

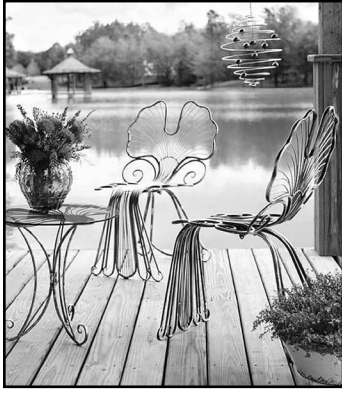
Humane Society's Garden Tour set for Sunday

This year's Oregon Coast Humane Society's Garden Tour will feature five beautiful and creative gardens on Sunday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All proceeds from this tour will benefit the Oregon Coast Humane Society (formerly known as the Florence Area Humane Society), the local no-kill animal shelter.

The gardens feature delightful plantings, detailed landscaping and one even has a magnificent view of the ocean. All five gardens will delight visitors.

Tickets for the Garden Tour are \$15 per person and are available at Mary Ann's Natural Pet at 1541 Highway 101, Raining Cats and Dogs, and On Your Feet With a Splash on Bay Street, as well as at the Oregon Coast Humane



Society's Shelter, 2840 Rhododendron Drive, and at each garden on the day of the tour.

In addition, a raffle will be held for a Ginkgo garden chair. Tickets for the drawings are available at each garden. This chair may be seen at the Humane Society Thrift Store on Bay Street. One ticket costs \$5, five tickets are \$20, or pur-



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This year's Garden Tour features five local gardens. Raffle tickets for a Ginkgo garden chair (at left) will be available at each stop along the tour, with all proceeds benefiting the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

chase 30 tickets for \$100.

The drawing will be June 30

and winners will be notified with directions for pickup.

Deadline for Arlis Ulman nursing scholarship nears

The June 30 deadline is coming up quickly for the Arlis Ulman Health Careers Scholarship, administered by the Western Lane Community Foundation.

The Ulman scholarship awards \$3,000 annually to a Lane Community College

Florence Center student.

This scholarship is designed to assist students enrolled at LCC in their nursing or pre-nursing curriculum. Students must have a permanent residence in the Florence or Mapleton school districts, major in the Nursing Program,

including students completing prerequisites prior to admission to the nursing program, and who have demonstrated a commitment to academic achievement and have financial need.

Applications may be obtained at the LCC Florence campus office or at the website

www.wlcfonline.org.

Applications must be post-marked or received no later than Thursday, June 30, 2016, at P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439, the LCC Florence campus office, or submitted to the web address above by the same date.

Oregon Coast Military Museum seeks public input

The Oregon Coast Military Museum, which opened July 4, 2015, is approaching its first anniversary, and the board of directors is working on a strategic plan to take the organization into its next phase. To do that, it is seeking the public's input on how it would like to see the museum move forward.

"The Florence community has shown tremendous support for this effort for the last six years, allowing us to get the initial museum created and open," said museum board president Wayne Sharpe. "Now it's time for us to determine where we want to go from here: stay small and static as we are now to some degree, or do we expand, which would allow us to display more of the artifacts we've collected from our supporters over that time?"

"Do we change our mission or keep it on task to honor our veterans by educating our public?"

"Since the museum effort began back in 2009, we have accumulated an enormous amount of military artifacts such as weaponry, uniforms, personal items from veterans and their families," said executive director Cal Applebee. "We need to determine how

we can continue to collect and preserve that heritage, which means we may have to expand the physical facility.

"To help us determine that, we have begun a Strategic Planning process but really want to get the input of our community and supporters."

Interested community members can visit the museum website www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com and download a simple survey to provide thoughts and ideas.

Input can also be emailed directly to Applebee at cal97439@gmail.com, or mailed to the museum at P.O. Box 2040, Florence, OR 97439.

The target date for submitting input to the museum is June 30, which will allow the board to incorporate that information into its planning meeting in mid-July.

"This museum really came about because of the veteran population in this community, and it is really important to us that we continue to value the input of those community members," said Sharpe.

The museum, 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, is open to the public Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

'Vision' for Siuslaw Region to be discussed at City Club

Russ Pierson, interim director at the Lane Community College Florence Center, will address the City Club of Florence on Friday, July 1, on the topic, "The Siuslaw Region: A Vision for 2025."

The Siuslaw Region Visioning Project has been supported by the Ford Institute for Community Building, the City of Florence, the Siuslaw Public Library and the Rotary Club of Florence.

Now in its "vision-keeping" phase, Pierson will describe the project in terms of what a vibrant Siuslaw Region might look like in 2025 and engage the audience to find ways each of us can play a part to forge a region "where opportunities to live, work and play are available to all."

Pierson is a Certified

Educational Facilities Professional (CEFP), a Certified Sustainable Building Advisor (cSBA), GreenFaith Fellow, and a 2013 U.S. Green Building Council Greenbuild Scholar.

He has a varied background in construction management, nonprofits and higher education, and served as Associate Director of Facilities Management and Planning at Lane prior to his move to the LCC Florence Center in March 2015.

City Club of Florence meets at noon on the first Friday of each month at Driftwood Shores Resort and Conference Center, 88416 First Ave. in Florence.

For more information, email Ruth Baumrucker at socialpollinator@gmail.com.

FLORENCE EVENTS CENTER SEEKS CATERING SERVICES

The Florence Events Center is seeking applications for an exclusive, in-house catering service. Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday July 5th.

The Request for Proposal (RFP), contract, description of services, minimum qualifications and application guidelines may be obtained on the FEC website at www.EventCenter.org. For questions or additional information, call the FEC office at 541-997-1994.



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BART MEALER Florence Food Share

As you may have heard, Florence Food Share has an incredible garden that is maintained by an all-volunteer task force. Now affectionately called Food Share Farm, our garden is cared for on a daily basis by our head gardener Bart Mealer.

Bart has been volunteering at Florence Food Share since 2007, and we are quite certain he has the greenest thumb on the West coast! Thanks to Bart, our organic garden has grown to 15,000 square feet, with two high tunnel greenhouses, a drip irrigation system and a 10,000 gallon water catchment system which cuts down on our city water usage.

Bart is quite knowledgeable in the rotation of crops to optimize production and reduce pests, as well as fertilization techniques that facilitate our yearly production of over 10,000 lbs. of produce. Our harvest regularly includes carrots, zucchini, winter squash, tomatillos, bell peppers, tomatoes, eggplant, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, kale, rainbow chard, spinach, potatoes, onions, beets, pole beans, snap peas, epazote and other herbs.

In addition, Bart is a dedicated Food Share Board member, having just completed his term as President and choosing to stay on to help in any capacity he can. It is such a gift to have this talented man as an integral part of the Food Share team. Thank you, Bart, for all you do!



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