

FRAA hosting Rhody Days art exhibit



A show by local and coastal artists and craftsmen will be presented by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) at the Florence Events Center during Rhody Days, May 21 and 22. In the tradition of the arts festival, visitors will experience and delight in the unique artistry while also having a chance to meet the artists.

Some of the types of artistry that will be included: woodturning, fused glass, stained glass, bead weaving, photography, metal work, garden décor, intarsia, fractal art, pine

needle baskets, fiber arts and linens, wearable fabric art, knitted and crocheted accessories, scroll saw wood art, raku ceramics, obsidian knives, rocktography, hand painted pottery, watercolors, pyrography, lampwork beads as well as a variety of unique jewelry.

The show's artists will be donating 10 percent of their sales to support the Florence Arts Center, 120 Maple Street.

Admission is free. The hours of the show will be Saturday, 11 a.m. To 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. To 4 p.m..

Rhodys to bloom at annual flower show May 21 and 22

Celebrate the namesake of Florence's annual Rhododendron Festival at the American Rhododendron Society's Siuslaw Chapter Rhododendron Flower Show May 21 and 22. The flower show, which is a judged event, aims to educate and introduce the public to as many varieties of rhododendrons as possible. The show is free and open to the public as soon as judging is completed.

The exhibit is a great place to find what

flowers would look great in your garden and view varieties of both rhododendrons and azaleas from around the world. The Siuslaw Chapter also has an outdoor plant sale both days. Many selections of rhododendrons and azaleas are available for a reasonable price.

Doors are open Saturday, May 21, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 22, from 10 a.m to 5 p.m.



Siuslaw High School choirs, bands to host spring concerts



Music from the Siuslaw High School bands and choirs will fill the auditorium when they perform their year-end concerts on the Florence Events Center's main stage. A concert featuring each of Siuslaw's award-winning bands will key-up Tuesday, May 24, and the SHS choirs gathering to perform their singing talents with special, hand-picked student selections on Monday, June 6.

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

The choirs' Spring Pops Concert will

feature the high school Concert Choir, the student-driven A'Capelicans (A'Cappella group) and the Chamber Choir in a special themed show.

On both nights, there will be solo and group acts by many individuals from the school's award-winning music programs. This concert will highlight SHS seniors in their final high school performance, as well as recognize some of the outstanding musicians and what they've accomplished throughout the year.

