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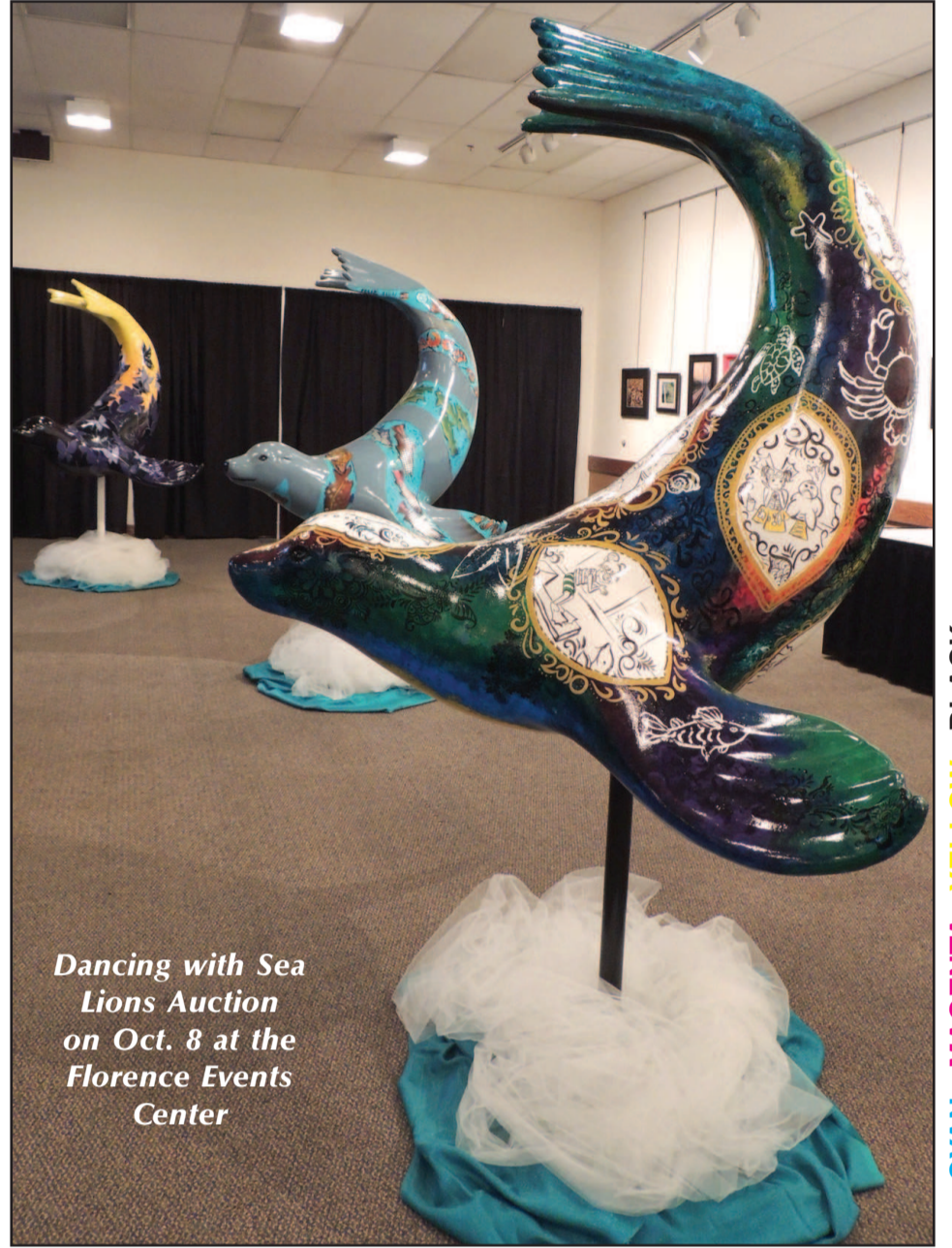
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Arts & Humanities Month



Community members gather in Old Town for the Wine Walk on Oct. 8

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Dancing with Sea Lions Auction on Oct. 8 at the Florence Events Center

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The Florence area celebrated October as Arts and Humanities month with multiple gallery shows, art exhibits and creativity-fueled events the weekend of Oct. 7 to 9. Including the sixth annual Chowder Fest and Wine Walk, the Great Glass Float Give-Away, the third annual demARTS at Siuslaw Public Library, Florence First Friday, the Second Saturday Gallery Tour and the Dancing with Sea Lions auction, it was a very busy weekend honoring public art, community spaces and family events.



Chowder Fest and Great Glass Float Give-Away Oct. 9



demARTS on Oct. 8 at Siuslaw Public Library



The Salmon Poem

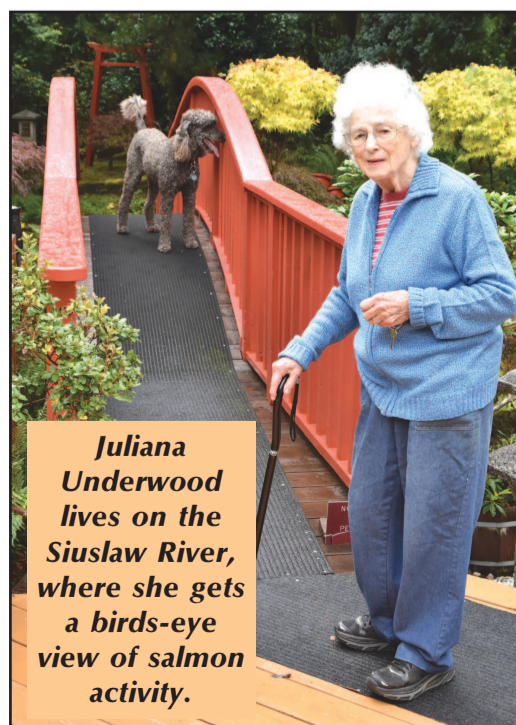
by Juliana Underwood

I hesitate to be unkind
But the salmon has a one-track mind
Once every season, full of fire
He swims upstream higher and higher
Up rocks and rills, up stream and hills
Up higher Cascades, up glassy glades
Through canyons steep and waters deep
Up stones and rocks, up dams and locks
From day to night, from dark to light
Until at last on one bright dawn
He gets there just in time to spawn
Now having done his salmon duty
And having wooed his salmon cutie
And weary from his trip downtown
In quiet waters he will drown
Pondering with his dying bubble
Just why is sex so darn much trouble?

Salmon season rekindles memories

BY MARK BRENNAN
Siuslaw News

Area poet shares award-winning work



Juliana Underwood lives on the Siuslaw River, where she gets a birds-eye view of salmon activity.

As the fall leaves change colors and the fishing boats pass by her house on the Siuslaw River near Mapleton, Juliana Underwood, 87, is reminded of why she loves living on the river. “The view is always changing. Sometimes it’s cloudy one minute and then all of a sudden the sun comes out,” she said. The beauty of the surrounding hills is stunning this time of year and the crisp, fresh air draws Underwood’s memories back to a journey she took in 2002, when she entered a

poetry contest and — to her surprise — won. “I was taking a trip on a Rocky Mountain train tour and they had a poetry contest and somehow I won,” she said. The winning entry is simply titled, “The Salmon Poem.” “I had never written poetry before and I was surprised to win,” Underwood said after reading aloud her winning entry. “This time of year the trees are so full of color, and the boats on the river are so lovely,” she said. “I just love living here.”