

Community News

FRAA hosts exhibit by student photographer

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) has announced a new exhibit by student photographer Ashley Thomas.

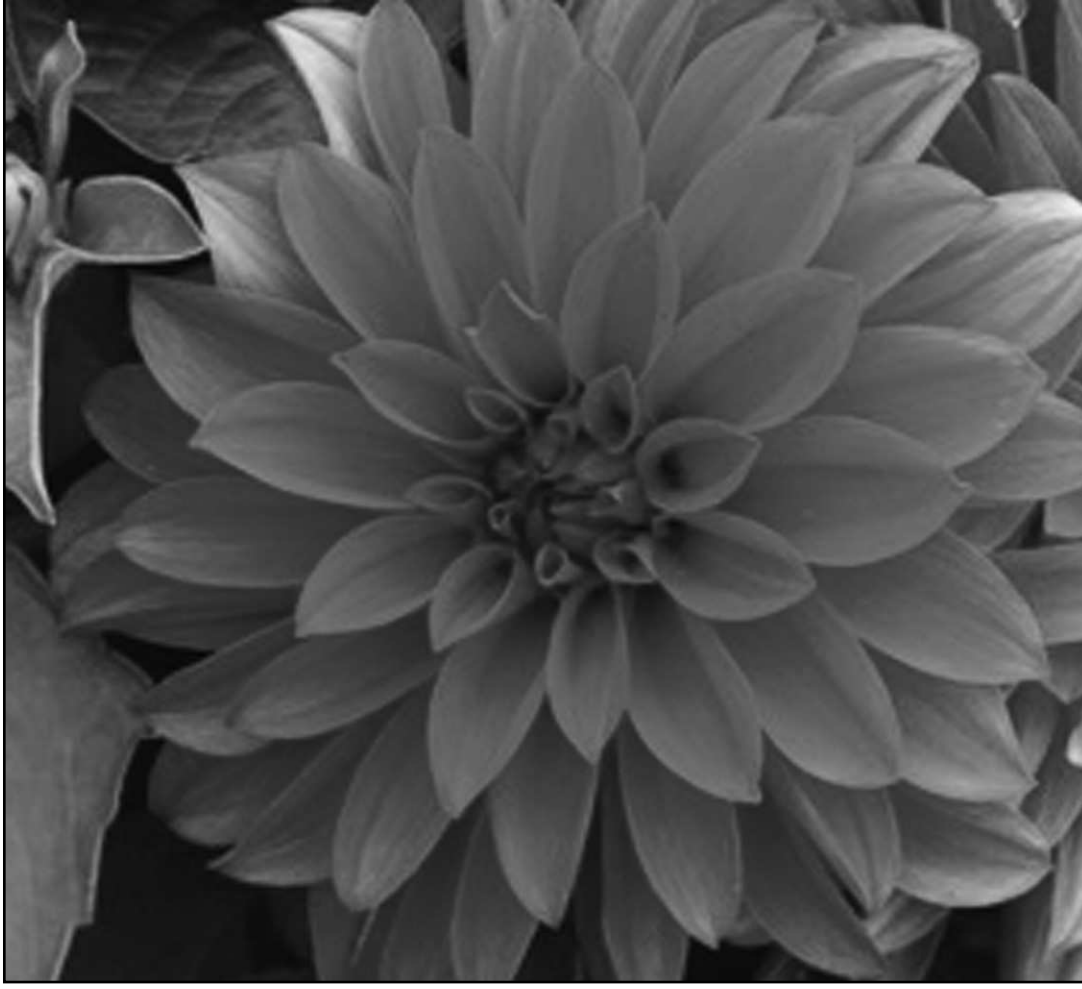
Ashley Thomas is currently a junior at Siuslaw High School with a love of horses and the outdoors. Her passion for photography began three years ago when she earned the money making blankets to buy herself a camera.

Thomas has already established herself with her beautiful floral and wildlife photography in her mother's gallery in Gearhart, Ore., and now will be showing her work at the FRAA Art Center in Florence.

Thomas' photography can be viewed at the art center, 120 Maple St., Wednesdays through Saturdays, noon to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The public is also invited to attend the Second Saturday Art Tour today, Jan. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m., with FRAA being one of several participating galleries.

Refreshments will be served.



This and other photos by student photographer Ashley Thomas are on exhibit at FRAA.

Applicants sought to fill Siuslaw Library Board

The Siuslaw Public Library District has a vacancy on its Board of Directors due to the resignation of current Board Member Dr. Ian Jarman.

Jarman shared in his resignation letter that "[He has] great admiration for and confidence in each remaining member of the board as well as the management, staff, Friends of the Library, and volunteers of the library," but that personal and professional obligations necessitated the decision.

The remaining board members and current Library Director Meg Spencer all extended their thanks to Jarman for his years of service to the Library District and the community.

During his tenure, Jarman participated in the library's expansion project and headed the search committee when Library Director Steve Skidmore retired three years ago.

The board will interview applicants and appoint a replacement for Jarman's unexpired term at a special meeting Jan. 27.

The person who is selected by the board as a replacement will be eligible to run for elec-

tion in May 2017.

The Library Board is composed of five residents of the district who are elected to four-year terms.

In addition to residing in the Siuslaw Public Library District, members must be qualified electors.

The responsibilities of the Board of Directors include setting library policies, approving the annual budget, and hiring and supervising the library director.

All board members serve without remuneration.

Meetings are held on a monthly basis with longer planning sessions scheduled as needed.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Board must submit a completed application and skill inventory form no later than 4 p.m. in Friday, Jan. 20, in person to either library location, 1460 Ninth Street in Florence or the Mapleton branch at 88148 Riverview Ave., or email it to ref@siuslawlibrary.org.

Application packets are available at both locations of the Siuslaw Public Library and online at the library's website at www.SiuslawLibrary.org.

'Sweet' incentives sought for new CROW fundraiser

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) announced that its upcoming February fundraiser will feature a unique competition for local bakers, "cakers" and all sorts of dessert makers.

"You can 'bake' a big difference in the life of a child, just by doing what you do best," says CROW Producer Rose Ellen Jacobson.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, CROW will hold a festive fundraising party at Three Rivers Casino Resort's Showroom entitled, "Death by Dessert." The nonprofit youth theater organization aims to live things up in the fundraiser realm, kick winter out of here and raise some big bucks so CROW can continue to provide high-caliber arts education for local youth.

"We know we can make donors drool over the mere thought of sampling dozens of magnificent desserts while celebrating Valentine's Day. Guests will sample tasty treats, bid on extravagant silent auctions and kick up their heels to live music. Then, they get to vote for their favorite yummy bites. Sounds fun to me," says Jacobson.

By helping with this

fundraiser, local dessert makers are contributing to a great cause in their own community. Tickets for the party will be reasonably priced, it will be open to the general public as a great Valentine's day event for both couples and singles alike, and CROW believes that it will grow to be the event to attend in February.

What do the dessert contestants need to provide? Simple. CROW is asking that contestants provide 300 itty bitty bites or samples of their best dessert, to be automatically entered in a fierce and feisty contest to win recognition and prizes.

The rules are, participants can enter only one type of dessert (cake, cookie, brownie, pie, unique dessert, or ??), and they must donate enough for 300 samples.

"300 sounds like a lot, but it's not. Each sample should be just a bite," says Jacobson.

Also, the competition is open to home bakers, as well as anyone in the restaurant and food industry, such as bakeries, chocolatiers, caterers and

restaurants.

Lane County Health Board confirmed by phone that contestants do not have to bake in a licensed facility, since the public will be only sampling treats under 3 oz.

The winner of the first annual Death By Dessert will win prizes including: the honor of displaying an incredible trophy — handmade by CROW Assistant Director Genevieve Meltzer — for one year, community public recognition for their culinary whiz kid skills, a walk-on role in CROW's upcoming production of "The Addams Family" — delivering Morticia Addams a Devil's Food cake prop — and a full page ad in CROW's program, which can be used by the winner or donated to a local charity.

Second and third prizes will also be awarded. CROW anticipates that this competition will grow to become a fierce fight to the finish, where the real winners are the taste-testing public.

Those interested in entering

must contact CROW by the deadline on Friday, Jan. 20.

To request an entry form, email CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard at crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com or call 541-999-8641.

For more information on the CROW nonprofit youth arts program and Death By Dessert, visit www.crowkids.com.

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WLA WINTER SOCIAL JAN.22

The Woahink Lake Association will host its annual Winter Social on Sunday, Jan. 22, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Honeyman Group Meeting Hall (Yurt).

Residents around Lake Woahink and others interested in issues related to the area are invited to join members at this free event.

Jamie Mills, administrator of Dunes City, and Dan Schewlakow, Honeyman State Park Ranger, will be featured speakers at the meeting.

Members of the Association will bring a dessert or favorite snack to share. Anyone interested in joining the Woahink Lake Association will have the opportunity to enroll at the meeting. Dues are \$20 per year; RSVP by Jan. 20.

For more information, contact Linda Yoder, lindayoder@hotmail.com or 541-590-0944.

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