

A NIGHT OF WINE

A toast to 'Wine, Women and Who Knows What?'

Chapter FQ of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) will sponsor its fourth annual "Wine, Women and Who Knows What?" evening of wine tasting at the FEC on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris wines of Campbell Lane Winery will be the featured attraction.

"We are lucky to be the first to introduce the fine wines of Campbell Lane to connoisseurs in the Florence area," said event co-chair Paula Becker.

A private preview event with the winemakers from Campbell Lane will begin at 4 p.m. and will include a visual history of the winery and a blind tasting of 2014 and 2015 Pinot Noirs.

Located near West Linn, at the north end of the Willamette Valley, Campbell Lane has been perfecting its grapes for 30 years.

"We think we grow some of the best Willamette Valley Pinot Gris grapes and that affects the wines that we craft," said winemaker Andy Parks. "It's not only our 30-year-old vines and the conditions they're grown in. It could



also have a lot to do with the courage and hospitality that has gone into and continues to go into the maintenance and care for our Willamette Valley Pinot Gris grapes as well as our Willamette Valley Pinot Noir."

In addition to the private preview tasting, Campbell Lane will also be one of the five featured wineries at the main tasting beginning at 5 p.m.

Food pairings for all wines will be prepared by the culinary arts students at Siuslaw High School under the direction of instructor Kyle Lewis.

In addition to the tastings, a silent auction will feature many local artists and an extravagant collection of themed gift baskets.

"It's the perfect place to start your Christmas shopping," said event co-chair Susan Johnson.

A ticket that includes both the private preview and the main tasting is \$30. A ticket for the main tasting only is \$25.

All proceeds from the event go to provide scholarships, loans and grants to local women pursuing higher education.

To purchase tickets, call 541-991-3099 or 541-999-9082.

AUCTION

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to their locations in April, and will return to the FEC for the Migration Gala and auction at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8. From there, the sea lions will go to their permanent homes.

Connor said, "I would foresee that some of these sea lions will be in the area for years." The FEC planning committee hopes that many of the sea lions will still be accessible to the public after the auction.

The opening bid for each of the remaining 8-10 sea lions will be \$1,996, with KCST Radio's Bob Sneddon leading the live auction. The evening will include live music, food, and a silent auction, as well as a mortgage burning at

6:45 p.m.

Twenty-one artists painted, sculpted, tiled and designed the full-size sculptures and one tiny statuette. Each unique sea lion included a date for every year the FEC has been in existence.

Many of the artists were local residents, and area businesses sponsored the sea lions. Friends of the Florence Events Center was instrumental with the writing of grants, and a grant from Spirit Mountain Community Fund provided \$500 stipends for the artists.

"We like to think of it as the ripple effect of the arts across the Oregon coast. This gives an opportunity for the FEC to show it is here with the performing arts and with community events. This is an opportunity to really give local artists the notoriety and respect

they deserve," Connor said. "The FEC has been a visual arts gallery embracing the arts all 20 years. We've had visual artists there, and they've worked very hard."

Florence City Councilor Joshua Greene, who is also active with the city's Public Arts Committee and Florence Urban Renewal Agency, said, "This is really terrific. You see this unbelievable expression of creativity, fun and excitement, and all by these artists in our community. See the dunes? No, you've got to see the art!"

Connor said, "This is a project not just for the FEC and our celebration, but a project for the city, community and whole Oregon coast."

The final auction of the sea lions will raise funds for the Friends of the FEC to

build additional areas back stage, upgrade technology equipment for the theater and provide future grants for area community groups to perform at the events center.

Project planners hope visitors follow maps to see each sea lion and take pictures with them, potentially posting to the project's social media sites.

People who find all 20 sea lions can earn a Dancing with Sea Lions geocache coin, created by Cheryl Pinnock from the logo designed by Karylynn Keppol.

"Dancing with Sea Lions is really supposed to get people talking about art," Connor said.

Tickets to the event are \$20.

For more information, call the FEC at 541-997-1994 or visit dancingwithsealions.com or eventcenter.org.

OKTOBERFEST

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Don't miss the highly popular weiner dog races at 3 p.m. The third annual races gives something for the furriest members as the family. This year, there is a larger race track for the short-legged little friends who be will racing their hearts out to please the crowd.

This will be followed by Happy Bavarian Hour for kleines biers, with weiner wraps and plenty of fun festival games.

At 6 p.m., the fun will get amped up in the Festhalle for the international indie musical flavor of T-Club.

Live performances and games make a full day of entertainment for the entire family.

Throughout the day and into the evening, attendees will enjoy the talents of the Scandinavian dancers and Alpine bands.

During the entire festival, participants can enjoy German bier, brats, local wines and other delicious authentic German food, served up by local nonprofits.

And don't forget your lederhosen for the "Best Dressed" contest for adults and children, as well as a "Liter Holdin'" contest for "strong" adults.

More information, including a full entertainment line-up, can be found at the Visitor's Center or at florencechamber.com.

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