

THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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Saturday, April 2

FLORENCE DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet at 11 a.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Monday, April 4

SOIL, WATER DISTRICT GATHERS

The Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting at the district office, 1775 Laurel Place, Ste #4, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5

VIEWFINDERS FOCUS FOR MEETING

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club will hold its meeting at 6 p.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. The contest theme is "Natures Gifts." Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, April 6

BECOME 211 TRAINED

The United Way will provide free 211 training at the Siuslaw Public Library in the Bromley Room at 10:30 a.m.

Oregon 211 is working to help connect community members to available services Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Similar to 911, 211 is a one-stop connection to local services, including utility assistance, food, housing, child care, after-school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and

more. The 211 program is ready to assist anyone find the help they need.

There is no charge for the class, but pre-register by signing up on florenceareacc@gmail.com.

GET TO KNOW THE VAN FANS

The monthly meeting and luncheon for the Florence Van Fans will be held at The Shorewood on Spruce Street at 11:45 a.m. Lunch is \$8.50 per person.

Everyone is welcome to join the group of volunteers and learn about the awesome things it does to support the cancer van. There is no charge to join the organization.

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

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.

Thursday, April 7

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

The Autism Support group will meet at the Siuslaw Public Library, in the Bromley Room, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public.

FRAA HOSTS AFTER HOURS

Come to the Florence Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours that will be held at the Florence

Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Art Center from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be live music, catering by Marianne Brisbane of Le Bouchon, champagne, wine, punch and a raffle.

The event is open to FRAA members and sponsors as well as the general public.

Come enjoy the display of work by FRAA members at 120 Maple St. in Old Town Florence.

For more information, call 541-997-4435.

Friday, April 8

WOMEN VETERANS LUNCHEON

The Coastal Women Veterans will be having its April luncheon at Restobar, 1285 Bay St. in Old Town, at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to Cindy Russell at kona2003@live.com or call 541-999-6685.

All women veterans and their significant others are invited and encouraged to attend.

Saturday, April 9

SEA LIONS SPLASH OFF

Dancing With Sea Lions Splash Off is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. This first-time peek at all 21 sea lions handpainted by area artists is a gift to the community from the Friends of the Florence Events Center and is free to the public.

The arts have a ripple effect on the community — just like sea lions dancing through our beautiful Pacific Ocean.

To celebrate 20 years of the Florence Events Center giving back to the arts community, 21 fiberglass painted sea lions will dance across the Oregon coast. This spring, follow the trail and view each uniquely designed sea lion.

ART RECEPTION AT SILVER LINING

Visual artists and photographers Bill Durst and Al Moore are the featured artists at the Gallery Above the Silver Lining Boutique for the month of April.

The gallery will host a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour from 3 to 5 p.m.

QUILT GUILD 'SEW-IN'

The Rhododendron Quilt Guild is sponsoring a Sew-In at Wenz-daze Quilters Emporium from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring their sewing machine, hand sewing or just themselves to enjoy the afternoon meeting and stitching with some of the Guild members.

Wenz-daze Quilters Emporium is at 5045 Highway 101, next to Ron's Paint.

RUMMAGE SALE TO BENEFIT KIDS

The Florence Evangelical Church is raising camp money through several fundraisers and a grant from Western Lane Community Foundation.

There will be a rummage sale at Florence Evangelical Church from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help kids attend camp this summer.



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