

Authors, publishers to converge for book fair

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors and publishers, will take place Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with preliminary events on Friday to complement the book festival. The event is hosted by the Friends of the Florence Events Center and the festival planning committee.

Now in its sixth year, the book fair continues to be a popular gathering for authors, publishers and potential future authors. The public is invited to this free event to meet the authors and have their books signed. Nearly 20 of the authors in attendance will be local residents.

The book fair will feature at least six publishers. In addition, writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many genres: fiction, non-fiction, memoir, children's literature, fantasy, mystery, young adult, poetry and more.

On Friday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m., a panel of authors will speak on the topic "My first book: the process of idea to print." Different authors will discuss their unique journey of the first book and how it made its way to a printed publication.

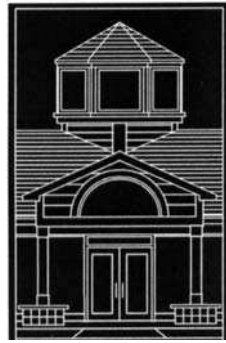
The event will take place at the Florence Events Center theater and is free to attend.

At 7 p.m. that evening, suspense thriller author Phillip Margolin will be the featured keynote speaker for the festival. Margolin has written 19 novels, many of them New York Times bestsellers, including the recent "Woman with a Gun," "Worthy Brown's Daughter," "Sleight of Hand" and the "Washington Trilogy."

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door for the conversation with Phillip Margolin.

Registration for authors and publishers for the Florence Festival of Books is now open online at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Thirteen Ways of Looking

By Colum McCann
Book review by Kevin Mittge
Colum McCann is an internationally renowned author of novels and short stories. Some of his well-known novels include "TransAtlantic," "Zoli," "Dancer," "Songdogs" and his National Book Award-winning "Let the Great World Spin."

"Thirteen Ways of Looking" is McCann's first book of short stories in a decade and doesn't disappoint his readers.

In 2004, McCann was attacked and knocked unconscious on the streets of New Haven, Conn. He had started writing these stories prior to that incident, but it affected him and impacted how the stories were ultimately developed.

The New York Times stated that the stories "...are connected by a tension, an unease, a threat, a sense that things are off kilter but perhaps can be put right if the characters, and

the reader, understand them more fully."

The title story, a novella, is about a retired judge, reflecting on his life's work, unaware that this will be the final day of his life. In "Sh'khol" a mother spending Christmas alone with her son confronts the unthinkable when he disappears while swimming off the coast near their home in Ireland.

In "Treaty," an elderly nun catches a snippet of a news report in which it is revealed that the man who once kidnapped and brutalized her is alive, masquerading as an agent of peace.

And finally, in "What Time Is It Now, Where You Are?" a writer constructs a story about a Marine in Afghanistan calling home on New Year's Eve.

Called mesmerizing by some, deeply personal and subtly subversive by others, and at times harrowing and funny, "Thirteen Ways of Looking" demonstrates McCann's standing as one of

this country's greatest contemporary writers.

Wireless available

Don't forget that both the main Florence library as well as the Mapleton branch library have wireless Internet access.

If you have family visiting the area and they want to bring their laptops, they can access all their favorite sites and check their email with the wireless network.

The library has numerous places where the laptops can be plugged in and reception is excellent in most parts of the library.

No login is required and access is free. The only limitation is that you cannot print from the wireless laptops.

Mapleton has a nice counter patrons can sit at with their laptops, with convenient electrical outlets, and a wonderful view of the passing Siuslaw River.

Florence Democrats gather to meet local candidates

The Florence Area Democratic Club held its annual picnic Aug. 7 at Honeyman State Park.

The well-attended event featured speeches from U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden; Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, a candidate for Oregon Secretary of State; state Sen. Arnie Roblan; state Rep. Caddy McKeown; Lane County Justice of the Peace Rick Brissenden; and Florence City Councilor Ron Preisler.

A sumptuous potluck, great music and a raffle rounded out the program as the candidates took a number of questions from the enthusiastic crowd.

—Submitted by Mark Brennan



COURTESY PHOTOS

Local government officials, including (clockwise from above) state Sen. Arnie Roblan, state Rep. Caddy McKeown and U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, attend the Florence Democratic Club picnic Sunday at Honeyman State Park.



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Kenneth B Gallery featuring unique Dantone art

Kenneth B Gallery Art Studios, located in Old Town Florence, will open a new exhibit, titled "The Curtain's Rift," by featured artist Sam Dantone, owner of Treehouse Signs.

Dantone's work will be on display from Aug. 13 through Oct. 3. The artist's reception for this event will be Saturday,

Aug. 13, from 1 to 3 p.m. Meet the artist and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres in celebration of Florence's Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

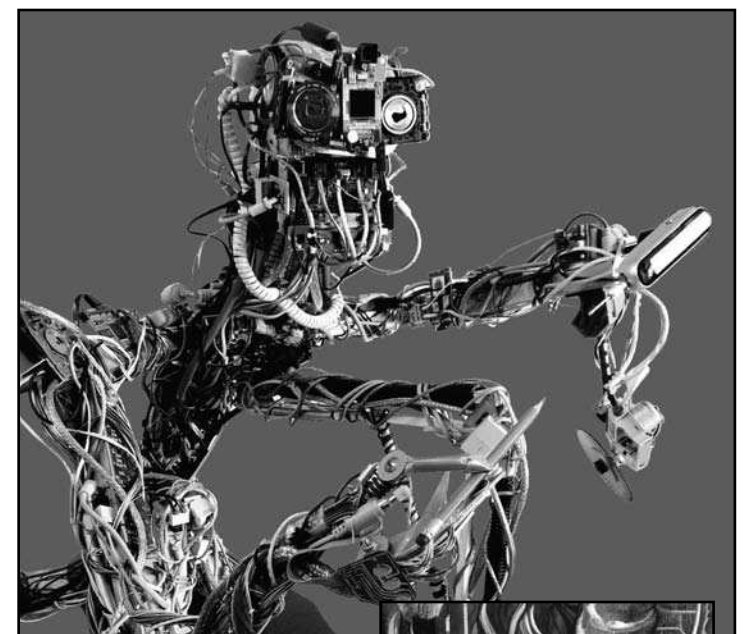
There will also be an artist's question and answer session for this exhibit, scheduled Saturday, Sept. 24, from 1 to 2 p.m.

This exhibit will include new paintings from the artist's "ab-scrap" collection, two signature tree sculptures and an amazing "Gadget Monster," composed of all things digital, along with numerous new mixed media pieces.

Dantone is well known for his thought-provoking paintings depicting insightful commentary of social unrest.

In this exhibit, Dantone focuses on creative energy and the artist's process.

Kenneth B Art Studios, 1458 First St. in Old Town Florence, is open by appointment, and nearly every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during Florence's peak summer season.



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"Gadget Monster" and other art pieces by Sam Dantone will be on display at Kenneth B Gallery on First Street in Old Town.

To confirm gallery hours or request a private showing, call 541-999-5875.

For more information, visit www.KennethBGallery.com.



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