

# THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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## Saturday, Jan. 2

### FRAA EXHIBIT AT LIBRARY

Throughout the month of January, members of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be showcasing some of their finest artistic and photographic works and creations at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., in Florence.

Along with the many forms of traditional and contemporary works, there will also be pieces in the glass showcase.

## Tuesday, Jan. 5

### ARTISTIC VISIONS EXHIBIT OPENS

Original 2-D, 3-D and photography works from local artists will be on display during the Artistic Visions Awards Show through January at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

An artists reception will be held Saturday, Jan. 9, from 2 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

## Wednesday, Jan. 6

### VAN FANS LUNCHEON

The monthly meeting and luncheon for The Van Fans will be at The Shorewood, on Spruce Street,

beginning at 11:45 a.m. New members and guests are always welcome to come and enjoy lunch and learn about the things we do for our community.

For more information, call Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

## Thursday, Jan. 7

### FRUIT TREE PRUNING CLASS

The OSU Extension Service — Lane County will conduct its annual Florence class on pruning fruit trees from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The demonstration of proper pruning techniques is open to the public.

Call 541-344-5859 to preregister.

## Friday, Jan. 8

### WOMEN VETERANS LUNCHEON

Coastal Women Veterans will have its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m., at the Grill and Lounge at Sandpines, 1201 35th Street (at Kingwood).

All women who have served in any branch of the military are invited as well as their spouses or caregivers.

For reservations, call Sharon Armstrong at 541-999-5094 or e-mail sarmstrong@msn.com

## Saturday, Jan. 9

### FLORENCE DEMS TO MEET

Florence Area Democratic Club will hold its first meeting of the year at 11 a.m. in the Port of Siuslaw meeting room at 100 Harbor St.

Everyone is invited to hear guest speaker Page Atcheson of Renew Oregon.

### 'STORMY WEATHER' EXHIBIT

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., opens its "Stormy Weather" exhibit with a special reception from 3 to 5 p.m. The show, for which gallery members create their own "Stormy Weather" art pieces, will run through February.

During the reception, local singer songwriter Stephen McVay will perform.

## Monday, Jan. 11

### HELP OTHERS WITH THEIR TAXES

If you are interested in becoming a tax counselor and have some experience in preparing taxes and some familiarity with computers, call either Frank at 541-997-7836 or Gary at 541-997-7112.

Classes to train to prepare taxes for low income and senior citizens will be held in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library and

continue for the next two weeks Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### FRIENDS OF POETRY

The Friends of Poetry meet every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Shorewood Retirement Residences, 15th and Spruce streets.

Readers and writers of all poetry are welcome.

For more information, call 541-373-0065.

### GET SUPPORT FOR DIABETES

The next meeting of the Siuslaw Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Siuslaw Public Library.

For more information, call 541-902-6059.

### RHODY ENTHUSIASTS TO MEET

Siuslaw Chapter American Rhododendron Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 6:15 p.m.

Jack Olson, who has much experience hybridizing and propagating, will present his program of "My Favorite Rhododendrons and Why."

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

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