

'Never Land' at August's 2nd Star Festival

FLORENCE — The 2nd Star Festival presents its second annual cultural arts celebration honoring creativity of all forms. "Always Create! Always Encourage! Never Land!" is the motto of the festival, held at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St., on Aug. 13 and 14.

The event will highlight artisans, authors, illustrators and performers of music, storytelling, and puppetry. It is an experience for all ages to be mesmerized and immersed in a land of imagination and inspiration.

"What an amazing event filled with incredible vendors, wonderful performances and abounding in creative energy! My family can't wait to return," said festival goer Brian W. Parker.

Following a fun, exciting, successful first year in 2015, the festivities for 2016 will include opportunities for participants to be captivated by many unique areas of creativity meant to inspire and encourage.

Artisan booths will offer unique ink stamps for attendees to collect in their Passports as they wind their way through the indoor Goblin Market, where they can meet guest artists Charles Mason and Tayliss Forge from the show, "Steampunk'd," along with local Eugene interactive steampunk artists Steve LaRiccica and Joe Mross, who will be displaying some of their unique creations.

Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be



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Come to the 2nd Star Festival, created by Matt and Kesha Hawk (right), to experience magic, steampunk, fairies, mermaids, activities and more.

catered by Florence eatery, Mon Ami Cafe.

"Talks from the Flight Deck's" stories and musical performances on the theater stage will inspire and encourage all those who find a seat in the audience.

Take a step through the gates of The Tesla Field in our outdoor area, where you will find mermaids, pirates, face



painting, demonstrations, workshops, a gaming area, a vardo acoustic music stage, Nymbol's Secret Garden, Fooble the Dragon and a beer garden sponsored by local WildCraft Cider Works.

Join event creators Matt and Kesha Hawk of the Hawk's Aerie for a fun-filled, inspiring weekend of creative wonder.

People are encouraged to dress up in any and every manner.

Saturday, Aug. 13, and Sunday, Aug. 14, are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for all of the daytime activities.

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, The Nathaniel Johnstone Band will play with its opening act, Magician Matt Van Zee.

All events are within walking distance of Historic Old Town in Florence on the beautiful Oregon coast.

For tickets, call the FEC at 541-997-1994. Children 12 and under are free. Adults are \$10 a day or \$15 for both days.

Tickets for the Nathaniel Johnstone Band concert are \$25. A weekend package is also available and includes festival entry for both days and the concert for \$35 per person.

To learn more about the festivities or to get involved, go to 2ndstarfestival.com for full details and a list of artisans, sponsors and guest artists, or email the Hawks at 2ndstarfestival@gmail.com for any questions.

Call to artists for quilt show

YACHATS — Polly Plumb Productions board member, Ruth Bass, recently announced a call to artists for the Ocean Artistry Art Quilt Show to be held at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 in Yachats, on March 10 to 12, 2017.

This juried show will accept art pieces from local, regional, and international art quilters. The theme of this inaugural show will be "Gems of the Ocean."

Details of the call to artists can be found at www.oceanartistrycall.com.

Quilt entries will be accepted between Dec. 15, 2016 and

Jan. 15, 2017, and will be decided by Feb. 1, 2017.

Final judging will be made by a five-person panel of artists and dignitaries during the show.

All selected entries will be on display during the Ocean Artistry Art Quilt show running March 10 to 12 at the Yachats Commons in the multi-purpose room.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"One of the goals of the show is to introduce art quilting to both locals and visitors to the area," said Bass. "We thought the ocean theme would

allow artists to explore the beauty of this area and make interpretations based on their own whimsy."

The new art show has already received financial support from both the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and the City of Yachats' New Event Fund.

"We're delighted to bring this type of show to Yachats. This will brighten up the town and we welcome everyone to experience an art quilt show," said Bass.

For more information about the quilt show, email info@oceanartistry.org.

Learn to dance 'Bollywood Fusion' at Elks Lodge

FLORENCE — A Bollywood Fusion Class is being held Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Elks Lodge.

Bollywood Fusion is a playful dance form that has evolved from the Hindi Culture in India. As the film industry in Bombay has grown, so has the dance style in their films. Bollywood Fusion takes on a mixture of belly dance, Indian folk, classical and modern jazz.

The music is very light-hearted and many of the moves are simple.

For a typical Bollywood class, the women wear coin belts/hip scarves like in belly dance.

Many students enjoy wearing ankle bells, too.

For more information or to attend the class, contact Eileen Angilletta by email at eangilletta@yahoo.com or visit her Facebook page The Dancing Divas.