

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FloTones going 'South of the Border'

On Sept. 30, 2005, the newly formed FloTones made their Florence Events Center debut singing songs from "The Great American Songbook," including Broadway show tunes like "September Song" and popular favorites like "Georgia On My Mind." Fast forward to September of 2016 and, as the Monty Pythons would say, "Now for something totally different."

The 'Tones have added a number of foot-tapping tunes for their 2016 presentation of "FloTones and Friends Present Latin Rhythms." Sharing the stage with the singers will be the new FloTones Jazz Quartet: Ron Green, Nate Kaplan, Lynette Kristine and Jennifer Weier.

For their Latin Rhythms show, the FloTones don't abandon their heritage entirely.

The program kicks off with a Latin beat version of a medley of Gershwin



songs.

Sprinkled throughout the program are bossa novas, mambos, sambas and even the popular Cole Porter tune "Begin the Beguine."

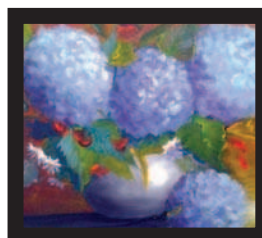
Well-known Latin music composers on the program include Luiz Bonfá and Antonio Carlos Jobim; they will be

joined by Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach and Barry Manilow.

The Florence Events Center will host two flat-floor performances, on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 11, at 3 p.m. Tickets are available for \$15 at the FEC box office or online at www.eventcenter.org.

Wallflowers and Wine

Come create your own "Blue Hydrangea" wall art with artist John Leasure while enjoying a glass of wine.



The fun begins Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. All paints, canvas and art instruction are provided.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a free beverage (one glass of wine or non-alcoholic choice) and snacks while receiving professional, step-by-step painting instruction.

Space is limited, so visit www.eventcenter.org, stop by the FEC box office at 715 Quince St., or call at 541-997-1994 to reserve your spot.

Learn about Aging in Place

Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC), in partnership with Florence Habitat for Humanity (FHH), will present "Aging in Place" Friday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, sponsored by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor, City of Florence, AARP, United Way of Lane County, Senior and Disability Services, will focus on how to live in one's own home and community safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age, income or ability level. The forum will offer "must know" information for seniors or families of seniors.

Artists sought for 'Artistic Visions' exhibit

Friends of the Florence Events Center is offering artists the opportunity to participate in the second annual Artistic Visions Awards Show.

Artist's work will be exhibited in Galleries One and Five at the FEC from Sept. 27 through Nov. 29, with a special awards reception Oct. 15, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Three judges from outside the Florence area, each respected in their

field of expertise, have been asked to select award winners. There will be cash awards for first, second, and third place in each of three categories: 2-D, photography and 3-D.

There will also be a "People's Choice" award.

Each artist can submit up to three pieces of artwork, and due to space restraints, art will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

A non-refundable fee of \$20 per work

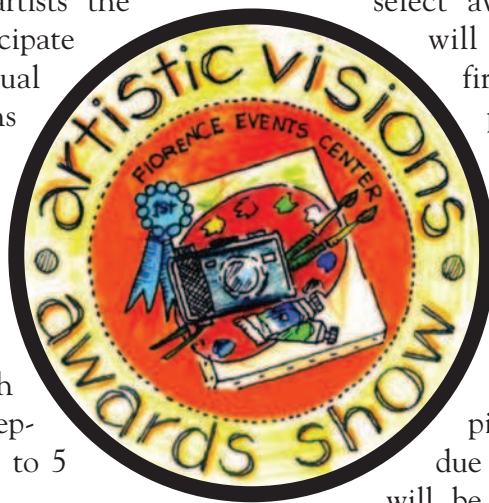
must be sent with the entry form. High school artist fees will be \$10 per work.

All artwork must be for sale, and content must be appropriate for the FEC. The artist will receive 75 percent of the price, and 25 percent will be retained by the Friends of FEC.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at the FEC Office, 715 Quince St., during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the FEC website, www.eventcenter.org.

Artwork must be hand-delivered to the FEC on Tuesday, Sept. 27, between 9 a.m. and noon.

For more information, contact the FEC office at 541-997-1994.



BOOK FESTIVAL

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and more.

There's something for everyone at the festival, including a great opportunity to shop for that perfect gift or add to your own book collection.

In addition, come meet New York Times bestselling author Phillip Margolin, who will also be the keynote speaker the night before the festival on Friday, Sept. 23.

Margolin, a former Portland criminal defense attorney and author of many award-winning and numerous New York Times bestsellers, will speak about his experiences and process as a writer, beginning at 7 p.m. at the FEC.

He will also have his latest novel, "Violent Crimes," available for purchase and signing.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Buy your ticket early; Margolin has many fans and this event will likely be a

sell out.

Earlier that evening, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., there will be a panel discussion titled: "The Path: Idea to Book" which will include several Northwest authors who will share their individual paths to publication.

Authors will include poet Byron Dudley, romance novelist Janet Wellington, nonfiction author Duana Welch, fiction writer and Emmy-award winning television director Tom Cheronos, and nationally syndicated Siuslaw News humor columnist and author Ned Hickson.

The authors panel event is free and open to the public, and will be held at the FEC.

Come early to assure yourself a seat.

For more information, check the FFOB website at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org, or to buy tickets to hear Margolin, call the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org.



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