

# THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

## A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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### Saturday, May 14

#### TOUR LOCAL ART GALLERIES

Enjoy the Second Saturday Gallery Tour from 3 to 5 p.m.

This self-guided tour, from Old Town to 101 Uptown Region, inspires locals and visiting tourists alike and reinforces Florence as an ever-evolving arts destination.

Come enjoy the works of local artists at your own pace.

### Tuesday, May 17

#### GET DIABETES SUPPORT

The Siuslaw Diabetes/Pre-diabetes Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room at the library. Bring questions for an informative discussion.

For more information, call 541-902-6059.

#### COME LEARN ABOUT THE PTA

Florence Community PTA invites everyone to attend the next PTA meeting, at 4 p.m., in the Siuslaw Elementary School library. Child care and snacks are provided free at every meeting and one lucky attendee will win the door prize.

#### RHODY SOCIETY PLANT AUCTION

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet at 6:30 p.m., for the annual plant auction of special and unusual azaleas, rhododendrons and companion plants.

This is the time to find that special plant for your garden. The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian

Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

### Wednesday, May 18

#### PORT TO MEET IN TRIANGLE LAKE

The Port of Siuslaw Commission will hold its May commission meeting at the Triangle Lake School in Blachly. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m.

The Port Commission in March elected to hold several meetings in various locations throughout the Port District. In August, the Commission will meet in Mapleton.

Triangle Lake School is located at 20264 Blachly Grange Road in Blachly. For those who can't make the meeting, video of the port's commission meeting will be on the port's website within 48 hours.

#### LOVEJOY TO PERFORM AT CABARET

Jeff Lovejoy will perform at the next Starlight Cabaret set for tonight at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Lovejoy has played for over 45 years in New England and Colorado. Lovejoy plays a '60s to '80s mix, mostly tunes from The Eagles, John Denver, Moody Blues, and Dylan, with a little New Age music and a few originals sprinkled in. Singing along has become a staple.

The music begins at 6 p.m. at the FUUF, on Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road. Tea and coffee will be provided, or BYOB if over age 21.

Finger foods are welcome.

The event is free to the public, but love donations are appreciated.

### Thursday, May 19

#### PEACEHEALTH VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

The volunteers at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center will have a general business luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Driftwood Shores.

Those planning to attend must call or email Rosalie Johnson by Monday, May 16, for reservations.

Volunteers work in 25 different areas in the hospital, clinics, sewing group and hospice. More volunteers are needed.

Stop in at the hospital gift shop to visit with a volunteer for more information.

### Friday, May 20

#### RHODY FEST RETURNS THIS WEEKEND

There are lots of sights and sounds to delight visitors this weekend for the 109th annual Rhododendron Festival, starting with the annual Davis Amusement Carnival on the Port of Siuslaw boardwalk. The carnival opens Wednesday, May 18, in the afternoon.

The fifth annual Old Town Vendor Fair is once again on Maple Street, between Bay and First streets. It opens Friday afternoon and runs through Sunday evening.

On Saturday, don't miss the annual classic car and motorcycle shows, car cruise, arts festival, flower show, junior parade and games, Elks' chicken barbecue and much more being held all around town.

Grand Marshal Wilbur Ternyik will lead this year's Grand Floral Parade on

Sunday, May 21, at noon as it runs from 27th Street onto and down Highway 101 and through Old Town.

For more information, call 541-997-3128 or visit the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce website at [www.florencechamber.com](http://www.florencechamber.com).

### Saturday, May 21

#### FIDDLERS TO PLAY WINCHESTER BAY

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers, District 5, will make music at the Winchester Bay Community Center. On stage performance is 1 to 3 p.m., with an acoustic jam following from 3 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to play, promote and perpetuate old time music.

There will be a meeting for members at 11 a.m. for the election of officers. For more information, call 541-759-3419.

### Upcoming events

#### SCHOOL CHOIRS TO HOST CONCERT

"Choir Palooza" will be this year's big event for students in the choir programs at Siuslaw Middle School and Siuslaw High School.

Each choir will be featured in festival performances from district events. Favorite songs from musicals and movies will highlight the evening, along with recent popular and classic hits.

The concert is Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

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