

# Empty Bowls fill up for the hungry



**F**lorence Food Share's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser set a new record this year, with nearly 1,000 handmade bowls and a record-setting amount raised. "It's the best year we've had in 20 years," said Florence Food Share Board Member Bonnie MacDuffee. "It was put on by the effort of a lot of volunteers and local artists. Sponsorships covered all of our expenses, so all the proceeds went to benefit Florence Food Share." Empty Bowls opened Dec. 3 to a reception catered by the Siuslaw High School catering program and continued until Sunday, Dec. 6. Local clay and wood artists made the bowls, which came with a voucher for a bowl of soup from Mo's, Nature's Corner, Craig's Family BBQ or La Pomodori.



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## Celebrate winter Solstice, 'New Light' in Yachats

**YACHATS**—The Yachats Academy of Arts and Sciences invites you to join the greater Yachats community in celebrating the winter Solstice and the coming of the "New Light."

This annual event has become popular and takes place Saturday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.

People gather around just as the sun sets on the Pacific Ocean.

The bonfire will be lit shortly there after. If it is raining, the picnic shelter will provide cover.

Again this year, the

Yachats Ladies Club will be providing sweet treats and there will be coffee and hot chocolate.

Spontaneous drumming and singing always break out, so feel free to bring a percussion instrument — or bring a piece of firewood to add to the bonfire.

This is a free celebration event. Any donations will be shared with the nonprofit organizations that are participating.

For more information, visit [www.YachatsAcademy.org](http://www.YachatsAcademy.org), [www.GoYachats.com](http://www.GoYachats.com) or call 541-961-6695.

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**Come join us for our Holiday Extravaganza—We are excited to offer a free holiday dinner when you bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the local Florence Food Share. December 13th, 11 to 1:30pm. A gift exchange (make sure and bring a gift) and a special visit from Santa.**

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## Light up businesses, homes for Holiday Light Contest

The holiday spirit is alive and well in Historic Old Town Florence. In an effort to bring back a Florence tradition from years past, Central Lincoln PUD and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce are reviving the Florence Holiday Light Display Contest.

Businesses and residents have the opportunity to make Florence even more charming by decorating homes or businesses with holiday lights and entering the Holiday Light Display contest for chances to win up to \$250 to shop at local businesses.

Entrants can be either commercial or residential.

Each category will have a first, second and third prize winner. The prizes range from \$100 for third place to \$250

for the first-place winner.

In an effort to promote energy savings, all entry light strings must be LED lights. Non-LED lit decorative characters and similar items are acceptable.

The contest is open to both the Florence and Dunes City areas and is not restricted to official city limits.

The deadline to enter is Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Lights will be judged Thursday, Dec. 17, and the winners will be announced Friday and Saturday.

Entry forms can be found at [www.ci.florence.or.us](http://www.ci.florence.or.us) and can be turned in to the Florence Visitor Center at 290 Highway 101 or emailed to [sherri@florencechamber.com](mailto:sherri@florencechamber.com).

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**Christmas Menu**

**\$21.75 Adults \$13.75 Kids (under 10)**  
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While you are waiting for your entrée, enjoy our first course buffet bar with assorted salads, cold and hot appetizers.

**Entrees**  
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ROASTED SALMON  
EGG PLANT PARMESAN

**Dessert Bar**  
Pumpkin Pie; Pecan Pie;  
Pumpkin Mousse;  
or Choose from an assortment of other sweet goodies

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**HOURS: 11 A.M. – 5 P.M.**  
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**Central Lincoln PUD and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce**  
present a

**HOLIDAY LED LIGHT DISPLAY CONTEST**

**Open to all homes and commercial businesses in the Florence Area**

Three Prizes to be awarded in each category in the form of a VISA gift card which can be used at any local business including your PUD bill.

**1st - \$250**  
**2nd - \$150**  
**3rd - \$100**

To enter visit the Chamber or the City's website, for entry forms or stop by the Chamber Office to pick one up. 290 Highway 101, Florence  
All forms should be emailed to [sherri@florencechamber.com](mailto:sherri@florencechamber.com) or turned in to the Chamber Office.

Rules: All entries' light strings must be all LED lights. Non LED lit decorative characters and the like are acceptable.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

**JUDGING DATE:**  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED:**  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 on COAST RADIO KCST  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 in the SIUSLAW NEWS

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