

Earnshaw named Realtor of the Year by COCBBR

Steve Earnshaw has been a licensed Real Estate Broker since 2003 and was recently named the 2016 Realtor of the Year by the Central Oregon Coast Board of Realtors (COCBR).

Earnshaw was the COCBBR President in 2009 and was Realtor of the Year in 2012 as well. He has been an active member in the Florence community since 2001, working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and City of Florence on economic development, as well as working with the Ford Institute Leadership Program and on several other committees.

In the Real Estate industry, Earnshaw has always willing to take on challenges and volunteer his time to be the OAR State Director for the third year in a row.

Earnshaw is always attending meetings, trainings and conferences to gain firsthand knowledge; he has his client's best interests at heart as he continues to make the commitment of daily education in the world of Real Estate.



Realtor Steve Earnshaw (right) receives a plaque recognizing him as Realtor of the Year.

New Hot Club band brings unique vibe to FEC

Music Review
By Vickie Kennedy

Seacoast Entertainment Association's production featuring the New Hot Club of America on Friday, May 13, at the Florence Events Center, made it difficult to sit quietly in your seat. The band leader and lead guitarist, Gonzalo Bergara, adeptly led his musicians on a wild finger-chase up and down their stringed instruments.

Modeled on the original instrumentation of the Hot Club of France, The New Hot Club of America pays particular attention to recapturing the sound, style and spirit of the gypsy jazz tradition by performing music composed and performed by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli.

Gypsy jazz (also known as gypsy swing or hot club jazz) is a style of jazz music often said to have been started by guitarist Jean "Django" Reinhardt in the 1930s. Because its origins are largely in France, it is often called by the French name, "jazz manouche," or alternatively, "manouche jazz," even in the English language.

The term is now commonly used for this style of music.

The first half of the concert was played by a quartet consisting of Bergara on the guitar, P.J.



Members of New Hot Club of America

Wyderka on the bass, Daisy Castro on the violin, along with guitarist Max O'Rourke.

The audience was a little nervous at the beginning of the first song. The sound system was full of static, but the musicians kept playing. At the end of the song, FEC's sound man switched a few things around and the sound was perfect.

You could call this a "free music" concert. There wasn't a program with a list of the songs being played and Gonzalo didn't mention every title. There were a number of tunes named after the months of the year: December, June, August, and so forth. One of these songs, November, was just a blur of fingers by all the musicians.

One of the favorite songs during the first half was "Death

of a Good Wolf." It was very calm and melodic at the beginning, with the violin answering the tune of the guitar. By the midpoint, however, the pace had picked up and the intensity of the song made it seem that each musician had 20 fingers flying over their instrument.

The second half of the concert added the musicians Sergei Teleshev on accordion, guitarist Gage Hulsey and clarinetist, Kyle Stiles.

Stiles' fingers flew up and down his instrument making all sorts of magic. The tone that Kyle got from his clarinet was rich and the variety of volume was astounding. Every musician had perfected the art of arpeggios as they played.

As interesting as the music was, watching the musicians

play was intriguing. Their body language and facial expressions took their music up a notch. In the pre-concert talk, over half the musicians stated that they had started playing music when they were six years old.

Although they are young, the musicians had a relationship with their instruments that belied their age.

This was an excellent finale for SEA's 2015-16 season.

Watch for Seacoast Entertainment Association's upcoming 2016-17 concert series with some great artists including Cantus, Bria Skonberg and Pink Martini!

Kiwanis announces tickets for annual Duck Race

The Florence Kiwanis Club has announced it will be hosting its 19th annual "Great Florence Duck Race" in the Siuslaw River on July 4, beginning at 1 p.m.

The race can be viewed from the Old Town Boardwalk east of ICM. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at Coast Insurance, 777 Maple St., across from the U.S. Post Office, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased by:

- Contacting Kiwanian Judy Dahlberg at 541-999-1889; emailing her at judy.ducktickets@gmail.com; or by mailing your check, payable to Florence Kiwanis, to Judy Dahlberg, 83396 Erhart Road, Florence, OR 97439
- Or by coming to the Kiwanis trailer, located across the street from ICM, beginning on Thursday, June 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., through July 3, and on July 4 from 9 a.m. to noon.

There are 43 prizes with a total value of over \$4,100 being awarded, to winners in descending value. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold.

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FRAA hosts writing workshops to 'heal your life' June 11

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) continues its ongoing series of "Writing to Heal Your Life: Memoir as Medicine" workshops on Saturday, June 11, 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. Participation in the full series is not required to benefit from each class.

Perfect for those who journal or write memoir 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.

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"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: \$20 FRAA members or \$25 non-members, payable at the door. Call 541-708-2120 or e-mail CJReditor@gmail.com to register.

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.

She has served as a book editor and jacket cover copywriter for Amazon and Random House, in both print and digital formats.

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What are your plans after graduation?

"I'm planning on going to George Fox University to study global business. After graduating I hope to work in humanitarian aid."
—**HOLLY HICKS, 18**
SIUSLAW HIGH SCHOOL

"I'm attending Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. I want to pursue teaching and coaching football."
—**MICHAEL MASON, 17**
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"I am going to attend Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay. I plan to major in anthropology."
—**HANNAH RODET, 18**
MAPLETON HIGH SCHOOL

"I am going to attend the University of Idaho. I'm on their track team. I think I am going to major in biology."
—**MIKAELA SIEGEL, 18**
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