

Creative writing workshop being offered Saturday

What triggers the imagination? How do great writers develop their ideas and turn clever phrases? Is there a secret for transforming ordinary sentences into extraordinary ones?

Writers on the River will present "The Art of Creative Writing" workshop Saturday, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Taught by FRAA creative writing instructor Catherine J. Rourke, the program is designed for writers of all levels and genres.

Learn how to dive into the creative zone in this fun, inspiring "atelier" that will show you how to find your voice, turn on the creative faucet and keep it flowing. Through simple steps and easy prompts, you will learn how to tap the innovative genius that

lies within everyone.

Classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

Call 541-708-2120 or email 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.

The former New Yorker now resides in Florence where she is writing a memoir about her adventures as an investigative reporter titled "And Forgive Us Our Press Passes."

Comedy Thursdays at Three Rivers Casino

Three Rivers Casino Resort's Comedy Thursdays continues through the summer, with stand-up comedians from around the Northwest performing each Thursday in Blue Bills (located inside Three Rivers) from 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 18, the headliner will be Kris Shaw.

It may just be a live microphone in a small spotlight, but when Shaw steps up to it the experience is unlike anything you've come to expect from stand-up comedy.

Shaw is a storyteller who, with quick bursts of wit and carefully crafted silences, keeps the audience engaged through everyday observation and tough topics alike.

His slightly skew but loveable style disarms and charms for the first setup to the final



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Kris Shaw

punch line. He has entertained troops in Iraq, Kuwait, Japan, Korea, Bahrain, Dubai, Kyrgestan and Africa.

Shaw also appears in national commercials and had a recurring role on the CBS drama "Close to Home."

The opener is Nick Decktor.

KXCR to host Robert Sabado at KB Gallery Saturday

Florence's all volunteer public radio station, KXCR 90.7 FM, welcomes master saxophone stylist Robert Sabado, whose versatility is earning him worldwide notability.

"We're thrilled to present this rising star in the smooth jazz world," said event coordinator Gigi Lissan. "It has been reported that jazz legend Stan Getz called Sabado's 'the best tone around.'"



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Robert Sabado

These days, Sabado has been fusing down tempo, chill electronica grooves with live saxophone improvisation.

"I have been around the world and I believe my music can take the listener to exotic lands," explains Sabado.

Come for an evening of great music, hors d'oeuvre

buffet and a no-host bar at the Kenneth B Gallery, 1458 1st St. in Old Town, on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There is a cover charge.

For more information, call 541-997-2997.

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