

Call to artists for 'Season of Caring'

FLORENCE — The Florence Events Center and Friends of Florence Gallery Committee are presenting a themed exhibit during the months of November and December in Gallery One called "A Season of Caring."

On Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a reception that will benefit the local Food Share and Siuslaw Outreach Services (SOS) organizations.

There will be a bin for food donations, and one for donations of warm coats and blankets. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a soup-kitchen style lunch offered to all visitors. For \$1, attendees will be served soup and bread, coffee and water.

There will also be an Art Raffle to benefit Food Share and SOS.

The call to artists invites artists and photographers to rent a rod for up to three paintings for \$20, or up to three items for the case.

To follow the theme, artwork can show social needs (children, elderly, homeless), and ways to care; foods of the harvest season, themes involving Thanksgiving,



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Painting by Florence Gallery Committee member and artist Ron Hildenbrand

Christmas and family.

Get an application for the show at the FEC office, or on its website at www.eventcenter.org for more information, email cignatieff@live.com, or call the FEC office at 541-997-1994.

FRAA hosts workshop with Break-Beat Poets

FLORENCE — October celebrates the spoken word with The Break-Beat Poets special performance and workshop Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple St.

The workshop will be from 4 to 5 p.m., followed by a question and answer session at 5:30 p.m.

Four members from the group of 78 nationally known poets will wow Florence with this new wave of poetry.

Kevin Coval is the founder of the Break-Beat Poets and has organized several poet festivals including the largest youth poetry festival, The Chicago Youth Festival. He is the artistic director of Young Chicago Authors.

Poet and vocalist, Jamila Woods earned a BA in Africana Studies plus Theater and Performance Studies from Brown University. "The Truth About Dolls" is her first chapter book. Raised in a church choir, she naturally transitioned into a vocalist and songwriter. Woods designs curriculum for Chicago Public Schools and enjoys teaching young people.

Tammy Job is Chicago Authors Community and School Liaison and a volunteer coordinator for Louder Than a Bomb Volunteer Coordinator.

Fatima Asgha is a nationally touring poet, photographer and performer. She created Bosnia and Herzegovina's spoken word group, REFLEK, while she was on a Fulbright Scholarship studying theater in post-violent contexts.

Poetic rhythm has long been appreciated. However this new brand of verse captures the lyrical and rhythmic quality of today's music.

The first 20 students from ages 13 to 17 will receive free tickets. A \$5 fee covers the performance and workshop in Hip Hop Poetry. Bring a clipboard, notebook or laptop. Purchase tickets at the FRAA Art Center.

The event is sponsored by Three Rivers Casino Resort, Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Organic Pest Control. For more information, visit www.fraaoregon.org or call Bettie Egerton at 503-910-3625.

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