

Port to 'lower booms' in preparation for winter

To prepare for the winter storm season, the Port of Siuslaw will begin placing protective log booms around its marinas. Booms will be placed around the East and West boat basins, and the boat launch located at the end of Harbor Street, the second week of November.

Increasing debris flow in the Siuslaw River over recent years requires the Port to take these protective measures. Debris trapped in the basins can damage docks and moored vessels, as well as hinder boat launches.

The log booms are placed around the marinas to reduce the amount of debris that enters the basins. Port staff still expend many hours per week removing floating debris that enters the basins in spite of the boom logs, or from when the booms are left open.

Boaters are advised to use care when operating around the log booms, and should not attempt to move the booms

during strong winds or rough water conditions.

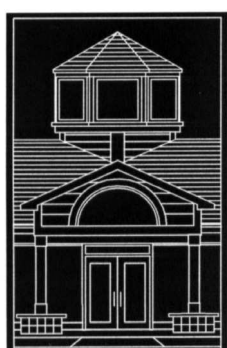
Boaters are responsible for securely replacing the log booms after their boat enters or exits the marina or launch ramp area. The Port is investigating the purchase of new, lighter-weight and easier to handle debris booms, but until those can be acquired, boat operators should give careful consideration to the current and river conditions before attempting to move the log booms.

Chains and shackles secure the booms, but handling lines are attached to each boom for ease of opening and closing the boom.

Instructions will be posted at the docks for moving and securing the booms and Port staff are available to answer questions or provide assistance.

For more information, call the Port office at 541-997-3426.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Book Review

Lily and the Octopus

By Steven Rowley

Lily and the Octopus by Steven Rowley combines the emotional depth of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* with the magical spirit of *The Life of Pi*, and is an epic adventure of the heart.

When you sit down with Lily and the Octopus you will be taken on an unforgettable ride.

This book is a story about that special someone: the one you trust, the one you can't live without. For Ted Flask, that someone special is his aging companion Lily, who happens to be a 12-year-old dachshund.

The "octopus" in the title is what Ted calls the tumor on his old dog's head. Ted will stop at nothing to keep his pet safe, but it may not be enough.

BookPage writes: "Whether it's Lily exclaiming her emotions or Ted quietly wondering how to prolong his best friend's life, Rowley's characters are rich and relatable. In fact, they're so fully realized that this book's appeal may not be limited to pet people after all: Lily and the Octopus will move anyone who has ever loved an animal, but it can also

help those who don't understand the rest of us."

Garth Stein, the author of the aforementioned *Art of Racing in the Rain*, calls the book "touching, fresh, energetic; a wonderfully moving story."

Steven Rowley has worked as a freelance writer, newspaper columnist and screenwriter.

Originally from Portland, Maine, he now resides in Los Angeles. Lily and the Octopus is his first novel and a very magical one at that.

Hang-It All on display

The 24th annual "Hang-It All" art display is now up and patrons stopping by the library will be treated to a wide variety of local creative talent. From photography to painting to 3-dimensional art, this display has it all.

Hang-It All runs through Nov. 30. Patrons are encouraged to vote on their favorite art piece, once each day.

The People's Choice Award will be announced at the conclusion of the show.

Friends of the Library book sale this weekend

The Friends of the Siuslaw

Public Library will be having its next book sale this weekend, Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 6. On Saturday, there will be a presale for members of the Friends from 9 to 10 a.m.

Memberships will be available to participate in this presale. Otherwise, the sale is open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a table with "special" books for sale, and if you buy a Friends book bag for \$15 you can fill it up for free.

Mapleton Branch

The Mapleton library is located at 88148 Riverview Ave., in the Lion's Club Building. With a nice view of the Siuslaw River, it's a wonderful place to sit and enjoy a good book or read the newspaper.

The library also has books, magazines, DVDs and videos, recorded books, Internet computers, wireless Internet access, a rotating art display, and more.

Check in with staff members Stephanie, Bonnie and Trudy if you need anything.

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'Artistic Visions' exhibit winners named



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From left, winners were: Ben Cahoon and David Johnson; Colleen Goodwin-Chronister, Sher Rosenberg and Jane Conkling; Jane Pittenger and Rudy Gargioni.

Award winners of the Friends of FEC's "Artistic Visions" exhibit in Galleries One and Five at the Florence Events Center were:

• 3-D: First place: Benjamin Cahoon for "Self-Portrait;" second place: Shelly Medeiros, for her necklace "Blood Moon Tree of Life;" and third place:

David Johnson for his "Drips" walking stick.

• 2-D art: First place: Sher Rosenberg for "Carnival—Rhody Days 2015;" second place: Colleen Goodwin-Chronister for "Color Explosion;" and third place: Jane Conkling for "Left Behind."

• Photography: First Place: Jane Pittenger for "Baker Beach Dunes;" second place: Diana K. Morton for "Sweet Creek Leaf;" and third place: Rudy Gargioni for "Hot Rod."

Awards were presented at a reception while guests enjoyed viewing the entries, enjoying music and refreshments.

Liz Johnson and Claudia Brown were the coordinators for this exhibit. Out-of-town judges were: 3-D, Mack Holman from Gardiner; 2-D, Pat Snyder from Coos Bay; and photography, Susan Dimock from Bandon.

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Date set for annual 'Light Up a Life' fundraiser

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor's Hospice team is hosting its annual Light Up A Life fundraiser ceremony Saturday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at the Florence Events Center in celebration National Hospice and Palliative care month.

The ceremony, now in its

21st year, offers meaningful opportunities for members of the community to remember their loved ones.

The ceremony also serves as a fundraiser for Peace Harbor Hospice, which serves the 25-mile region surrounding Florence including Westlake, Mapleton, Deadwood and Swisshome.

Hundreds of families benefit from the nonprofit hospice service every year, which provides care to individuals who have a prognosis of six months or less by focusing on the phys-

ical, emotional and spiritual needs of the patients and their loved ones.

Peace Harbor Hospice offers nurses, therapists, social workers, hospice aides, volunteers and chaplain services, all under the direction of a hospice and palliative care board-certified physician.

Family members can participate in a "reading of the names" ceremony to honor memories of loved ones.

Additionally, stars featuring a loved one's name can be purchased and displayed at the

event, with 100 percent of the contributions remaining in the Florence area to benefit Peace Harbor Hospice.

Donations can be mailed to Peace Harbor Hospice, 400 Ninth St., Florence, or dropped off at 2230 Kingwood St., in Florence.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the hospice office at 541-997-3418. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed from noon to 1 p.m.

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Friendship Club to host card game fundraiser

The Friendship Club is hosting a Card Party on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Florence Elks RV Park, 05607 Mercer Lake Road.

It will begin at 11 a.m., and the cost is \$15, which includes lunch of chilli with all the fixings.

Reserve your table now by calling Janet at 503-708-5038 with the number of players and their names.

All profits go to local charities.

Come join the fun and meet new people at the card party or during other card games held throughout the week.

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