

Adults, here's your chance to take center stage

Have you always been interested in acting and the theatre? Now's your chance to take center stage. Melanie Heard will offer an acting class for adults on four consecutive Saturdays: Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12 and 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Florence Playhouse.

During this fun and enriching four-week course, students will explore characterization, motivation, diction and stage presence. Students will learn how to deal with stage fright, how to audition like a pro, and uncover individual strengths as an actor, while also discovering how to overcome bad habits and weaknesses.

Through the use of games and activities, participants will be exposed to a wide range of theatre terminology and tips, tricks and traps for actors.

"If you're always wanted to give acting a try, now is your chance," said Heard. "Acting is very liberating and great for building your self-confidence. This class will be a lot of fun for beginning actors, as well as for experienced actors who wish to hone their acting skills and build upon previous knowledge."

The class will be custom tailored to each level of participant.

"Even if you have no desire to be an actor, this class can still be very helpful," Heard says. "Many of the skills you



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Participants from last fall's Poison Pen Players' adult acting class

will learn can help you in your day to day life, such as interpersonal communication and job seeking skills."

Heard is a director, choreographer, actress and credentialed teacher with more than 20 years of experience in the professional theatre world.

She co-owns Poison Pen Players, a comedy murder mystery company headquartered in Florence, and is the Artistic Director of CROW (Children's

Repertory of Oregon Workshops).

Originally from Los Angeles, Heard has studied acting with the well-known South Coast Repertory Professional Conservatory, has performed in more than 50 plays and musicals, holds a BA in Theatre Arts from Cal State Fullerton, and an MA in Education.

To sign up, call Heard at 541-999-8641 or email poisonpenplayers@yahoo.com.

All participants age 16 and older are welcome.

Classes will be held at the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St. in Old Town.

Space is limited and no experience is required. Participants can attend one or two classes in this session for \$12 per class, or will receive a discount if they sign up for all 4 classes at \$40.

For more visit www.florenceplayhouse.com.

FRAA hosts reception for 'Raw Canvas' actress

Florence Regional Arts Alliance Art Center, 120 Maple St., will host a reception for "Raw Canvas" actress Nancy Hopps tomorrow, Aug. 13, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Come meet Hopps and see her perform a small snippet of her play, while enjoying wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Admission is free, but donations for the Art Center are greatly appreciated.

A small silent auction will

also provide an opportunity for individuals to bid on artwork donated by members of FRAA and CDs donated by Hopps.

"Raw Canvas," a one-woman play starring Hopps, returns to the Florence Playhouse Friday and Saturday. It is a compelling true story of woman who must choose between responsibilities as a wife and mother and pursuing her art. For information, call 541-997-1675.

Space available for Lions Club 'huge' yard sale

The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club is looking for participants for its upcoming huge multi-family yard sale set for Saturday, Aug. 22.

Twenty 20x20 spaces are available for rent with a donation of \$20 to the Lions Club.

The Yard Sale will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coffindaffer residence, 5495 North Fork Road. Vendors can begin setting

up at 7 a.m.

Money raised by from yard sale will go toward the Lions Club mission of providing eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need.

The Lions Club concession cart will be onsite with hot dogs and drinks available for purchase.

To reserve a space, contact Linda Brown at 541-997-3320.

Hillsbery offers watercolor demo, beginner classes

The Northwest Watercolor Society (NWS) marked its 75th anniversary in a Seattle, Wash., convention July 10-12, during which nationally known local watercolorist and teacher Carole Hillsbery's watercolor "The Country Fiddler" was accepted into the show running throughout the month of August.

Hillsbery was awarded a coveted NWS Signature Award at this convention and her painting was sold.

Hillsbery will offer a free watercolor demonstration at her Creekside Gallery and Studio on Monday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The demo allows prospective students to watch her paint



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Carole Hillsbery with her award-winning watercolor "The Country Fiddler"

while she teaches the ABC's of watercolor. She will demonstrate while teaching about color, paper, paint and answer any questions you may have.

Attendees will not have to paint.

Beginner classes will commence on Thursdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Class size is limited and fills up quickly.

Hillsbery paints with vivid colors and a sense of light with an edgy, impressionistic approach. She executes her watercolors on both paper and canvas.

Anyone interested in either the free demo or class, can email Charlene Wilson at charwilson66@gmail.com or call 541-997-8676.

Annual Habitat BeachWalk Sept. 12

It's time to start getting teams together and gathering your sponsors before the Florence Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk, from the North Jetty to Driftwood Shores, starts Saturday, Sept. 12.

Every donation raised goes to purchasing building materials to build Florence Habitat for Humanity houses here.

Habitat for Humanity was

founded in 1976 to eliminate poverty housing in the world.

All are welcome to join in this fun event, including leashed dogs. Walkers will be entertained with music, have refreshments, can hunt for glass floats and keep what they find, and participate in a sand sculpture contest with awards.


Any walker raising at least \$100 will automatically be

given a Habitat T-shirt.

Florence Habitat seeks passionate individuals and organizations to join the fight against substandard housing.

Pick up a brochure form for the 2015 Habitat BeachWalk at the Florence Habitat for Humanity office in the Grocery Outlet shopping center.

For more information, call 541-902-9227.



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