

FLORENCE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER

26 - THANKSGIVING BUFFET

Three Rivers Casino Resort | Event Center 12 PM – 7PM with all trimmings \$18.99

26 - THANKSGIVING DINNER INVITATION

From Driftwood Shores, let us do the Cooking and Cleaning for you! From all of us at the Surfside Restaurant, we would like to wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving and this year invite you to our Dinner table. Enjoy a glass of wine, spend time with family, we will take care of the rest! Breakfast: 7:00am - 10:00am Dinner: 11:00am - 5:00pm Make reservations now by calling (541)997-8263

26 - SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

#ShopSmall, Save the Date and Don't Forget to Show Your Love at a small business near you!

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3:30 pm - 6 pm. Kick off your holiday season in Historic Old Town! Grab your camera and take photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus at Gazebo Park starting at 3:30. Enjoy festive music near Siuslaw Interpretive Center, join in and sing along with the Siuslaw School Choir as they stroll down Bay Street and stop at Gazebo Park. Enjoy delicious goodies, hot cocoa and cider from local merchants. Hay rides too! Pick up/drop off at Lotus and Port parking lots. A short musical program will be presented around 5 pm, just before the countdown for Mayor Joe Henry to illuminate the Christmas Tree. Don't miss it! For more information call the Chamber at 997-3128 or visit www.FlorenceChamber.com

26 - WALLFLOWERS & WINE

Paint, drink and be merry at Wallflowers and Wine. Need to relax with friends after cooking that big Thanksgiving dinner? The Friends of Florence Events Center have just the answer: another Wallflowers and Wine event with talented instructor John Leasure! This will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 6:30 p.m., in the Backstage area at the FEC. These events have gotten rave reviews, and even if you have never painted before, you will leave with a fantastic painting. The subject in November will be lovely roses. The timing of this class is great, also, as you may just create the perfect gift to give to that special someone for Christmas. The cost is \$45, which includes all supplies, a glass of wine or other beverage choice and appetizers. Tickets for this event are available at the FEC Box Office. Space is limited, so sign up soon. Nov. 30- Jan. 2 Give Art This Christmas - Gallery Show Artwork for this exhibit will be shown at the Florence Events Center.

DECEMBER

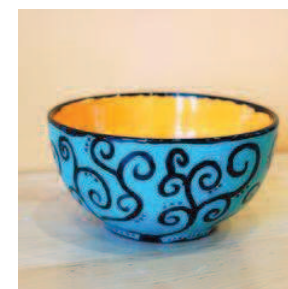
2-3 - HOLIDAY ARTS FEST 2016

Holiday Arts Festival is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for this Holiday Season. The event is presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA). This year there are two days to shop. Opening Friday, Dec 2nd, from 1 pm – 7 pm for your afternoon/evening shopping and again Saturday, Dec 3rd, from 10 am – 4 pm at the Florence Events Center. You will get to meet the craftsmen and artisans, showing off their latest creative designs and unique works of art in many genres. Holiday Arts Festival kicks off this special Holiday event, starting Friday at the Florence Events Center with Empty Bowls. So come join the fun and enjoy a unique shopping experience. Admission is FREE.

2-4 - EMPTY BOWLS FOR FLORENCE

FOOD SHARE

Empty Bowls celebrates it's 21st year of helping the hungry. Buy an empty, one-of-a-kind, handmade ceramic bowl created by local artists and in the process, help someone who may otherwise go hungry for the holidays. Purchased bowls will be accompanied by a coupon redeemable for one cup of soup at a participating restaurant during the month of December. This annual Empty Bowls fundraiser will be held Dec. 2, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.; Dec. 3 from 10 am to 4:00 pm.; and Dec. 4, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Florence Events Center. All proceeds will benefit the Florence Food Share. Admission is FREE.



2-4 - HOLLY JOLLY FOLLIES



Ho Ho Hollywood – The Holly Jolly Follies. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and younger. Showtimes are Friday at 7 pm, Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm, and Sunday at 2 pm. All proceeds will support youth scholarships and the ongoing free arts programming that C.R.O.W. provides to local kids. A happy tradition in Flo-town is to gather the family and head to the Florence Events Center for the community event, "The Holly Jolly

Follies." This year's Follies will be produced December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th by local youth non-profit, Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (C.R.O.W.) with Artistic Director, Melanie Heard at the helm. Rose Ellen Jacobson has penned a hilariously quirky plot, involving some favorite well known Christmas icons, including dear old Mr. Claus (played by local favorite, Dorland Neale), and the wickedly wonderful Grinch (played by Michael Jacobson). The theme revolves around Hollywood and all that it offers, including glitz, glamour, and an evil scheme that the Grinch has cooked up to kidnap Claus to help rekindle his career. As expected, there will be delightful cameos from many familiar faces including the FloTones, local Choirs, and of course, the C.R.O.W. kids!

10-11 COMMUNITY CHORUS OF FLORENCE

Presents Christmas Memories at Presbyterian Church of Florence.

9-11 & 16-18 - THE SANTALAND DIARIES

THE SANTALAND DIARIES is a brilliant evocation of what a slacker's Christmas must feel like. Out of work, our slacker decides to become a Macy's elf during the holiday crunch. At first the job is simply humiliating, but once the thousands of visitors start pouring through Santa's workshop, he becomes battle-weary and bitter. Finding consolation in the fact that some of the other elves were television extras on One Life to Live, he grins and bears it, occasionally taking out his frustrations on the children and parents alike. The piece ends with yet another Santa being ushered into the workshop, but this one is different from the lecherous or drunken ones with whom he has had to work. This Santa actually seems to care about and love the children who come to see him, startling our hero into an uncharacteristic moment of goodwill, just before his employment runs out. PG-13. Class Act Theatre, 509 Kingwood St, Florence. 541-991-3773. www.catproductions.org

For more information please visit www.florencechamber.com