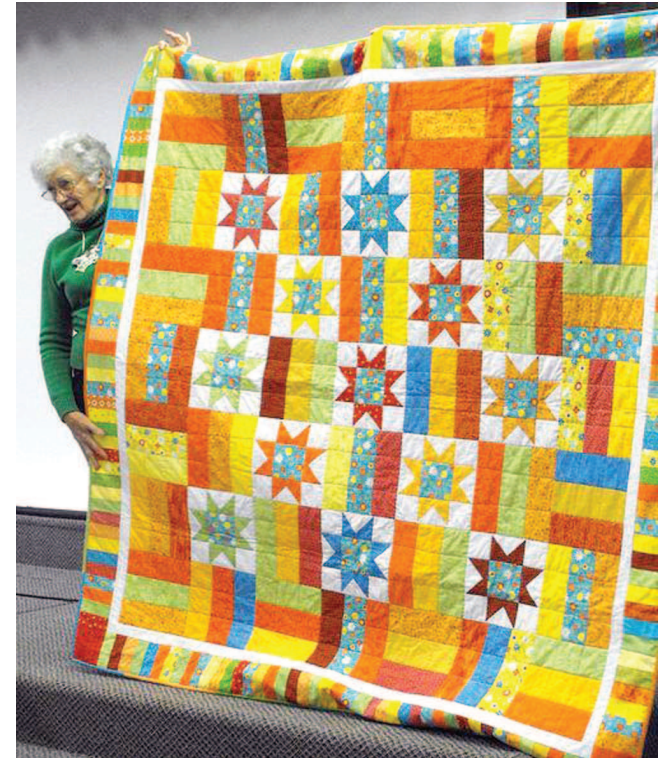
Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or six for \$5. Proceeds go to RQG education and programs. The raffle drawing for the featured quilt will be Saturday, July 25.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 25.

Since the group's creation in 1992, it has grown from 15 members to 65 — and growing. During the year, members make quilts for the Pregnancy Center, along with clothing protectors and wheelchair bags for assisted living programs in the Florence area. The group also makes quilts for the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg and Eugene's Riverbend Hospital.

The Rhododendron Quilt Guild welcomes new members to experience the tradition of quilting through education, service and friendship by joining the guild. Annual membership dues are \$25. The guild meets at the Florence Christian Church at the corner of Second and Ivy streets, at 10 a.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Each year, the guild raffles off a quilt to benefit a local charity.



# July to sizzle with Flamenco dancer Fuentes

Seattle-based Flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show, El Sol de Verano ("Summer Sun") to The Florence Events Center on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. Spanish Flamenco encompasses the full spectrum of human emotion in its three key elements: Song, guitar and its signature percussive instrument: dance.

Fuentes will be joined by one of southern Spain's most promising singing prodigies, Jose Manuel Perez.

Perez acquired a deep understanding of el cante Flamenco (Flamenco singing) observing master artists in the Flamenco clubs of his hometown of Seville. Though only 22 years of

age, the Latin crooner has already performed with a long list of today's most prominent Flamenco artists, including Paloma Fantova, Maria Juncal and Moi de Moron.

The performance will be his first public appearance in Florence.

Fuentes and Perez will be joined by guitarist Bobby de Sofia. Originally from Bulgaria, Sofia discovered Flamenco while in Los Angeles and continued his studies in Andalusia with artists such as Pedro Viscomi and Paco Arroyo. He currently performs regularly at the various Flamenco clubs in the Los Angeles area.

Born in Seattle to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry,

Fuentes began her studies in Seattle and continued in Spain with dancers such as Belen Maya and Cristobal Reyes.

She currently tours throughout the western United States and has independently produced over 250 presentations and workshops featuring internationally recognized Flamenco singers.

Don't miss this chance to experience the enchantment of Flamenco in an intimate setting.

Tickets are \$23, with VIP seating available for \$35.

Student tickets are \$15, with youth tickets available for \$8 at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).

