

‘Catch the Wave!’ with 2016 Rhody Fest contest

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for the logo for next years’s Rhododendron Festival, held Friday through Sunday, May 20, 21 and 22.

Professional and amateur graphic designers of all ages from Oregon are invited to submit logo designs by email to cal@florencechamber.com by Monday, Oct. 5, at noon for consideration.

The winning design will be printed on official festival T-shirts, commemorative pins, banners, advertisements and print guides.

The grand prize winner will receive their choice of 1) a cash prize of \$250, a framed

festival poster, two complimentary festival T-shirts and two tickets to the carnival or 2) a business-level chamber membership package with a bonus category.

The winner will also earn mention in community wide publicity, online posts at the chamber’s website and press releases related to the festival.

“We’re looking for fun, original designs that capture the energy of the festival and celebrating our community.” Jenna Bartlett, chamber board president, says of the contest.

Logos must incorporate the Rhododendron flower, elements of Florence, and the text “Catch the Wave!,” “109th” and “Rhododendron Festival.” Designs should be CMYK.

Entrants are encouraged to review the full list of rules at www.florencechamber.com and submit entries by email to cal@florencechamber.com.

A panel of judges will determine the grand prize winner, which will be announced on Friday Oct. 9, 2015.

Artists may create multiple designs for consideration, but must submit each design separately.

For more information, visit the chamber website or call 541-997-3128.



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Library Tidings



Lady of Ashes

By Christine Trent
Book review by Susie Voth

I said it before and I'll say it again: I often pick books by the cover. In the case of “Lady of Ashes,” I did just that. The dramatic art depicting a Victorian woman with a black lace parasol holding a single red rose standing in what appears to be a cemetery was the trigger for me. Intrigued? You bet!

Violet Morgan married an undertaker and found a calling. She discovered that she had a special touch when it came to readying a loved one for viewing or comforting the bereaved.

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Violet discovers unusual blemishes while preparing two corpses for burial. She is intrigued because the dearly departed are in two distinctly different areas of London. What is the cause and how can they be prevented are questions Violet asks herself.

And the more questions she asks, the more danger she brings upon herself and her family.

News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Book fair to include many local authors, publishers

Show support for local authors and publishers by attending the Florence Festival of Books (FFOB) on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Florence Events Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no admission fee.

Of the 83 authors participating in the book fair, 17 live in the Florence area, and of the nine publishers participating, two live here.

Publisher Ellen Traylor owner of Port Hole Publishing will have 19 books she has authored available. Seven of the authors she has published will be at tables with their own books, including local authors Ned Hickson, Burney Garelick and Carol Gunderson.

Publisher Bob Serra of Pacific Publishing will be there with three authors of books he has published, including locals Judy Fleagle (FFOB co-founder) and new author Sally Rash.

The Coastal Writers will be represented by artist/authors Karen D. Nichols and Pattie Brooks Anderson and author and writing teacher Barbara Giles.

Two husband and wife teams, where each spouse has their own books, will be participating — Carolyn and Richard Nordahl will share a table as will Rod and Sharon Hatter.

Other individual authors

participating are children’s book author Connie Strome Bradley, FFOB co-founder; general manager of and author of a book about the Sea Lion Caves Jerald “Boomer” Wright; Leroy Krzycki, author of books about painter Katheryn Davis; the author with the most incredible resume Lynne D. Finney; and, from real estate success to writer, Leta McCurry.

On Friday, Sept. 25, locals Traylor and Karen D. Nichols will comprise half of a publisher’s panel at 3 p.m., which is another free book fair event.

Later that evening at 7 p.m., noted author Jane Kirkpatrick will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Florence Festival of Books sponsors include: Western Lane Community Foundation, Banner Bank, Chad Clements, DDS, PC, Florence Rotary Club, Coastal Writers, On Your Feet With a Splash, Pacific Publishing, Port Hole Publishing, Sea Lion Caves, Siuslaw Public Library, Siuslaw News and Hoagland Properties.

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This message brought to you by the West Lane Emergency Operations Group www.wleog.org



Donate electronics Saturday

Recycle almost anything that plugs in or runs on batteries at the Real Food Co-op on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NextStep Recycling from Eugene will have a recycling station outside of Real Food Co-op for you to donate your unwanted electronics.

NextStep Recycling refurbishes and recycles unwanted electronics, anything from computers to toasters to alarm clocks.


Its mission is to provide technology and training to children and adults who have barriers to employment and education, while protecting the environment and community from hazardous waste.

The NextStep ReUse Store is located in Eugene and is open daily. There, you can purchase refurbished electronics, power cords, battery packs and more.


Real Food Co-op is at 1379B Rhododendron Dr.

This is a one-day event and the third electronics round up that Real Food Co-op has sponsored in the community.

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