

Rotarians say 'Sky's the Limit' for annual auction March 12



“The Sky’s the Limit” is this year’s theme for the annual Florence Rotarian auction, which takes place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. The event features an international travel theme, with each table decorated to portray a different destination. Paris will be featured, along with Cuba, Jamaica and everywhere in between. Costumes are expected to fit each table’s theme.

The Sneddons — Bob, Blair and Gerry — will once again take to the stage to auction everything from exotic trips to upscale furniture, sports packages and more. The evening begins with a silent auction that displays the work of local

artists and craftspeople, along with entertainment packages, gourmet food baskets, sports equipment and gift certificates to local restaurants and entertainment venues.

The event was nearly already sold out by the end of January, with fewer than six tables remaining. Table sponsors include: On Your Feet With a Splash, Florence In Bloom, Oregon Pacific Bank, KCST & KCFM, The Siuslaw News, Oley and Bobbi Nelson, The River House Inn, Laurel Bay Gardens, Hoberg’s Complete Auto Repair, Deb and Larry Lamb, Guy H. Veach, Law Office of Jane C. Hanawalt, State Farm Insurance, and Michael and Nancy Pearson.

Also planning to attend are Wok Up Windows, Heceta Self Storage, Florence Eye Clinic, Maple Street Grille, Brian Holmes, DMD, FAGD, Justin Linton, DDS/Florence Dental Clinic, TR Hunter, The J Group, Senator Arnie Roblan, Sea Lion Caves, Banner

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For information about tickets or donations to the auction, call Craig Sanders at 541-999-1713.



You say Guinea Pig, I say Cavy. What’s the difference? Find out March 19



bringing their favorite cavies to be judged and assessed for their quality. Top winners will be awarded prizes. In addition there will be a youth cavy show open to the public. “Our youth have some beautiful examples of cavies,” said Manetta Deggelman, organizer of last August’s summer show at the FEC. “Everyone is invited to see why we love our animals, and why we have so much fun.”

Though there are 13 breeds of Guinea pig, only a few breeds are commonly found off the show table as pets. The short-hair, Abyssinian, Peruvian and Sheltie (aka Silkie) breeds are those most frequently seen as pets.

Here’s a quick look at how to

determine the difference:

Short Haired: The short coated cavy — often called the American, Self, or English — has consistently short, glossy hair without a part.

Abyssinian: Known for its short, rough coat that has cowlicked rosettes of hair.

Peruvian: The Peruvian is the progenitor of all modern long-haired breeds, being a Guinea pig with hair that grows long continuously all over its body,— sometimes to an excess of 20 inches.

Silkie or Sheltie: A Silkie has long hair that flows back over its body and never forward over the face (as in the Peruvian).

Texel: Like a Silkie, but with curls.

“We welcome questions about our little friends at this show or any of our many shows around the state,” said Deggelman.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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