

## Give art for the holidays

The Florence Events Center Gallery Committee, as part of the Friends of Florence, is offering a new and exciting event for this holiday season.

During the month of December, an exhibit will be offered to the public featuring artwork from local artists, all priced at under \$100.

Local artists are encouraged to submit original pieces — paintings, photographs or 3-D art — they would like to offer for sale at this special holiday exhibit.

An application fee of \$10 will be charged artists to hang up to three pieces of art. All hanging guidelines will apply.

As space is limited, advanced sign-up is required

and will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The FEC will retain a 25 percent commission on items sold, and all sales are final.

More details will be in the October Center Stage, but this advanced notice will give all artists ample time to start creating.

The community is invited to a reception on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 3 to 6 p.m., where exhibiting artists will sell prints and cards.

Santa will be at the reception and the FEC Gallery Committee will be offering to take photos of children, families and all people young at heart for a small fee.

Admission is free.

## KB Gallery to feature JoAnne Chartier artwork



COURTESY PHOTO

These and other pieces of art by JoAnn Chartier will be on display at KB Gallery beginning Oct. 8

Kenneth B Gallery Art Studios (KB Gallery), located in Old Town Florence, will host a new exhibit by featured artist JoAnn Chartier of Cheshire, Ore.

Chartier's work will be on display Oct. 8 through Nov. 13. An artist's reception will be held during the 6th Annual Chowder Fest and Wine Walk

that same Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Meet the artist and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres in celebration of this new show.

In addition to the reception Oct. 8, there will also be an artist's question and answer session for those wishing to ask Chartier about her work and creative process on Saturday,

Nov. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Chartier has been featured in various galleries throughout Oregon and California for more than 25 years. In this exhibit, she delivers a fresh new collection. Chartier is known for her expressive color techniques and this work emphasizes her fascination with creating paintings that

portray the mental/emotional landscapes of ordinary life.

Kenneth B Gallery Art Studios is located at 1458 First St., in Old Town Florence.

The gallery is open by appointment, and nearly every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 541-999-5875 or visit [www.KennethBGallery.com](http://www.KennethBGallery.com).

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## CERT coordinator to speak at next FACC meeting

The Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) will host guest speaker Frank Nulty for its Wednesday, Oct. 5, general meeting, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Nineth St..

Nulty is the coordinator of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He

holds degrees in physical sciences, math, physics and geology.

After a 10-year career as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, a 15-year career as a geologist and nine years designing and installing solar electric systems, Nulty moved to Florence in 1995 to retire. He eventually came out of retire-

ment in 2010 to assume the responsibilities of Improve Your Survive-Ability Coordinator for West Lane Emergency Operations group.

In 2012, he transitioned to his current position. He will speak about emergency preparedness and planning for disasters.

The featured agency for

this month's meeting is Helping Hands. Attendees are invited to donate cash or items for toiletry bags or sack lunches.

Helping hands serves free sack lunches to people every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets.

## Wine tasting event to include auction, gifts and more

What would it be like to get Christmas shopping finished before Halloween?

That could happen at the fourth annual "Wine, Women, and Who Knows What?" wine tasting Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Florence Events Center.

There will be a silent auction with 30 custom-themed gift baskets showing everything from "Downton Abbey Forever" to "Beachy Theme," "Fiber Art Collection," "Home Office" and "Pirates." Appropriate wine is included with most of the baskets.

The works of many local artists will be available in the silent auction as well, including pieces by Kathryn Davis, Carole Hillsbery, Julie Rassman, Ken McDougal, Michael Wood, Gene Olson, Julie Strecker, Karen Jackson,

Renee Westerberg, Paula Becker and Susan Johnson.

Local merchants who have contributed baskets and gift certificates include Le Bouchon, All About Olives, Kitchen Klutter, On Your Feet with a Splash, Maple Street Grille, Bay Street Grille, Rebecca Posterno and Class Act Theater.

New this year is a well-stocked "buy it now" table with every item priced at \$20 or less. Perfect for those hostess gifts or stocking stuffers. Lots of wine related items and other goodies to be found here.

And of course, there will be wines to taste, along with gourmet food pairings. A non-

alcoholic beverage will also be available.

The Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris from Campbell Lane winery will be featured, along with wines from Zerba Cellars and Lavelle Vineyards.

A private "meet the wine-maker" event and tasting with Campbell Lane Winery will begin at 4 p.m.

The main tasting opens at 5 p.m. and runs until 7 p.m.

Tickets to both tastings are \$30 each, and for the main tasting only, tickets are \$25.

Call 541-999-9082 to purchase tickets.

All proceeds go toward scholarships for women in higher education.

## Three Rivers Casino Resort to host 'Wellness Fair'

Eating healthy and having fun shouldn't be on opposite ends of the rainbow. That's

why Three Rivers chefs are providing healthy cooking demonstrations with free samples throughout its Wellness Fair and Culinary Contest Oct. 27 at Three Rivers Casino Resort.

The 7th annual event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will feature four teams of Three Rivers Casino employees competing in a culinary challenge

for "Best of Show" in first-course and entrée categories.

Also, many vendors will offer information on finding balance in work and life.

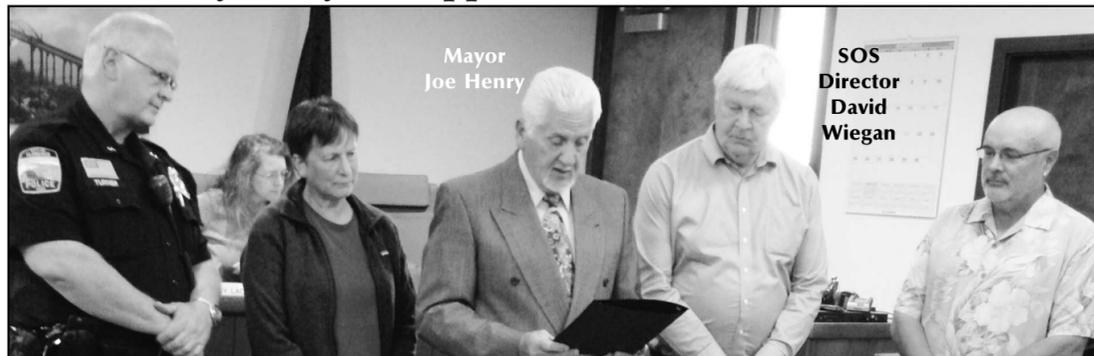
There will be door prizes, kids games and lots of free things to help you discover a healthy, balanced lifestyle.

Three Rivers Casino Resort is at 5646 Highway 126 in Florence.

## WORD ON THE STREET

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Siuslaw Outreach Services will march for awareness Sunday, Oct. 2, on Bay Street.

In what ways do you support domestic violence awareness?



Mayor Joe Henry

SOS Director David Wiegand

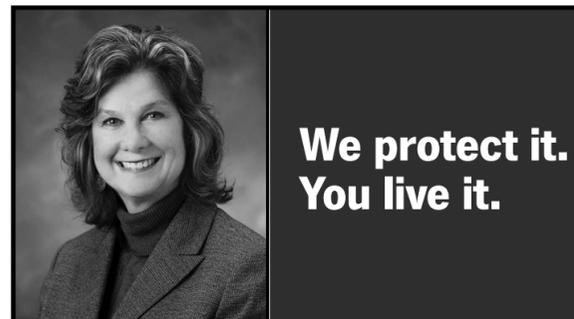
"In my proclamation in September, I urged citizens to increase their awareness of this very serious problem for our society as a whole, and especially for the children in the families involved, and to express their support for ending domestic violence. I was very proud to proclaim October as 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month' and I thank all of the sponsors of this event for their support."

— JOE HENRY  
MAYOR OF FLORENCE

"It is well established that people find domestic violence uncomfortable to talk about, yet it is so prevalent. If you want to solve a problem, you have to define it. It is a wonderful thing that our city acknowledges the impact this issue has on our citizens. It makes it easier for people to report and get help, and know they are supported by the greater community."

— DAVID WIEGAND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SIUSLAW OUTREACH SERVICES

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