

# Siuslaw Viewfinders announce photo contest winners



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From left: photos by Curt Peters, Bill Stone and John McMahan of the Siuslaw Viewfinders photography club.

FLORENCE — The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club members submitted an interesting variety of photos with the theme of “Floating.”

First place was taken by Curt

Peters with a striking image of a stream with a beautiful maple leaf floating in it.

Second place went to Bill Stone for his imaginative cloud deck with a red chair

floating on it.

John McMahan’s photo of a bird, wings tucked in free fall, earned third place.

The next meeting of the Siuslaw Viewfinders will be

Monday, Nov. 7, in the Bromley Room of The Siuslaw Public Library.

The theme for November is “Automotive,” which should be interesting.

## Empty Bowls fundraiser to include ‘Joyful Balance’

FLORENCE — The 2016 Empty Bowls Committee has been presented with the original artwork for “Joyful Balance,” by local artist Jeff Kernan.

This colorful graphic will be featured on the 2016 Empty Bowls posters and advertising media.

Jeff Kernan moved from Seattle to Florence in 1999, in search of “peace and quiet,” and has settled in to the Florence area with his cat, Diesel.

He has been an artist since he was 20 years old, and worked in the printing business in Seattle prior to moving to Florence. He has worked at Food Share for 14 years and currently drives the Food Share truck for the warehouse.

After a long break, Kernan took up his artwork again about 10 years ago. His art consists of digitalized photos, or the digi-



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Florence artist Jeff Kernan with his colorful graphic “Joyful Balance,” which will be featured at Empty Bowls.

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graphs, he has taken of his sub-

jects. In his own words, his artwork is photo art work, or “phartwork.” Kernan has displayed his work at the Siuslaw Public Library at the encouragement of Mary Colgan-Bennetts, and said he looks forward to new avenues to display his work.

“Joyful Balance” will be offered to the public via raffle, with tickets available at various locations throughout the Florence area prior to Empty Bowls, as well as at the event itself.

The winner will be announced Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m., at the Empty Bowls event.

Winner need not be present to win.

Empty Bowls 2016 will be held at the Florence Events Center on Friday, Dec. 2, through Sunday, Dec. 4.

This is a free family friendly event with all proceeds benefiting Florence Food Share.

## Florence Presbyterians to host Fall Church Bazaar in November

FLORENCE — The Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101, will hold its annual Fall Church

Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items and gifts available for purchase will be high quality homemade

craft items, including sewn, crocheted and carved wood items.

There will also be a variety of baked goods,

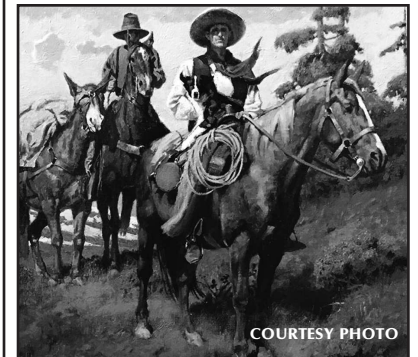
jams, jellies and candy.

Christmas decorations and “white elephant” items will be available for sale as well.

Come get holiday shopping done early.

For more information, call the church office at 541-997-7136.

## Vardanian Gallery to host talk with Don Prechtel



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“Buena Vista” by Don Prechtel

FLORENCE — The Vardanian Gallery will host a question and answer session with Don Prechtel, one of Oregon’s most renowned Western and historical painters, on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 2 p.m.

This event will be an opportunity for artists, collectors and history buffs alike to meet the artist in person and learn about the rigors of conducting historical research with extraordinary artistic skill.

Experience the magnificence and grandeur of the old west and Oregon’s landscapes in Don Prechtel’s breathtaking exhibit at the Vardanian Gallery through Jan. 2, 2017.

Prechtel is a career painter and muralist of historical and western art of almost 50 years. His works are featured in museums and his paintings are collected worldwide.

He is the recipient of many awards, including the highly coveted National Arts for the Parks Juried Competition and his paintings are featured on numerous popular historical and western publications.

Vardanian Gallery is located at 1300 Bay St. in Old Town Florence.

The gallery is open Friday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment by calling 541-997-1508.

For more information, visit [www.VardanianGallery.com](http://www.VardanianGallery.com), or contact the show’s curator, SK Lindsey, at 916-554-0044.