

## Florence Masons to host Cold Weather Shelter

For the second year, Florence's homeless and people without heat will find warmth, welcome and overnight shelter when the nights turn cold, thanks to the Masonic Lodge.

As Lodge Master Hunt Ramsey said, "That is what we do."

As stated in the agreement between the Lodge and the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee, signed Nov. 17, "Masonic Lodge #107 has undertaken this responsibility as an expression of its traditional and historic mission of service to the community."

Mason Master-elect Rod Stowe signed the agreement with the Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter Committee chairman, Bob DuBose.

The Cold Weather Shelter will be open when the wind chill is below freezing.

Its opening will be broadcast, but an important signal will be its flag, which will be displayed around Florence.



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**Cold Weather Shelter facilitator Linda Castro displays a flag that will be posted around town when the Cold Weather Shelter at the Masonic Lodge is open.**

A van will pick up people at designated locations listed online at [www.coldshelter.org](http://www.coldshelter.org).

The shelter opens at 5 p.m. on freezing days, and then closes the next morning.

Visitors will receive a warm welcome, warm dinner and comfortable cots with sheets,

pillows and blankets.

The shelter will close the next morning after a nourishing breakfast at 9 a.m.

Guests will be transported to their choice of day locations.

Pets are welcome at the shelter and will be fed, as well

as given a warm kennel outside the back door of the lodge, where their companions can visit them.

The committee is asking for more volunteers.

"If we are to keep our poorest and neediest brothers and sisters from freezing in the inevitable threatening weather we will have this winter, more people need to step up," said volunteer coordinator Norma Wood.

Volunteers are needed to help set up in the late afternoon, welcome guests, help with preparing and serving dinner and breakfast, commit to being on duty at one of three nightly shifts, take care of pets, do laundry, help with administrative tasks such as providing transportation, getting opening notifications out on short notice and other jobs that might arise.

The easiest way to volunteer is to go to the shelter's website at [www.coldshelter.org](http://www.coldshelter.org) and click on "volunteer."

## Submissions sought for Artistic Visions show

Artists are encouraged to submit original 2-D, 3-D and photography works of art for the Artistic Visions Awards Show at the Florence Events Center (FEC).

This show is sponsored by the Friends of the FEC and its Gallery Committee.

The show will run from Jan. 5 through Feb. 1, 2016.

Three out-of-town judges have been selected for this show, each one respected in their field of expertise.

A cash prize of \$150 will be awarded for first place in each category, along with honorable mention ribbons. Each artist may submit up to three works of art.

Reproductions, with the exception of photography, of original artwork are not eligi-

ble.

A nonrefundable fee of \$20 per work must be sent with the entry form.

High school student art fees will be \$10 per work.

All artwork must be for sale, and content must be appropriate for the FEC.

The deadline for entry forms and fees is Dec. 15.

Due to space restraints, forms will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

All artwork must be hand delivered to Gallery One at the FEC on Monday, Jan. 4, between 9 a.m. and noon.

Awards will be presented at a reception on Jan. 9.

Entry forms may be obtained at the FEC office, or by visiting [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org).

## 5th annual Crab Crack tickets go on sale Dec. 1

The fifth annual Florence Crab Crack will take place Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be available starting Dec. 1.

Ticket price is \$35 per person and only 400 tickets will be sold. There will be no tickets available at the door.

Enjoy Oregon coast crab along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and

dessert. A no-host bar will be available.

There will also be a silent auction held during the event.

All proceeds from this event benefit Florence Food Share.

For more information, to arrange group seating, or to purchase tickets, contact Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or email [dunesguy97439@yahoo.com](mailto:dunesguy97439@yahoo.com).

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