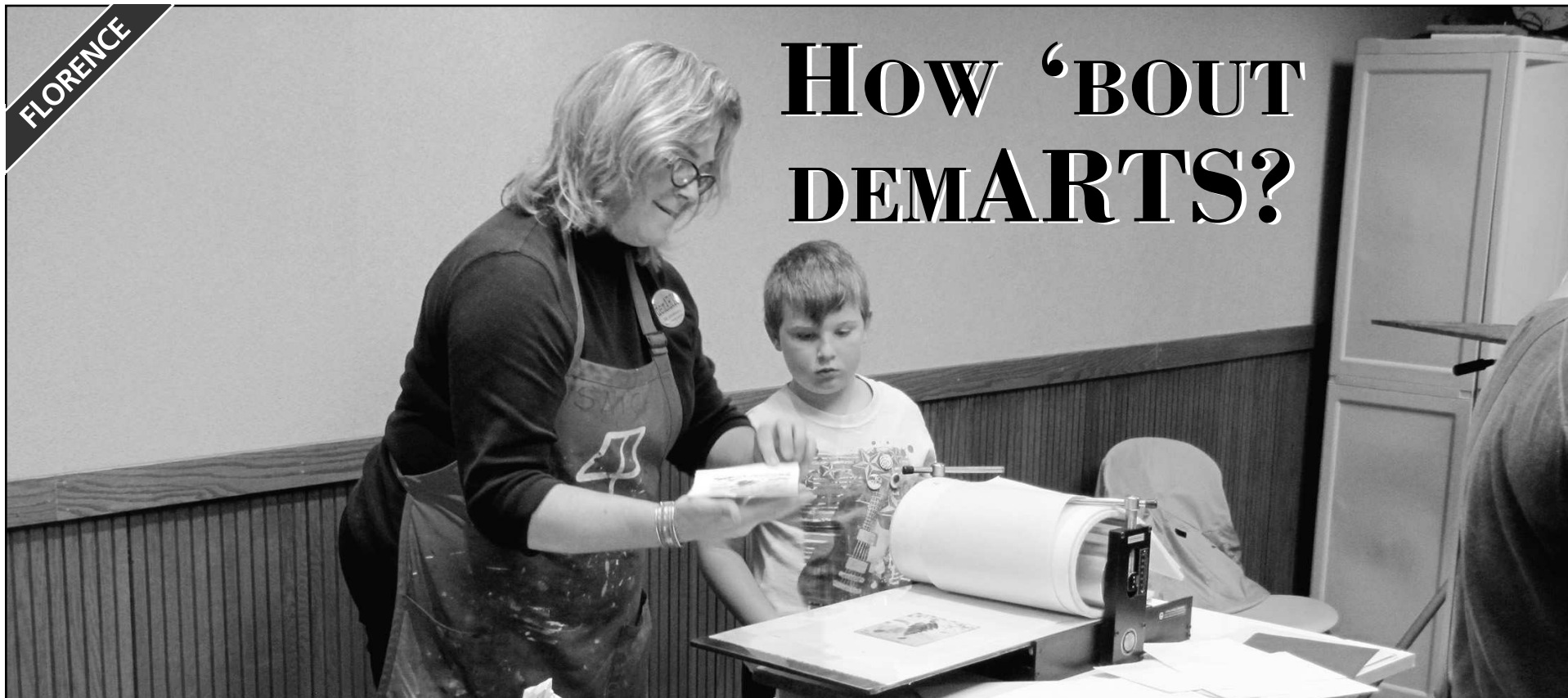


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# HOW 'BOUT DEMARTS?



## *Find creative inspiration at Siuslaw Public Library's annual celebration of Arts and Humanities Month*

**O**n Saturday, Oct. 8, the Siuslaw Public Library will host the third annual demARTS event in partnership with the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), the Siuslaw Fiber Arts Guild, the Central Coast Miniature Club of Florence, Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library, Florence Area Beaders and Beaux Arts Fine Art Materials.

This fun and talent-laden event is the library's premier celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month.

Named demARTS for the demonstration of creativity and art, this event includes something for anyone and everyone who enjoys art, creates art or yearns to create art.

More than twenty artists will demonstrate techniques in painting and drawing, fiber arts, beading, fabric arts and ceramics. Visitors through the door will receive a charm commemorating this exciting community event.

Mary Colgan-Bennetts, Library Circulation Supervisor, staff liaison to the library's Art Committee and creator of demARTS, said she is excited that the event, now in its third year, has become a popular October community celebration.

"The success of the past two demARTS is a reflection of our community's appreciation of all art forms," said Colgan-Bennetts. "This year, we have some different art media for people to learn about and potentially explore. We're excited to share a demonstration of 3-D printing in an art



capacity and we will have a calligrapher for the first time this year who will write names on bookmarks for attendees."

In addition, an award-winning felter will also be participating and the ever-popular button-making table by Library Director Meg Spencer will return for the second year.

The art demonstrations begin at 10 a.m., at the main branch of the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence.

Alternating groups of artists demonstrate their talents for two hours each through the day at 10 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. These demonstrations will allow participants to observe more than 20 artists and crafters working in a variety of mediums.

Fans of the performing arts will be treated to a preview of the "Pirates of Penzance" by the Last Resort Players at 1



**Area artists and community members create art at Siuslaw Public Library during last year's demARTS event.**

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p.m. in the library.

Anyone who has longed to turn a blank canvas into a masterpiece or anyone interested in learning what inspires the many talented local artists may want to attend one or more demonstrations by artists who will be sharing their wide-ranging talent in oils, watercolors and a multitude of other mediums throughout the day.

Consider stopping by to see artists create an altered journal, draw a zentangle image or make magic out of fabric.

Or, if you have been thinking about beading, try the beading demonstration.

Fiber artists and admirers will want to spend time in the library's lobby between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to see the Fiber Arts Guild display weaving, spinning, felting and all things fiber.

This event is the perfect opportunity for adults and children alike to watch the cre-

ative process, to speak with the artists as they work and to find inspiration and encouragement.

While at the library, check out one or more of the dozens of art or craft books in the library collection.

Attendees of the third annual demARTS will receive a commemorative charm, have a chance throughout the day to win prizes and also have the opportunity to create a word tile from a list of pre-selected words which will be applied to the tiles and then fired.

Once fired, they will be assembled in an artful display in the library. Other hands-on opportunities include button-making, greeting card creation, coloring and painting.

Other events coming in October at the library will include a book reading with celebrated local author, syndicated columnist and new Siuslaw News editor Ned Hickson on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 1 p.m.; a display of miniatures from the Central Coast Miniature Club of Florence on Oct. 15 and 16; a workshop and performance by Portland Story Theater on Oct. 22; and a demonstration of felting with award-winning fiber artist Kathy Elfers on Oct. 29.

For more information about the demARTS program, including a detailed schedule of artist demonstrations and other arts events, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person at 1460 Ninth St. or online at [siuslawlibrary.info](http://siuslawlibrary.info).