

# COOS ART MUSEUM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

COOS BAY — In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Coos Art Museum, the museum is hosting the 2016 Arts and Culture Rally and Charm Trail.

The southern Oregon coast is rich in local arts and culture. Join in for a fun adventure visiting seven coastal communities and 51 participating arts and culture venues.

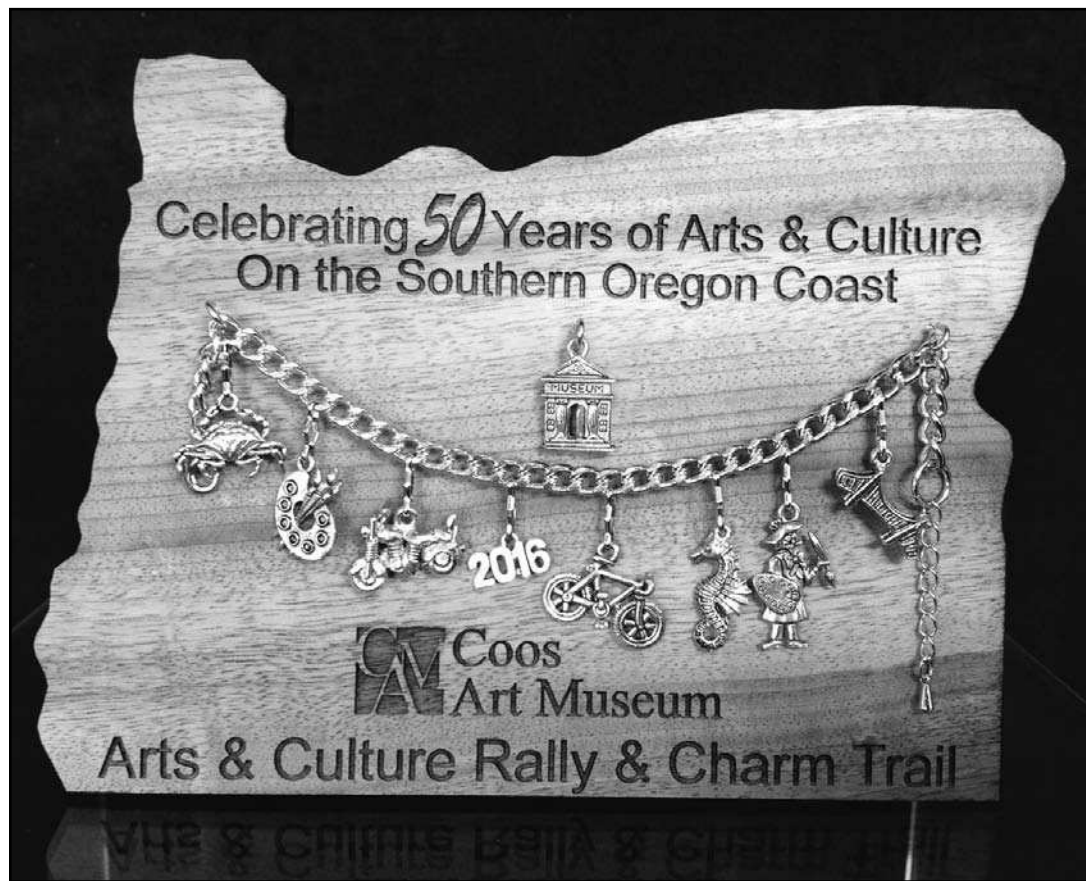
Rally stops are a mix of boutique shops featuring local artisans' works, museums and discovery centers and others stops that make the southern Oregon coast special.

This is a great way to enjoy the Southern Oregon Coast, have an adventure, get inspired, find a one-of-a-kind souvenir, participate in a quest and experience local culture.

The rally runs through Dec. 31, so everyone has plenty of time to join in the fun and plan a visit to Coos Bay.

Charm bracelets can be purchased at Coos Art Museum for \$5 and include the 2016 year charm. Additional charms can be found at each stop on the map for \$1.50 each.

The rally includes venues from



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**As part of the Coos Art Museum's 50th anniversary, collect charms at special art locations participating in the Charm Trail program.**

Reedsport to Bandon, and Charleston to Myrtle Point.

Most communities are within a 35-minute drive from Coos Bay. All stops

have copies of the rally map so you can begin at any point and travel in any order you prefer.

The maps list all the venues by community and include hours of operation and contact information to assist in adventure planning.

Participants that visit all 50 sites and get their map stamped can return to Coos Art Museum and get a prize.

Coos Art Museum has been a cultural focal point of Oregon's scenic Southern Coast since 1966. It occupies the historic 1936 Art Deco US Federal Building in downtown Coos Bay.

The Museum offers a wide range of arts activities including exhibitions, art classes and lectures.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Museum admission is \$5 general, \$2 students, veterans and seniors, and free to museum members and active duty military and their families through the Blue Star Museum program.

For more information, visit the Coos Art Museum website at [www.coosart.org](http://www.coosart.org) or contact Debbie Will at 541-267-3901 or email [lobby@coosart.org](mailto:lobby@coosart.org).

## Liberty Theatre to begin next phase of expansion project

NORTH BEND — On July 21, 2015, Little Theatre on the Bay began the restoration of the historic Liberty Theatre in downtown North Bend by inviting noted theatre preservationist George Kramer to inspect the building and determine outside facade improvements.

Now, one year later, LTOB begins the demolition and excavation process in preparation of the construction of a 1,512 square-foot addition to Liberty Theatre with ADA restrooms, family room and mother/baby nursing area.

This addition is part of Phase II, a \$633,000 project which includes the restrooms and new seating in the auditorium. It is part of a seven phase, multi-year project that will end with the 100 year celebration the building.

Design and construction documents have been prepared by McSwain and

Woods Architects, LLP. This addition includes work to be done by West Coast Contractors, Inc. who will be installing a retaining wall utilizing auger-cast pilings along the south property line of Liberty Theatre.

Knutson Towboat Company will demolish the old pole barn and excavate the site prior to construction of new ADA restrooms and Les' Sanitary Service, Inc. will recycle/dispose of metal, wood and concrete materials removed from site.

As owners of the Liberty Theatre, Little Theatre on the Bay will be issuing a call for bidding plans to contractors who may be interested in helping construct the new restroom addition.

The Liberty Theatre is still several years away from the completion of the restoration project. The restoration team will continue to seek community support

and apply for grants to fund the additional phases.

These phases and the timeline are described below.

### *Capital Campaign Phases:*

- Phase I— Exterior Façade Repair and Restoration (2015)
- Phase II — ADA restrooms and new seats (2016-2017)
- Phase III — Upgrade Lobby and Concession Area (2017-2018)
- Phase IV — New air flow systems and set construction area (2018-2019)
- Phase V — Lighting and Sound Upgrades (2019-2020)
- Phase VI — Expansion-rehearsal space and new dressing rooms (2021-2022)
- Phase VII — Historic Preservation with rooftop domes and neon sign (2022-2023)

A partnership of local community donations, grants from foundations and including some in-kind donated work has made this restoration possible.

Since 1959, the LTOB has operated and managed North Bend's historic Liberty Theatre as a performing arts venue serving residents and visitors to Coos County.

The restoration project is designed to ensure North Bend's 92-year-old Liberty Theatre's role as the architectural and cultural hub of the community is preserved and protected in time for the centennial celebration of the building's opening scheduled for spring 2024.

The Little Theatre on the Bay (LTOB) is a nonprofit organization with the mission is "to cultivate the arts in Coos County."