

## Call to artists for 'Love of Animals' exhibit

During the months of January and February, 2017, the Florence Events Center (FEC) is offering a "Rent-a-Rod" opportunity for local artists. The show celebrates animals and benefits the Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) in Florence.

For this third annual exhibit of "For the Love of Animals," artists can purchase one or more rods for \$20 each. Each rod holds up to three pieces of art including paintings, photography, mixed media and more.

The glass case is also available for 3-D items at \$20 for up to three items.

This is a great opportunity for artists to showcase and sell their art, as well as support the local animal shelter. Domestic animals, wildlife, sea life, birds — all animal art is welcome.

Interspersed with the art-



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Oil painting by Ron Hildenbrand, who will paint a portrait of the January raffle winner's pet.

work will be actual photos of animals up for adoption at the OCHS. Artwork will be viewed by many visitors to

the FEC, including at a special reception Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This special day will feature refreshments, photos taken of people's pets in a special Valentine's Day booth, and a raffle to win an original oil painting of your pet by well-known local artist Ron Hildenbrand.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the OCHS.

Admission to the reception is free, but guests are encouraged to bring a bag of pet food for the OCHS.

To get the rent-a-rod application, visit [www.eventcenter.org](http://www.eventcenter.org), or go to the office at the FEC, 715 Quince St., during business hours between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deadline for applications is Dec. 21.

## Actors invited to audition for LRP's 'Moon Over Buffalo'

Last Resort Players (LRP) will begin auditions for Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

In the madcap comedy tradition of "Lend me a Tenor," the hilarious "Moon Over Buffalo" centers on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, they are playing two shows in rep in Buffalo, New York, with five actors.

On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingenue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of "The Scarlet Pimpernel."

Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that

could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they are actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George's body.

Four men, stage ages 20 to 60 years old, and four women, stage ages 20 to 70 years old, are needed. LRP seeks an ensemble cast, with a strong leading man and woman.

There will be parts for senior actors and tech and stage crew inquiries are welcome.

"Moon Over Buffalo" rehearsals start Sunday, Jan. 8.

LRP will perform "Moon Over Buffalo" on March 17 through 19 and 24 to 26.

For more information, contact Paula Lindekugel-Willis at 701-721-0327 or James Wellington at 541-997-5852.

## Library announces 'Hang it all' vote winner

November was "Hang It All" month at the Siuslaw Public Library. The non-juried public art display was open to everyone and anyone: professional, amateur and newly inspired artists.

Nearly 70 items were entered in this year's show that ran from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30.

During "Hang It All" month, members of the community were invited to vote for their favorite entry.

One vote was allowed per day per person for the People's Choice Award.

A second award, The Bob Kutsch Award for Best in Show (named for an original Library Art Committee member and an art instructor at LCC), was selected by the Siuslaw Public Library's Art Committee.

This year, the People's Choice Award was presented to Marsha Horner for her watercolor "Jo-Jo."



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Watercolor artist Marsha Horner was awarded first place in the Peoples Choice category at the "Hang it all" competition at the Siuslaw Public Library.

The artist's name may be familiar to some as she was selected to design a "Dancing Sea Lion" for the Florence Events Center's Dancing with Sea Lions fundraiser.

Horner had not painted for 17 years before she revisited her inner artist to design the sea lion project, "Wish You Were Here."

The Bob Kutsch Award for Best in Show, selected by fellow artists, was awarded to budding artist Karen Skulley.

She just began painting in September and painted her entry "Chickadees" the morning of "Hang It All" submission day, Nov. 1.

Both Horner and Skulley are students of Carol Hillsbery a former "Hang It All" award winner.

Both paintings will be on display in the main library through the month of December.

For more information, go to the library, visit the library's website at [www.siuslawlibrary.org](http://www.siuslawlibrary.org), or call the Library at 541-997-3132.



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## Viewfinders name December contest winners



Viewfinders "Speed" photography contest winners were (from left): Rudy Gargioni, Jane Pittenger and Curt Peters

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club theme for December was "Speed."

Members came up with an interesting variety of photos. First place went to Rudy Gargioni with a picture of a

sports car racing along the highway.

Jane Pittenger's second-place photo was a composite of a kayak going over a cliff.

Third place went to Curt Peters with a photo of a

hydroplane speed boat racing at Lakeside.

The next meeting of Viewfinders will be Monday, Jan. 9, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

The theme for December is "In Flight."

In addition, there will be a presentation by noted award winning photographer David Vanderlip titled "Exposure, Motion and Depth-of-Field."

## NEW LIFE OFFERS 'BLUE CHRISTMAS' SUPPORT

New Life Lutheran and United Methodist of Florence are having a "Blue Christmas" worship on Monday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. The worship will be hosted at New Life Lutheran, located on 21st and

Spruce Street.

This time together is called "Blue Christmas" as it is meant for those who find the Christmas holiday a struggle or difficult.

Come for this meaningful

time of readings, songs, lighting candles and mutual support.

For more information, contact Pastor Lori Blake of New Life Lutheran at 541-997-8113.

## Evangelical Church to present Christmas play

Florence Evangelical Church will present its 11th annual Christmas play, "Live From Bethlehem."

Children and youth play all parts in this delightful song-filled play, with just a touch of humor. There will be one performance tonight only, at 7 p.m.

The church is at 1318 Rhododendron Dr., one block west of Highway 101.

A reception follows.

For more information, call 541-997-5159.



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