

## Florence welcomes Rhody 2016

**D**ancing with Sea Lions is touring the Florence area with its first complete sea lion, Rhody 2016, a pup designed and painted by artist Frances Rogers. Area artists are painting 20 life-sized sea lion fiberglass statues for the Florence Events Center's 20th anniversary. All 21 sea lions will gather at the event center in April before they are installed in Florence and along the coast.



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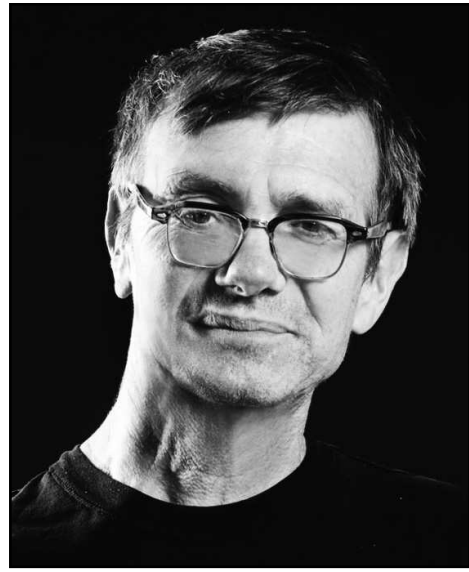
# NPR contributor, storyteller to be at library March 14

Kevin Kling, best known for his popular commentaries on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and his storytelling stage shows like "Tales from the Chardred Underbelly of the Yule Log," will be bringing an evening of story to the Siuslaw Public Library on Monday, March 14, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now, and are \$10 for adults or free for students ages 12-18.

Based in Minneapolis, Minn., Kling describes his zodiac as "Minnesota with Iowa rising" and brings a unique Midwestern flavor to his stories that will feel especially familiar to fans of the movie "A Christmas Story" and Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon.

In addition to his work as an award-winning author and playwright, Kling has travelled around the globe to numerous storytelling festivals, residencies, and has performed at the acclaimed National



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### Kevin Kling

Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tenn.

The National Endowment for the Arts, The McKnight Foundation, The Minnesota State Arts Board, The Bush Foundation, and The Jerome Foundation have all provided funding and grants in recognition of Kling's unique artistry.

Meg Spencer, director of the Siuslaw Public Library, said she is excited to be hosting this award-winning performer,

playwright and author. "Kevin Kling is one of the best and funniest storytellers I have ever heard, and I have been working to bring him to the library for more than a year," said Spencer. "I only wish we had more than 100 tickets available."

With funding from a grant provided by the Lane County Cultural Coalition and monetary support from the Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library, Kling's evening concert at the library will be preceded by a performance for both Mapleton and Siuslaw high schools during the school day, followed by a writing workshop with advanced language arts students from both schools.

Tickets for Kling's evening concert are currently available at the library's Florence location.

For more information, contact the Siuslaw Public Library at 541-997-3132.

## Spoken Word poetry class offered for high schoolers

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is sponsoring an eight-week Spoken Word Poetry Class called "Verbal Escape" for high school students.

The classes begin Thursday, March 3, from 4 to 5 p.m., at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center.

Spoken word poetry is a combination of poetry, acting and performing. If the

students are interested, they can enter the Youth Spoken Word Poetry Contest, which will be a part of the Big Wave Poetry Fest taking place May 7 in Florence.

A \$100 prize will be offered to the winning youth poet. The class is taught by published poets Noah Schultz and Stephen Fowler, two young men who have transformed their lives through

poetry. Students will learn the art of writing and performing "their stories."

All are welcome to this free class, which has been funded through a grant from Western Lane Community Foundation, and individual sponsors Ann Lathrop and Judy Ulrich.

For more information, call Bettie Egerton at 503-910-3625.

## MMS 2nd quarter honor roll

7TH GRADE		8TH GRADE	
Jensen, Charice	3.88	Anderson, Joy	4.00
Simington, Leann	3.75	Holmes, Elizabeth	3.88
Overton, Lynn	3.25	Schwertfeger, Theryn	3.63
Peterson, Jade	3.25	Hammontree, Lee	3.50
Burnett, Ray	3.13	Moore, Beverly	3.29
Moso, Jarrett	3.00	Gastelum, Richy	3.25
Wagner, Michael	3.00	Rogers, Andrew	3.13
		Necce, Keith	3.00

**12th Street Alano Club Hope Meets** 1525 12th Street (Old hospital, back annex). Meeting site for "Open to All" recovery groups: AA, DDA, Al-Anon, Native American AA, GA, Kids caught in the crossfire, AlanoHope.org Meetings. Seven Days a week. Call for times & meeting agenda. Contact: 541-9917-9558 or 612-462-1481. Friday 5:30pm. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex) Contact: 541-999-1243 or 541-991-9588.

**55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING.** Contact Lane Community College, 541-997-8444.

**A. C. A. Adult Children of Alcoholics (and Addicts).** Meets every Monday at 3pm St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: Loyd or Kyle (612) 462-1481.

**Ada Grange #570** meets second Saturday of each month. Potluck at 5pm. Meeting at 6pm. Enjoy getting together with people involved in helping the community. Ada Grange is 10 miles out Canary Road. Contact: Linda Pugh 541-997-4254, or PO Box 674, Florence, OR 97439.

**Aglow International** meets first Saturday, 10am-noon., at Florence Vineyard Fellowship, 2610 Kingwood St., Contact: Judy Murphy 541-997-5849.

**Al-Anon Family Group** meets every Thursday at noon, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Library Room, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-997-3788.

**Al-Anon Family Group** 1525 12th St. (old hospital back annex). Meets Fridays 5:30pm to 6:30 pm. Contact: 541-999-1243.

**Al-Anon Siuslaw Family Group** meets every Tuesday at 7pm., at Cross Roads Assembly of God, 10th & Maple St., Rm 14. Contact: 541-997-1209 or 999-0271.

**Al-Anon Mapleton Family Group** meets every Monday at 7pm, at the Mapleton Evangelical Church, Riverview Ave., Mapleton. Access door off rear parking lot. Contact: 541-999-5223.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 7pm., Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Mon thru Sun., 5:30-6:30pm., Siuslaw Pacific Ctr., 1445 W. 8th St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Mon. & Fri., 10am., New Life Lutheran Church, 21st & Spruce Streets. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Tues (closed), Thurs and Sat (open), 7pm., Mapleton Lions Club Annex on River Ave., Mapleton. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Open meetings Sunday, 10-11am. 1525 12th St. (Old hospital, back annex). Contact: 541-991-7870 or 541-999-7300

**Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Meeting.** Meets Tuesdays, from 5-6pm, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous New Beginnings** Men's stag. Meets 11:30 am-12:30pm. (Closed) Methodist Church @ Kingwood & 2nd St. Contact: 541-902-0152.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (SIS)** Sisters in Sobriety Women's meeting. Meets Wednesdays at 5:30-6:30pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack in Library. Contact: 541-590-2110.

**Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 1-2:30pm., Regency Florence, 1951 E. 21st Street, Florence. Contact: Paulette Volkoff 541-997-8436.

**American Red Cross Oregon Pacific Chapter** meets 3rd Monday of each month, at 1pm. Contact Tom or Carol 541-999-3219. Persons interested in learning about becoming a Red Cross Volunteer should call and get information. Great opportunity to help locally.

**American Legion & Aux., Francis M. East Post No. 59** meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, 5pm for dinner and 6pm for general membership meeting, at Elks Lodge of Florence, 1686 12th Street. Contact: 541-997-3082

**Anger Management for Men.** Meets weekly every Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Anger Management for Women.** Meets weekly every Tuesday from 12 to 2pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Argentina Tango in Newport** meets every Monday night at 7-9pm. (7:30pm on second Monday) at South Beach Community Center located east of LaQuinta motel on 3024 SE Ferryslip Rd. First 1/2 hour is a lesson-then dancing. No partner needed. All ages welcome. Wear leather bottom shoes, for info contact: 541-

563-2705 or <http://www.geocities.com/yesnewportantago/>.

**Baha'i Faith of Florence** discussion meetings every Monday evening @ 875 7th Street, 6:30pm. Soup's on supper and interfaith devotional discussion. No Charge. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-0779 or James Heintz 541-590-0616.

**Beloved Community of Florence.** Healing Circles, Meditation, Spiritual Coaching, Meets every Saturday, 10:30am., Private Home. Contact: Eleanor 541-999-9870 Cell.

**Better Breathers Club,** meets 4th Wednesday of each month, Peace Harbor Medical Center in Conference room C, 2-3:30pm. Contact: Karl 541-902-6300 Ext 462-1481.

**Breastfeeding Support Group,** second Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm., Siuslaw Area Women's Center, 12th St., Florence. Contact: 541-997-1794.

**Cancer Education Group** Everyone Welcome. Meets every other Tuesday at 1:30pm @ 1525 12th St., Ste. 4A, Florence, 97439. For further information please Contact: 541-999-6809 or 541-999-8624. Fee: No fee.

**Celebrate Recovery** for hurts, habits and hang-ups Starting Nov. 29th. Meets every Friday, 6 PM for a meal, following by meetings at 6:30 PM. Meeting: 1st qtr. at Cross Road Church., 2nd quarter at Florence Christian Church, 3rd qtr. at Florence Evangelical church and 4th qtr at Florence Church of the Nazarene. For more information call Chick 541-997-3370.

**Central Coast Miniatures Club** of Florence, 1st Thursday of month, 6pm., Siuslaw Public Library, Bromley Room, Florence.

**Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club** meets every Wed. 7-8:30am, at Koffice Klatch @ Drifwood Shores Restaurant. Web net @ 7pm. 146,800(-) 100hz tone.

**Chronic Pain Group** People with chronic pain helping people with chronic pain, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:00pm at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Hwy. 101, Florence. Contact: 541-991-0037.

**Citizens Democracy Watch,** meets at 1pm., the last Sunday of the month at the Women's Center. Contact: 541-997-3950.

**City Club of Florence.** Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month, 11:30am small menu & beverages offered, Speaker: 12-1 pm. Ocean Dunes Golf Clubhouse. 3345 Munsel Lake Rd. For information, call 541-902-5135.

**Coast Chamber Ensemble,** meets every Thursday, 3-5pm., Coast Village Clubhouse. All musical levels welcome. Contact: 541-870-4346.

**Coastal Celtic Society.** Meets the third Wednesday of each month. Contact: Carolyn McCord 541-997-9142 for different locations and time.

**Coastal Women Veterans,** 2nd Friday, 11:30am. Place to be announced. Contact: 541-902-8623.

**Coastal Writers,** 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7-8:30pm, at The Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St. Contact: 541-902-8575.

**Community Chorus of Florence** meets Mon. 7-8:30pm, at Cross Road Church, 10th & Maple Sts. Florence. Contact: Laura Merz, 541-902-8567.

**Diabetes Health & Wellness Group.** Meets twice a Week every Wednesday from 9am to 11am AND 8pm to 9:30pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary** meet first Saturday each month at 2pm., 1715 W. 21st St. Contact: DAV Skip Stitt 541-997-1562.

**Family Caregiver, Support Group.** Spruce Point Assisted Living, 9th Street, Florence. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10:30 am. to 11:30:12:00 in the Community Room. Contact: Annette at SP 541-997-6111. Facilitator: Mary Ann Earl RN, BSN.

**Family Support Group** for family members of chronically mentally ill, meets the 4th Wednesday of each month, 6:30-8pm., PeaceHealth counseling Serv., Florence Business Center.

**Fibromyalgia Support Group** of Central Oregon Coast, 1st Saturday, 1pm., Pacific Community Hospital, Newport. Contact: 541-563-5240.

**Fibromyalgia Support Group** of Reedsport meets 3rd Wednesday of every other month at the Reedsport Public Library.

**Florence Area Alzheimer's Hospitality Program, Respite Care** meets Mon., Wed., Thur. from 10am-2pm., Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street, S10. Contact: Jan landrum 541-902-8539.

**Florence Area Chamber of Commerce** noon forum 2nd Tuesday of each month, Noon at Best Western Pier Point Inn. Open to the public. Contact: 541-997-3128.

## THE MEETING PLACE

**Florence Area Coordinating Council** meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Hall on Hwy. 101, 9am.

**Florence Area Democratic Club** meets at 11am the 1st Saturday of every month. Contact: [www.florenceareademocrats.org](http://www.florenceareademocrats.org).

**Florence Area Humane Society.** Low Cost Spay/Neuter, Wednesdays. Please call the Shelter for an appointment, 541-997-4277.

**Florence Caring Pregnancy Center** open Mon., Tues & Thurs., 11:00am-4pm. FREE. 1525 West 12th Street (Florence Business Center). Margaret Getchell, Executive Director, 541-902-2273.

**Florence Chapter-Oregon Right to Life** Contact: Mona Dick 541-997-2065.

**Florence Community PTA** meets 2nd Tuesday of the month, 4pm. Siuslaw Elementary School Library, Contact Diane McCalmont, 541-997-1854. Email: [florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com](mailto:florencecommunitypta@yahoo.com). Website: [florencepta.org](http://florencepta.org). Facebook: Florence Community PTA.

**Florence Dance Guild,** meets monthly. Contact: Angela Palmer 541-997-6839.

**Florence Duplicate Bridge** (non-smoking). Every Thursday afternoon starting @ 12:30pm. St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 19th & Tamarack, Florence. Contact: John Weatherax 541-997-2677. (American contract bridge league (ACBL) sanctioned games (Master points awarded) Open to all.

**Florence Elks Lodge 1858** meets every Thursday at 7:00pm., 1686 12th Street.

**Florence Garden Club,** 2nd Wed., Sept.-June, 1:00pm., Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Hwy 101. Contact: [www.facebook.com/FGCOR](http://www.facebook.com/FGCOR).

**Florence Herb Enthusiasts** meet the 3rd Thursday, 11am. New Life Lutheran Church. For info call Jacquie, 541-997-8311. [www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com](http://www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com) Wild-field trip, Nov.-wreath making at Greentrees, Dec.-Community service project.

**Florence Kiwanis** meets each Wednesday, noon. Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 W. 12th St., Florence.

**Florence Parkinson's Disease Support Group.** Meets 4th Wednesday of every month, 1:30pm., Shorewood Apartments meeting room. Contact: Carole 805-587-3394

**Florence Performing Arts Association Board meeting,** 2nd Thursday of each month, 3:15pm. FEC. [www.florenceperformingarts.com](http://www.florenceperformingarts.com)

**Friends of Poetry,** Meets every Wednesday, 3-5pm., in the activity room at Shorewood Retirement Center, 15th & Spruce Blvd. welcome. Contact: Shirley Nelson 541-373-0065.

**Florence Rotary Club,** Tuesdays, noon, at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., Florence. Contact: Ron Caputo, 541-997-4961.

**Florence Salmon/Trout Enhancement Program,** 1st Wed., 7pm, Florence Elks Lodge. Contact: Ron Caputo 541-997-4961.

**Florence Senior Travel Club,** Meets Monday, Wednesday & Friday, Noon-3, at Jerry's Hot Rod Grille, 1179 Hwy. 101. 541-999-9700.

**Florence Siuslaw Lions Club,** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm., Pacific Pines RV Park meeting room, 4044 Hwy. 101. (entrance on 42nd St.) Contact: 541-991-3161.

**Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,** Sundays, 10am, at the Fellowship Hall located at the NW corner of Hecker Beach Rd. & Hwy 101. Contact: Sally Wanz 541-902-9505.

**Flying Needles & Hooks of the Florence.** This group does charitable knitting & crocheting for schools, SOS, & Helping Hands. All are welcome. Meets 2nd Tuesday in Bromley-Spruce Unit B Public Library from 3pm-5pm, 4th Tuesday at Greentrees Community Room from 3pm-5pm. Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz, 541-590-0779.

**Friends of Florence Events Center** meets on the last Tuesday of every month, 3pm, at Florence Events Center. Contact: FEC 541-997-1994.

**Friends of Honeyman State Park.** Meets 3rd Monday of each month at 11:15am. recreational meeting hall at Honeyman, on Canary Rd. A group of volunteers who support projects at Honeyman - activities include park upkeep, planting & clearing, interpretive programs and special events. Everyone Welcome! Contact: Suzanne Mann-Heintz 541-590-1779, or [honeymanfriends@aol.com](mailto:honeymanfriends@aol.com)

**Friends of the Library** meeting, 4th Thursday of each month, 11am., Bromley Room Siuslaw Public Library. Contact: Susy Lacer, 541-997-8663.

**Grief & Loss for Adults,** Meets weekly every Thursday from 9am, to 11am. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact:

Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Grief & loss for Students,** ages 12-18, Meets weekly every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Location: 1710 Laurel Way, Unit B (upstairs), Florence. For information contact: Deborah Grigsby, LPCi, MMHC, 541-999-1913, no cost group sessions.

**Grief & Loss Support Group** sponsored by Peace Harbor Home Health. Please contact facilitator for information. Contact Deborah Hunt, LCSW, 541-997-3418.

**Grief Share** Meets at the Florence Christian Church, Thursdays, 3pm., 2nd and Ivy streets. Contact: 541-997-2961.

**Health Associates, a parenting support group,** 3rd Wednesday, 7pm., 340 9th St. Contact: 541-997-1877 or 541-997-7134.

**Helping Hands Coalition,** is an all-volunteer community organization dedicated to providing services, food, clothing, and a daytime center for the homeless and others with unmet needs. Our small but friendly facility provides warmth, comfort, and basic services for those in our community. Meets every Mon., Wed., & Fri, from 11am-2pm, 1339 Rhododendron Dr. Contact: 541-997-5057

**Ladies of Elks,** second Monday, 7pm., Florence Elks Lodge. Contact: Linda Tank, secretary, 541-997-3352.

**Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society** Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 2pm. Winchester Bay Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave. Contact: Bill Hendrickson, 541-271-6816 Reedsport, or Cam Grow, 541-997-8089 Florence.

**Managing Chronic Pain Support Group** Forming Starting March 2, 2015. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7pm, at Community Baptist Church, 4590 Highway 101. For information: 541-590-0591.

**Mapleton Advisory Committee** meets the second Wednesday of each month, Siuslaw Valley Bank in Mapleton, 4pm.

**Mapleton Booster Club,** Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 6pm. Siuslaw Bank in Mapleton. Contact: Krystal Wolford 541-268-6951.

**Mapleton Grange #584** meets second Saturday of each month. The GWA and the social pot luck begin at 1pm., Grange meeting starts at 2pm. Contact: Robert Fritson 541-997-6855.

**Mapleton Lions Club** meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

**Masonic Lodge of Florence** Family Communication, 1st Tuesday. Family dinner 6:30pm. Open Lodge 8:30pm. 84910 Hwy. 101 S. Contact: 541-997-9728 (bus.)

**Masonic Widows Social Club,** last Wednesday, 12 Noon, at the Masonic Temple, 84910 Highway 101 South (1.5 miles south of the bridge). Contact: Phyllis Williams 541-997-7965.

**Meditation** held Thursdays, 5:30pm, at United Methodist Church, 2nd & Kingwood. Contact: Pip Cole, 541-971-1173.

**Mid Coast Soldiers,** Come ride with us, Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) Florence, OR. Breakfast meeting/ride, 1st Saturday @ Kathleen & Ninas, 8:30am. Business meeting, 3rd Tuesday @ Chen's Family Dish, 6:00pm. Contact: Rob 541-999-7605

**NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) of West Lane County,** meets on the 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30pm-8pm. Hospital Cafeteria. Contact: Monica: 541-902-8308.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets every Friday, 7pm-8:30pm & Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm., at Options Annex, 1445 8th Street. Contact: Carol K: 541-268-4769

**National Assn. of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)** Contact: Jim Parrish, 541-997-1427.

**Ocean Dunes Women's Golf Assoc.** meets first Tuesday of every month, 8am., at Ocean Dunes Golf Links. Contact: 541-999-3223.

**Oregon Central Coast Veterans,** each Tuesday, 12:30pm., Old Town Coffee Roasters, 125 1/2 Nopal St., Florence. Any veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces welcome. Contact: Dennis Marsh, 541-997-5169

**Oregon Coast International Dancers,** meet every Wednesday evening 6:30 pm.-7:30pm., Come join the fun! at LCC. Contact: 541-870-4346 for info and directions.

**Oregon Dunes Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution** meets monthly September-May. For more information, contact: E. F. Westphal - Regent 541-517-5333.

**Oregon Right to Life** please contact Mona Dick at 541-997-2065.

**Pacific Coast Wind Ensemble** meets Monday 6:30-8:30 pm., alternates btw SHS & Waldport HS music rooms. Amateur thru professional welcome. Contact: Gail

Nichols 541-999-6907.</