Firenze sponsors 'Can Hunger' concert, food drive Friday

will benefit from an opportunity for the community to bring canned foods and enjoy an evening of live music, wine and chocolates, offered by local business owners Luis Lopez and Jody Hale of Firenze Wine and Chocolates.

"Come on in, bring some canned food items and enjoy an evening of live music and try our delicious wines and chocolates," said Hale.

This Friday, Sept. 4, from 6 to 9 p.m., there will be an open mike hosted by Bill Olson, "Cowboy Bill of Oregon."

A receptacle for donated

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Local Food Share programs foods will be located inside Firenze on 1297 Bay St. in Historic Old Town until this date.

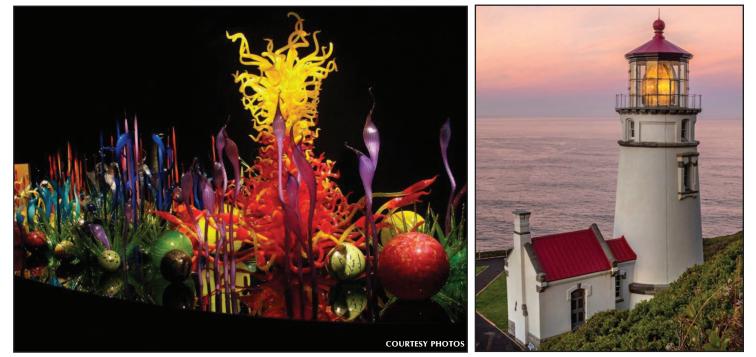
> The goal is to gather 1,000 cans of food for Florence Food Share and Mapleton Food Share.

> The "Can Hunger" Concert series organizers request that canned foods meet local food share specifications.

> Find donation lists and other ways to help at www. florencefoodshare.org and www.mapletonfoodshare.org.

Prizes will be awarded to the top individual and church/organization, including a \$50 gift certificate to the top individual gatherer and a \$100 prize to the civic group or church that turns in the most canned foods.

Look for 'Splash of Color' at FEC this fall



Blown glass created by Marion Hall (above), along with photography by Ken McDougal (right), will be featured with other local artists at the "Splash of Color" exhibit at the Florence Events Center in September.

Florence The Events Center (FEC) and the Friends of FEC Gallery Committee will share an exhibit during the months of September and October of talented local and regional artists entitled, "A

Splash of Color."

The public is invited to an artists reception on Saturday, Sept. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Come meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

Among the artwork on dis-

play will be the colorful blown glass work of Marion Hall, photographs by Ken McDougal, as well as art from Gene Olson, Jaroslav Lupinek, Richard Reynolds, Ronald Hilden-

brand, Kate Alexander and Claudia Ignatieff.

The artwork will be on display at the FEC, 715 Quince St. in Florence, during the months of September and October in Gallery One.

Three Rivers Casino Resort Event Center

Saturday September 5th: 10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. Sunday September 6th: 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER HOLIDAY MARKET

ART & CRAFT SHOW

Crafters in Stained Glass, Quilts, Jewelry, woodcarvings and lawn ornaments, woodworking, clothing, Home decor and more. Proceeds from vendor space rental to benefit Florence Food Share.

IN BRIEF

Van Fans lunch today

The next monthly meeting and luncheon for the Florence Van Fans will be today, Sept. 2, at The Shorewood on Spruce Street at 11:45 a.m.

For more information, call

Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

Yachats Arts Guild hosts Labor Day show

The Yachats Arts Guild will present its annual Labor Day Show from Friday, Sept. 4,

through Monday, Sept. 7, in acrylic, photography and wood Room 8 at the Yachats Commons, W. Fourth St. and Highway 101 in Yachats.

This year's show will feature various mediums of artwork including watercolor, oil, turned bowls and vases.

Original paintings as well as prints and note cards will be available for purchase.

Show will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Monday's show will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Florence Dems will meet Saturday

Florence Area Democratic Club will meet Saturday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m., in the Port of Siuslaw meeting room, 100 Harbor St., in Old Town Florence. All are welcome.

Mayor Joe Henry will speak about goals and plans for the City of Florence.

Toastmasters hold humorous speech contest Sept. 9

The public is invited to the Florence Toastmasters' annual Humor-ous Speech, impromptu contests. This one-hour event starts promptly at 5:30

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p.m. and will take place Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m. upstairs at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue station, 2625 Highway 101.

For more information, contact Theresa Sleeman at 570-447-6214 or Irma Geller at 541-999-0912.

Learn about bridge protection Sept. 9

The Oregon Department of Transportation is protecting, restoring and improving the safety of the historic Siuslaw River Bridge on Highway 101 in Florence.

The community is invited to an open house Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Florence City Hall, 250 Highway 101.

At the meeting, ODOT will explain September's major construction on the bridge and answer questions from the community.

Learn more about the project online at www.siuslawbridge. com.

Coastal Women Vets luncheon Sept. 11

The Coastal Women Veterans will meet for lunch Sept. 11, at 11:30 a.m., at the Bridgewater Fish House and Zebra Bar, 1297 Bay St.

All women veterans are welcome to attend. RSVP to Rita Cadagin at 209-747-8459.

SHS Class of 1970 reunion Sept. 11-13

The Class of 1970 will be having its 45th class reunion Sept. 11, 12 and 13, starting Friday night with a social at 6 p.m. Contact Debbie Peterson by email at deb52_3@yahoo. com for details.