

LRP to hold auditions for 'Pirates of Penzance'

Last Resort Players (LRP) urge area residents to unleash their inner pirate and audition for the November production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance."

Auditions will be held Saturday, May 14, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, May 15, at 2 p.m., at the Class Act Theater on the corner of Kingwood Street and Rhododendron Drive.

This classic operetta has long-dazzled audiences with numbers such as "A Modern Major-General" and the haunting ballad, "Poor Wandering One."

Furiously fast and funny, the cast requires a variety of actors ranging from the Pirate King and his apprentice to the four daughters of the Sergeant of the Police.

In addition, this work accommodates a large chorus.

For audition purposes, prepare approximately 32 measures of a Broadway classic or operetta music that will give a good example of singing abilities.



COURTESY PHOTO

Stage and music directors for LRP's upcoming production of "Pirates of Penzance" share ideas in preparation for auditions in May.

"Sing to show off your vocal technique and skills," said musical artistic director Laura Merz. "The emphasis is on 'show off.' It's going to be a campy production."

"Pirates" is directed by Leah

Goodwin, who most recently directed "Les Miserables." Her assistant director is Mary Conley. Music direction is by Jennifer Weier.

Production dates are Nov. 4 to 6 and 11 to 13 on the main

stage at the Florence Events Center.

Anyone unable to attend auditions for valid reasons should call Leah Goodwin at 541-852-1643 to arrange another time.

Library to host May 'Hang It All 2' display

The Siuslaw Public Library will again present "Hang It All 2" beginning Monday, May 2. The exhibit will continue through May 30. This year's theme is "Animals."

Artwork will be on display throughout the month of May in the lobby gallery and lobby display case. This show is in addition to the annual "Hang it All" in November.

All artists and craftspeople are invited to enter this non-juried art show. This is a great opportunity for all artists — whether professional, beginner or in-between — to display their talent in a popular community exhibit.

Artists can submit one entry per person in any medium.

Two-dimensional items

must be framed and wired for hanging.

No "sawtooth" hangers are allowed.

Maximum size for flat work is 38" measured either horizontally or vertically.

Three-dimensional items must fit into the display case.

Maximum accepted size is 12" deep by 12" by 24."

All entries should be hand-delivered to the Bromley Room of the main library in Florence on May 2, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

No shipped items will be accepted.

Information brochures are available at both the main library, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence, and the Mapleton Branch.

For more information, call the library at 541-997-3132.

FRAA to host 'Memoir as Medicine' writing workshops

Recent studies by Dr. James Pennebaker show that writing can heal pain, disease, grief, mental illness, loss, heartbreak, PTSD, emotional traumas and life upsets.

Expressive writing through journaling, memoir and short stories allows us to reflect and redefine our struggles into greater meaning and purpose.

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will present a new series of "Writers on the River" workshops based on this

theme, starting with "Writing to Heal Your Life: Memoir as Medicine" on Saturday, May 14, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Taught by FRAA creative writing instructor Catherine J. Rourke, the program is designed for writers of all levels. Perfect for those who journal or write memoirs and short stories, this workshop will guide participants in writing their old stories to create a new screenplay for their lives.

Through various tools and

guided prompts in a supportive setting, writers will learn how the power of story can transform their health, hearts, minds, bodies and souls.

"By putting feelings onto paper and shaping them into art, we discover the mythic dimension of our challenges," Rourke said. "Expressive writing shows us that these stories contain our greatest wisdom, healing and seeds of redemption."

Classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required.

Cost is \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

Rourke is an award-winning journalist, editor, author and columnist educated at the City University of New York, the University of Oxford/England and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism.

The former New Yorker now resides in Florence where she is writing a memoir.

To register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com to register.

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