

## ARTS AND HUMANITY

# Empty Bowls will help community's hungry

Buy an empty, handmade ceramic bowl created by local artists and, in the process, help someone who may otherwise go hungry for the holidays.

That's been the idea behind the annual Empty Bowls event for the past 21 years. This year's event will offer more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls to the public, created by many local artists, with the purchase price of \$10 each.

Smaller bowls will also be available at \$5 each.

Each bowl will be accompanied by a coupon redeemable for one cup of the soup of the day at a participating restaurant during the month of December.

Participating restaurants menus and locations will be featured at the "Soup Table" at the event for viewing by the public.

There will be a wide variety of eating establishments participating this year so that many different cuisines will be available to choose from.

Along with local Florence artists from throughout the area, more than 75 Siuslaw High School students will be involved in the production of handmade



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ceramic bowls. Through the Empty Bowls event, ceramics students are not only learning how to create handcrafted ceramic bowls, they are also learning how to give back to their community in a unique way.

This project has helped raise their

awareness of the needs of others and how they might assist in meeting those needs.

Also, for the third year, the Siuslaw High School Culinary Class will join forces with Empty Bowls, providing refreshments for the Artists Reception

and the Empty Bowls Fundraiser.

Under the direction of instructor Kyle Lewis, students will be creating delicious snacks for Empty Bowls attendees.

A silent auction is also available for attendants to participate in.

The 21st Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser opens with a reception on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event officially begins Friday, Dec. 2, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and continues Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and concludes Sunday, Dec. 4, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Every year, sponsors, local restaurants, artists, Lane Community College, Siuslaw High School and numerous volunteers join together to make this community event a success.

All proceeds from this fundraiser make it possible for our local food pantry to provide services to those in need in the area.

Admission is free.

So come purchase a one-of-a-kind piece of art that is beautiful to look at, functional and will help the needy.

## HOLIDAY ARTISAN FAIR

# FRAA to host two-day holiday art show, sale

Holiday Arts Festival 2016 is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for the coming holiday season.

This show is presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and will open Friday, Dec 2, from 1 to 7 p.m. for an afternoon and evening of shopping.

It continues Saturday, Dec 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come meet the craftsmen and artisans who will be displaying their latest creative designs and unique works of art in many genres including: wood, stained glass, pottery, fused glass, paintings, photography, cards, fiber designs, bead

weaving, a variety of jeweled treasures, home décor and more... something just right for that special gift.

Holiday Arts Festival starts off a special 3-day event at the Florence Events Center that includes Empty Bowls and the Holly Joly Follies.

So come join the fun and enjoy a

unique shopping experience.

Artisans exhibiting in the Holiday Arts Festival will be donating 10 percent of their sales to the FRAA Art Center.

Admission is free.

For more information, contact Claudia Brown at 541-902-1933.

## COMMUNITY EVENT

# Annual 'Light Up a Life' ceremony to shine for loved ones

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice is seeking photos of community members' loved ones who have passed away.

These memories will be featured at the 21st annual Light Up A Life Ceremony in a memorial slide show.

This annual ceremony will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Florence Events Center.

The event will include an opening

prayer, introduction of the Peace Harbor Hospice team, ceremonial reading of the names of those who have passed and music performed by Strings of Compassion.

The evening will conclude with the lighting of the holiday tree and Menorah.

There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Family and friends are all invited to share in remembrance and compassion for those who have passed.

Light Up A Life is the only fundraiser held by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice. Stars can be purchased in memory of a loved one and will be hung on either the holiday tree or placed on the Menorah table.

All contributions to Light Up A Life

remain in Florence to benefit programs and services offered through Peace Harbor Hospice and the community it serves.

To learn more about Light Up A Life and Peace Harbor Hospice, contact Christopher Huntingdon at 541-997-3418.

## HOLIDAY CONCERT

# Jazz Kings to present night of Christmas music favorites

Join Jesse Cloninger and the Emerald City Jazz Kings for its ninth annual Christmas concert Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

Cloninger fills in as artistic director for Shirley Andress and he has promised to bring back all everyone's favorites,

from "White Christmas," "The Christmas Song," "I'll Be Home For Christmas" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" to "Button Up Your Overcoat," "Mele Kalikimaka" and "Baby, It's Cold Outside."

In addition, there will be a fine selection of sacred and traditional songs, including "O' Holy Night" and "Silent Night."

Don't forget to spruce up your singing chops to join in on some good old fash-

ioned sing-alongs!

As always, it will be an evening for the entire family not to be missed.

Tickets are \$30 or \$15 for youth, and are available from the FEC box office by calling 541-997-1994.

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