



Above, Florence Events Center staff: Director Kevin Rhodes, Office Coordinator Sandi Anderson, Maintenance Technician Matthew Holdahl, Marketing Specialist Jennifer Connor and Patron Services Assistant Kim Gomez



FEC thanked its more than 50 volunteers at a special "Favorite Things" lunch on Aug. 17.



Left, Dusty and Trish Rhodes have volunteered 20 years with their son, Director Kevin Rhodes.



Community Spotlight 

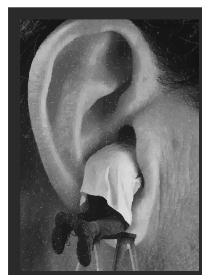
## Guiding star

At the Second Star Festival, we wanted to find a way to support creative people and uplift them. In 2015, we heard they were looking for a new idea for an event at the Florence Events Center and created a festival to fit the space. The FEC has been a tremendous help in putting this together. They've worked with us to try to get something different going.

Second Star Festival's motto is "Always create, always encourage, never land!" It's a place where the real and the magical intersect, where fairytale ideas meet up with steampunk and science fiction, all to the beat of a unique drummer.

We are feeling so good at the end of our second year because people saw that we were having the festival and came by to check it out. We saw a lot more traffic just from having the Mermaid Lagoon and areas outside. People are out here to have fun, and that's a huge draw.

Matt and Kesha Hawk  
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