

# FAHS urgently seeks volunteers

The Florence Area Humane Society (FAHS) is short-staffed and needs volunteers to work on weekends.

On Saturdays and Sundays, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., FAHS could use help cleaning the kitten rooms and the dog kennels.

On weekend afternoons, FAHS staff could use several volunteers to help with closing procedures. This involves setting the animals for the evening.

Other tasks that the shelter needs help with are washing litter pans and dishes and folding laundry.

The shelter will match volunteers to tasks they are best able to complete.

The FAHS staff also needs two volunteers to provide phone coverage on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you would be available and willing to help out, call the shelter at 541-997-4277. Let them know what you are able to do so they can add you to the schedule.

This is an ongoing need, so if you are not able to help weekends, call and let them know when you could be available.

# New FRAA Art Center opens today

After many hours of work by a group of dedicated members, Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) open the doors at its new location in Old Town today, Sept. 2, at noon.

Located at 120 Maple St., visitors will discover a gallery filled with fine art paintings, photography, jewelry, multimedia art, fused glass, prints, calendars, and greeting cards.

In addition to the front gallery, some artists have individual market spaces to highlight their artworks. These artists include photographer Ken McDougal; oil paintings by Ron Hildenbrand and Claudia Ignatieff; pyrography (wood burning) and watercolors by Pam Parker; oil paintings by John Leasure; multimedia creations from Bill Johnson; oil paintings by Earl Mason; fused glass works from Kristin Anderson; and multimedia by Barb Tyndall.

The center of the FRAA Gallery will be used to offer the community a wide variety of art classes and special events.



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Helping to get the new FRAA Art Center ready for opening day are (from left) Jim Ignatieff, Ron Hildenbrand, Claudia Brown, Tracy Webster and Claudia Ignatieff, (not pictured: John Leasure and Bev Hildenbrand).

The official grand opening will be held Oct. 23, but the gallery is open to the public beginning today.

Gallery hours are to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Classes are listed on the FRAA website at [www.fraa.org](http://www.fraa.org).

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## 'CROW Sings' CD exciting opportunity for youth vocalists

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW), the nonprofit Florence based youth theatre organization, is always on the lookout for creative opportunities for kids that are unique and different. This time, they've created a pretty neat one, with the help of multitalented and very supportive local musician and producer, Marty Adams.

"'CROW Sings' will be a fundraiser CD, produced by Adams, and featuring the beautiful voices of our local kids," says CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard.

All funds raised through sales of the CD will benefit CROW's building purchase and renovation process for its artistic facility for youth, located at 3120 Highway 101.

CROW is currently raising funds for a new roof, new flooring for the front room, renovated electrical panel work in the interior, overhead lighting, a security system and



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Students from CROW's Summer 2015 Song and Dance Camp work on a song together. Now, CROW kids will get the chance to sing in a CD produced with Marty Adams.

necessary fixtures such as toilets, sinks, countertops and cabinets.

"Kids put their hearts and souls into their songs and I'm always so moved by the voice of a child," continues Heard.

With this CD concept, CROW hopes that it has creat-

ed a way in which friends and supporters of area student performers can listen to them over and over again, while at the same time contributing toward the future success of children in the arts.

"It's a win-win situation," says Heard.

CROW will hold open auditions for the 14 tracks on the CD on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m. at the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St. in Old Town.

To audition, students must bring their background music track on a CD. A CD player will be provided.

There must not be any extraneous background vocals on the music track — i.e., no backup singers or harmony.

"We are looking for kids between the ages of 5-22+, who demonstrate the kind of talent, skill, integrity and enthusiasm that CROW is all about," says Heard. "We'd encourage anyone interested to come and give it a try. No experience is needed."

For more information, or if you have questions, call Heard at: 541-999-8641. You also can visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com) to learn more about the CROW program.

## Local PEO announces third annual wine tasting

The local Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), Chapter FQ, has announced its third annual

"Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" wine tasting, taking place Sunday, Oct. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Galleries 1 and 2 at the FEC.

"We've moved our event to the FEC this year," said co-chair Jean Koning, "because our last two events have sold out, and we simply need more space. This will give us a better venue for accommodating our guests, and also displaying the many wonderful art pieces and gift baskets featured in our silent auction."

All proceeds from the wine tasting go to provide scholar-

ships, loans and grants to women pursuing higher education. Over the years, PEO has awarded many scholarships to local women who have obtained their degrees at various colleges and universities, and then returned to Florence to give back to the local community.

The wine tasting will feature five wines from Oregon vineyards, along with food pairings for each wine, created by culinary arts students at Siuslaw High School.

"It's a pleasure working with these students and their

teacher, Kyle Lewis," said co-chair Gayle Sisson. "Giving them a chance to show off their creativity and skill totally fits with everything PEO is about — supporting young people who are pursuing their dreams."


An extensive list of door prizes has been donated, and there will be a silent auction for art by a number of well-known local artists.

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