

# KXCR holds Halloween Open House Saturday

A not-so-scary day is in store for Halloween tricksters and listeners of KXCR Community Radio alike when KXCR opens its creaky doors Saturday, Oct. 31, for a special on-air Open House.

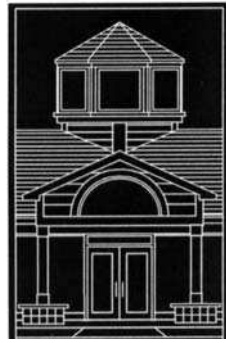
Treats and scary old time radio surprises will help celebrate the station's year of on-air offerings to listeners. Drop by

the station at 1509 Ninth Street in Florence for healthy homemade treats, take a mini-tour and add your voice to KXCR's growing community archive.

Also, listen to KXCR 90.7 FM. All are welcome to visit KXCR, especially trick-or-treaters. For more information, call KXCR at 541-997-5252 or visit [www.kxcr.net](http://www.kxcr.net).

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## Library Tidings



### 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 Mitige

### Still Life

By Louise Penny

*Book Review by Susie Voth*  
"Still Life" is the award-winning first book in the Chief Inspector Armand Gamache mystery novels.

Author Louise Penny insists the books in the series are not cozy mysteries — and I would agree.

There may be cozy mystery aspects to "Still Life" but overall it is a well-paced mystery with interesting characters.

Jane Neal, a former teacher in the small town of Three Pines, has been found dead in the woods near her home. She was well respected and had many friends in the community.

Why then was she murdered ... or was she? The locals wonder if it might have been a hunting accident, as many outsiders in town tote weapons and hang deer off the front bumpers of their sports utility vehicles.

It could have been an unfortunate accident, right?

Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec is sent from Montréal to the small hamlet to solve the mystery. His methods are unusual: he relies on collaboration from his team of police officers

instead of competition.

He encourages sharing of information and discussion but also insists that his team follow instructions as rookie investigator Agent Yvette Nicole learns.

Gamache attempts to guide the sometimes arrogant Nicole with his wise council. He tells her there are four sentences to learn to say and mean — "I don't know. I need help. I'm sorry. I was wrong."

I was left wondering if Nicole as a character will show up in future books.

In his methodical, compassionate way, Gamache follows one clue to the next, interviews one suspect after another, and there is no shortage of suspects in Three Pines.

His trademark query "Tell me what you know" invites investigating police officers as well as Jane's friends and other members of the community to do just that.

### Dia de los Muertos program

Join local resident Mary McCarthy on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 1 p.m., for a discussion of Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, and the creation of a Day of the Dead altar

in the Bromley Room.

McCarthy will return on Sunday at 1 p.m. to conclude the Day of the Dead program.

Dia de los Muertos, while honored through Latin America, is mostly closely associated with Mexico, in which the dead are honored with festivals and lively celebrations.

The most familiar symbol of Dia de los Muertos may be the calacas and calaveras (skeletons and skulls), which appear everywhere during the holiday: in candied sweets, as parade masks, as dolls.

Attendees are encouraged to bring offerings for the altar, which can be retrieved the next day.

### Holiday closure

The library will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day. Regular hours resume the following day, Thursday, Nov. 12.

Fun fact: Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day and celebrated the armistice at the end of World War I, which took effect on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

Have a safe holiday and remember our veterans!

## PEO wine-tasting event breaks fundraising record

Two mayors and a city councilor were among the 140 guests who helped to raise more than \$8,000 for women's scholarships at the recent "Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" wine tasting held at the Florence Events Center on Sunday, Oct. 18.

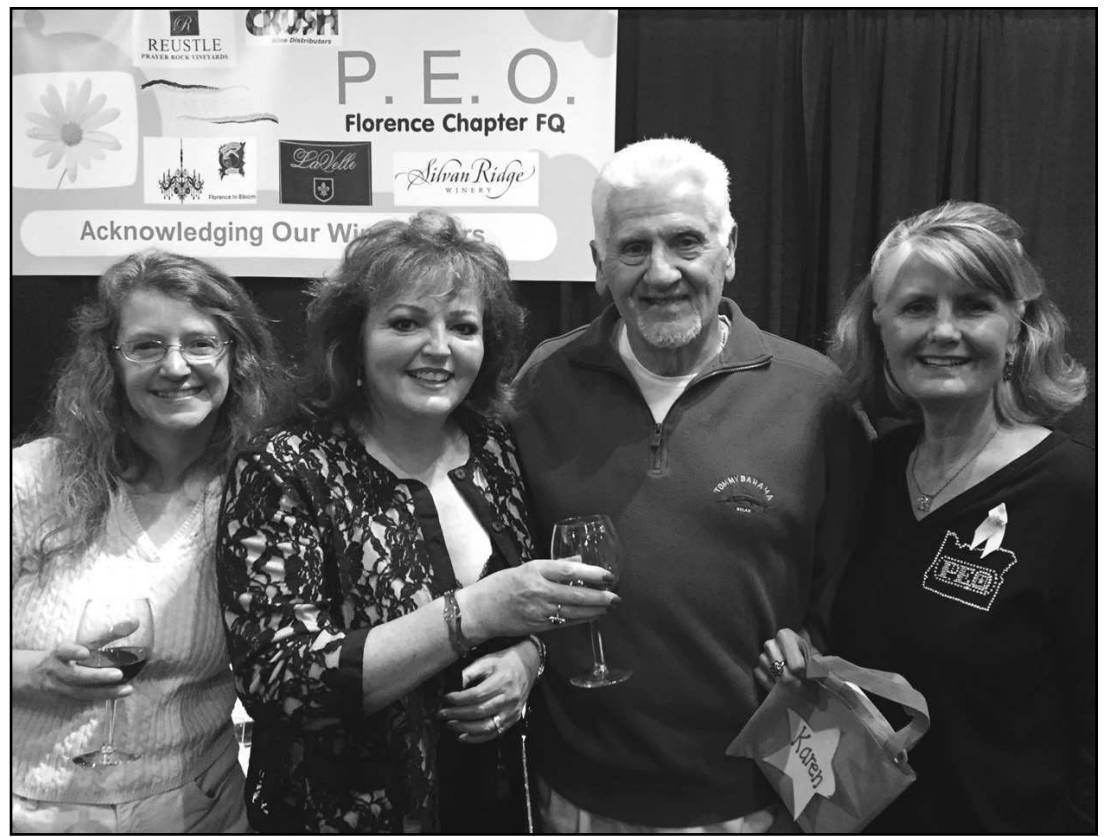
The third annual event was sponsored by the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), Chapter FQ.

All the money raised goes toward scholarships for Oregon women seeking degrees in higher education.

Wines for the tasting were provided by Crush Distributors, Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards, Silvan Ridge Winery, River's Edge Winery, LaVelle Vineyards and Sweet Cheeks Winery, as donated by Florence In Bloom.

Food pairings were created and served by the advanced culinary arts class at Siuslaw High School.

"Florence is a giving community," said Chapter



COURTESY PHOTO

Florence City Councilor Susy Lacer, Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede, Florence Mayor Joe Henry and P.E.O. wine event co-chairwoman Karen Jackson celebrate the success of "Wine, Women, and Who Knows What?"

FQ president Kay Craig, "and this event is a great example of that.

"We will be able to help many women advance their careers because of the generous local businesses and artists who contributed to our success."

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### Classes, Workshops, and Special Events for November

#### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

##### Beaded Bracelet Class

Thursday, Oct. 29, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Make It and take it: Beaded bracelet  
Instructor: Bettie Egerton, 503-910-3625,  
Bettieandkiki@yahoo.com  
FEE: \$20/member \$25/nonmember

##### Fiction Blueprint: "How to Write Your First Draft"

Tues., Nov. 3, 1 to 3 p.m.  
Learn how to create an organized narrative framework for your first draft.  
Fee: \$20 FRAA members / \$25 non-members,  
Pre-registration required  
Call 541-708-2120 or email:  
CJReditor@gmail.com.

##### HOW TO WRITE AND PERFORM AWARD-WINNING POETRY.

Friday, Nov. 13th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Fee: \$5 members/ \$7 non-members

The FRAA Spoken Word Poetry Contest offers cash prizes of over \$200 each quarter. What does it take to be the winner? Come hear from two time Contest winner, Peter Coyne, and one of our permanent contest judges, Karen Brown. Bring a poem, if you like, and receive gentle feedback to help you bring it to the next level.

Contact: Bettie Egerton, 503-910-3625  
Pre-registration helpful, but not required.

#### Special Events Nov.

##### Writer's SALON

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.  
FREE- Bring snack  
Get together with Writers of all kinds to talk and share ideas. Last event, we shared experiences with self-publishing.  
Contact: Leta McCurry, (360) 880-0050.

#### ONGOING CLASSES:

**Oil Painting with Michael Wood**  
Contact: [fmwood@msn.com](mailto:fmwood@msn.com)  
Mondays, 3-6p.m. Call Michael for details, fees, and more information

**Oil Painting with John Leasure**

Contact: 541-991-2754 or  
[jnleasure@hotmail.com](mailto:jnleasure@hotmail.com) Saturdays,  
9a.m. - noon

For more information on any of these special events go to:  
[www.fraaoregon.org](http://www.fraaoregon.org)

## Annual holiday arts, crafts festival in Yachats

YACHATS — Find gifts and artwork created by nearly 30 artisans amongst the 70 vendors at the Crafts on the Coast 18th Annual Harvest and Holidays Arts and Crafts Festival during the weekend of Nov. 7-8.

The festival will be inside Yachats Commons from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

This family-friendly, juried craft event features crafts, art, gourmet food with free samples, chair massages, community booths and craft demonstrations in a warm, holiday environment.

Many of the artisans at the festival demonstrate their talents and free samples will be offered.

The multi-purpose room, multiple classrooms and hallways of the vintage elementary school will be filled with vendors featuring an array of handmade treasures.

Baked goods and coffee will be available.

Admission is free. For more information, call 541-547-4738.

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