

LCC pottery class hosting holiday sale to raise funds

This Friday, Nov. 18, pottery students at Lane Community College Florence Center will be offering bowls, vases, plates, coffee mugs and more during a special holiday pottery sale.

"The money we raise will go toward the purchase of a pug mill, which is a large machine that we can use to recycle scrap clay," said Geraldine McMahon, a student in the Clayworks class. "It rehydrates the clay so we

can reuse it. Right now we do it by hand, but it's getting harder for some of our older students."

Though the machine costs several thousand dollars, it would soon pay for itself with the time and clay saved by recycling with the pug mill.

Friday's sale is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence campus, 3149 Oak Street.

Items will be priced from 25 cents to \$10.

Spilde, Stiles receive OCCA awards

EUGENE — Dr. Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College since 2001, won the Howard Cherry Award for Outstanding Administrator at the 2016 Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) annual conference Nov. 4.

The announcement brought attendees to their feet with whoops, cheers and long rounds of affirming applause.

The Howard Cherry Award is given annually to an outstanding administrator, advocate and board member. The awards are named for the late Dr. Howard Cherry, a lifelong advocate and leader in the community college movement.

Also at the conference, Lane Board of Education chairwoman Sharon Stiles and member Gary LeClair received 2016 Dedicated Service Awards for eight years of service each on Lane's board.

Stiles said Spilde has "proven herself as a leader who



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(From left) Sharon Stiles and Mary Spilde

can get things done with vision and compassion" throughout her 37-year career in education, including the last 15 as Lane's president.

"Mary earned this award many times over, both in terms of what she has accomplished at Lane Community College and even more so for what she

has accomplished and contributed to all of us as a collective of community colleges," wrote Presidents Greg Hamann of Linn-Benton Community College and Camille Preus of Blue Mountain Community College, in a joint nomination letter.

They added, "As sterling as her educational and employment credentials are, they don't describe the enormous impact Mary has had on community colleges within Oregon and across the nation."

"Nearly every important activity involving higher education and workforce policy in the past two decades has her name associated as a participant, speaker, facilitator, or leader," the letter said.

In a brief acceptance comment, Spilde said her upcoming retirement in June won't end her advocacy for community colleges, but she hopes it will temper her 365-24-7 schedule.

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Annual Holiday Arts Festival set for Dec 2 and 3

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 opens Friday, Dec. 2, and runs from 1

to 7 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Florence Events Center.

Meet craftsmen and artisans offering their latest creative designs and unique works of art in many genres.

This year's participants

include: Annette Bignami (wood vases); Peggy Goodrow (stained glass); Patti Land (pottery); Julie Ellington (scarves); Kristin Anderson (fused glass); Pam Parker (watercolor and pyrography); Ken McDougal (photography); Carol Strenkoski (knitted dog sweaters); Debbie Kiturkes (hand painted pottery); Janette and Kevin Square (intarsia and fractal art); Ralph and Vicki Martin (scrollsaw wood art); Cindy Covert (crocheted art); Tina Shoys (mosaics); Karen Skulley (knits and quilts); Norma Burkett (dolls and fabric art); Kat Cunningham (painted clothing); Maggie Bagon (fiber art); Bonnie Wilson (fairy houses); Jeanne Ternahan (fabric creations);

Patti Williams (paintings and lampwork beads); Pat Tellez (beadwork); Foggy Bay Studios (wood items and felted scarves); Lisa Evans (miniature paintings); Rich Huckins (wood creations); and Claudia Brown (bead and wirework.)

The Holiday Arts Festival kicks off off a special three-day event at the FEC that includes Empty Bowls and Holly Joly Follies. 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.

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Meggan Haslett, Director

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Community Chorus of Florence Christmas concert scheduled

This year the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon will be presenting two concerts at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw on Highway 101.

Directed by Jennifer Weier, the chorus will perform traditional Christmas songs with presentations by several smaller ensembles, including the Florence Nightingales, the Presbyterian Bell Choir

and the Siuslaw Middle School Choir.


The concert will be Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 pm and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 Florence.

Although the concert is free to all, a donation is requested.

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