

GALLERY ONE

CALENDAR

FEC to host holiday art show, family event

The Florence Events Center will add to the season's holiday cheer throughout the month of December with a special holiday exhibit called "Give Art This Christmas."

All art pieces on display are for sale and priced under \$100.

This is a perfect time for artists to make their art available, and for art lovers to purchase them as Christmas gifts for others or even themselves.

Art on display will be from many different mediums, including original paintings, miniatures, photography and 3-D creations.

At the special Family Reception being held Dec. 11, artists can also sell prints and cards.

Come see many local artists sharing their talents with members of the Florence community and beyond.

This is not a themed exhibit, so subject matter and themes will be diverse.

On Dec. 11, families are invited to come to the FEC from 3 to 6 p.m. to enjoy a Christmas Celebration in Gallery One.

Photos with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be available for a small fee, and photos will be processed immediately.

This is a perfect time to get that family photo, as children



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Santa will make a special visit during the Florence Events Center's Family Christmas and Art Celebration Dec. 11.

and adults are welcome to pose with Santa.

In addition, artwork from local artists will continue to be

on display.

Christmas cookies and punch will be served, and admission is free.

Artwork exhibited will be available to view and purchase during the entire month of December.

- Dec. 2**
Holly Jolly Follies — 7 p.m.
Empty Bowls — 5 to 7:30 p.m.
FRAA Artisan Fair — 1 to 7 p.m.
- Dec. 3**
Holly Jolly Follies — 2 and 7 p.m.
Empty Bowls — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
FRAA Artisan Fair — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Dec. 4**
Holly Jolly Follies — 2 p.m.
Empty Bowls — 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9**
PeaceHealth Town Hall — 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10**
PeaceHealth Light up a Life — 2 p.m.
- Dec. 14**
Jazz Kings — 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31**
Curtis Salgado/Hank Shreve — 9 p.m. to midnight

ARTS & HUMANITY

Annual Empty Bowls event to raise funds for the 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 ceramic bowls. Through the Empty Bowls



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THIS YEAR'S EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER WILL FEATURE MORE THAN 700 HANDMADE CERAMIC 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 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.

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