

# Empty Bowls 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 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



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**This year's Empty Bowls fundraiser will feature more than 700 handmade ceramic bowls**

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 officially opens to the public 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.

Admission is free.

All proceeds from this fundraiser make it possible for our local food pantry to provide services to those in need in the area. So come purchase a one-of-a-kind piece of art that is beautiful to look at, functional and will help the needy.

## O'Keefe headlines Winter Festival

FLORENCE — This year's Winter Music Festival at Florence Events Center will bring nine bands and headliner Danny O'Keefe, best known for his hit single "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues."

Among the bands performing at the two-day music festival will be Cabin Fever Northwest, RJ Ballard, Ian McFeron, Halie and the Moon, Pretty Gritty, Midnight Darlins, Castletown, The Colin Trio, as well as Haley Johnsen, who will open for O'Keefe.

The festival will run Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. O'Keefe will perform Saturday from 8:20 to 9:20 p.m.

In 1968, O'Keefe was a member of a four-man heavy psychedelic rock band named Calliope. The group recorded one album, "Steamed," for Buddah Records before disbanding.

O'Keefe received national acclaim for "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues" in September 1972, and reached number 9 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart.

It stayed on the Billboard chart for 14



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**Danny O'Keefe**

weeks and sold a million copies. The gramophone record's sales culminated in a gold disc issued by the RIAA in June 1973.

O'Keefe's unique lyrical melodies earned him a reputation as an important songwriter of his genre.

With Bob Dylan, O'Keefe co-wrote the environmental movement anthem "Well Well Well."

In concert with his music and through his organization, The Songbird Foundation, O'Keefe has been active in the environmental field, helping to develop public awareness of the effect that indiscriminate coffee-growing techniques have on the songbird population.

O'Keefe's songs have been covered by numerous musicians, including Jackson Browne, Elvis Presley, Glen Campbell, John Denver, Donny Hathaway, Jerry Lee Lewis, Judy Collins, Leon Russell, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jimmy Buffett and Alison Krauss.

Tickets to Winter Music Festival are now available by visiting the FEC box office, calling 541-997-1994 or visit [www.events-center.org](http://www.events-center.org).

## CAM solo exhibit features Kipniss

COOS BAY — From Dec. 9 through Feb. 4, 2017, the Coos Art Museum will be hosting a solo exhibition by the internationally acclaimed fine art printmaker Robert Kipniss.

The exhibition opens with a free reception for the public at the museum on Friday, Dec. 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The exhibition which takes place in the museum's Perkins Gallery will feature prints in three different media, dry point, lithography and mezzotint. The exhibition will also include examples of the artist's preliminary drawings and the copper printing plates.

Kipniss, now 85 years of age, resides in Westchester County, New York and maintains a second home/studio in northwestern Connecticut.

During his long career he has had over 50 museum exhibitions in some of the world's major institutions.

Of the works on display, nine are from the Permanent Collection of Coos Art Museum while the drawings, printings plates and six other works are on loan from the New York collector James F. White.

The subjects of Kipniss' works include austere limbs of trees in autumn and winter, spare modest hous-



**Art by nationally acclaimed printmaker Robert Kipniss.**

es of simple shapes, and still life. Though his architectural depictions hint at the present of human life, Kipniss' works are devoid of people. His artwork explores the effect of light and shadow in muted tones. Kipniss said that he is trying to capture a moment, an atmosphere, a quickly passing experience, not just trees and houses.

Kipniss' works are an expression of order and permanence.