

# CROW fundraiser targets sweet tooth

On Saturday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Three Rivers Casino Resort Showroom, things are going to get sinfully sweet as local bakers, restaurants, caterers and purveyors of delicious treats vie for recognition and prizes at CROW's first annual "Death by Dessert" fundraiser.

Sweethearts and singles are both encouraged to tickle their tastebuds at this Valentine's Day weekend party. Guests will be invited to try samples of a large variety of decadent sweets and treats and then vote for their favorites, kick up their heels a bit to the Rat Pack stylings of "Buck and A Quarter Band" and participate in a fantastic Silent Auction and Wine Pull.

And, all of this will be happening while attendees are supporting a truly great cause — local youth in the arts.

Last year's CROW fundraiser was nearly sold out, so it is best to reserve your tickets early. Pre-sale tickets are \$22 each, or \$40 for a couple. At the door tickets are \$25 each, and \$45 for a couple, upon availability.

Tickets include a large variety

of dessert samples including cakes, pies, cookies, brownies and unique desserts, live music, the opportunity to pull a fancy bottle of wine from a wine wall and to bid on the amazing baskets, prizes and desserts up for grabs.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The Death by Dessert theme goes hand-in-hand with CROW's production of "The Addams Family," a darkly comic musical.

Bakers may still apply to enter the contest through Friday, Jan. 20. CROW is asking that contestants provide 300 bite-sized tastes or samples of their best dessert, to be automatically entered in a fierce and feisty contest to win recognition and prizes.

Participants can enter only one type of dessert (cake, cookie, brownie, pie or other dessert), and they must donate enough for 300 samples.

To reserve your ticket for Death by Dessert or to get involved, visit [crowkids.com](http://crowkids.com) or contact Melanie Heard at [crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com](mailto:crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com) or 541-999-8641.

# President Spilde earns CASE leadership award

The national Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has named Dr. Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College, as the 2017 recipient of the CASE District VIII Leadership Award.

This award recognizes a CASE District VIII member institution CEO for outstanding efforts to promote the understanding and support of education. Spilde will accept the award at the district conference awards luncheon in Seattle on Feb. 3.

Now in her 16th year as LCC's president, CASE wrote that she "has been a tireless champion for community colleges throughout her illustrious 37-year career. Unafraid to think innovatively, Dr. Spilde's vision of community college education as a vehicle for transformation and empowerment has been a driving force



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Dr. Mary Spilde

for her region."

Lane Board of Education vice chairwoman Rosie Pryor wrote in her nomination, "Dr. Spilde has set a standard for development and alumni relations work at Lane that is respected by the college's donors, graduates and community members.

"I'm proud to say that under her leadership, Lane's accom-

plishments are recognized as exemplary by higher education institutions across the country."

Spilde was instrumental in leading the college through its first, highly successful fundraising campaign, which raised \$29 million for capital projects, students and faculty.

She joined forces with the City of Eugene to build a new Downtown Campus, improving the college's accessibility and sparking revitalization in downtown Eugene.

Other awards Spilde has received include the 2016 Oregon Community College Association Howard Cherry Award for Outstanding Administrator; 2014 City of Eugene Human Rights Commission Community Leadership Award; 2013 National Council for Continuing Education and Training National Leadership Award; 2013 U.S. Green

Building Council Center for Green Schools President's Award; 2012 American Association for Women in Community Colleges Woman of the Year Award; and 2011 Association of Community College Trustees CEO of the Year Award.

Spilde's award is the second major honor that Lane has received from CASE in recent months.

In October 2016, CASE selected the Lane Community College Foundation as a 2016 recipient of the Education Fundraising Award in recognition of the Foundation's overall performance in educational fundraising.

LCC was the only Oregon community college to win the award, and only one of two higher education recipients of the award in Oregon, along with Oregon Health Sciences University.

# Jump start your creativity at FRAA Writing Boot Camp

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) welcomes writers of all levels and genres to join "Writers on the River" for another exciting year of literary events.

Get down to the brass tacks of creative writing with this fun regimen designed to bring out the "Navy Seal" writer in you. The 2017 Creative Writing Boot Camp will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the FRAA Art Center classroom, 120 Maple St., in Historic Old Town Florence.

Offered just once a year, this immersion into the craft of creative writing will help writers: define their goals for the New Year; unleash their true voice within; develop a regular writing practice with tools to fuel their creativity; empower their writing with simple techniques; and get back into the writing flow and stay there all year, with proven strategies for success.

"Boot Camp includes plenty of writing drills, so be prepared to drop and write 20

sentences," said instructor and award-winning journalist Catherine Rourke. "No two workshops are ever alike, so it offers a great refresher for prior attendees to flex their creative muscles."

Classes fill up quickly; pre-registration is suggested.

Cost is \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

To register, call Rourke at 541-708-2120 or email her at [CJReditor@gmail.com](mailto:CJReditor@gmail.com).

Rourke is a columnist, author and editor educated at

the City University of New York, the University of Oxford/England and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism.

With more than 30 years' experience as a staff editor and writer for newspapers, magazines and major publishers, she also worked as a book editor for Amazon in print and digital formats.


The former New Yorker now resides in Florence where she is writing a memoir about her adventures as an investigative reporter.



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# Yachats calls to quilt artists for juried show in March

YACHATS—Polly Plumb Productions Board Member, Ruth Bass, announces a call to artists for the Ocean Artistry Art Quilt Show to be held at the Yachats Commons, Yachats Oregon, on March 10 to 12, 2017.

This juried show will accept art pieces from local, regional, and international art quilters. The theme of this inaugural show will be "Gems of the Ocean."

Details of the call to artists can be found at [www.oceanartistrycall.com](http://www.oceanartistrycall.com).

Quilt entries will be accepted between Dec. 15, 2016 and Jan. 15, 2017, and will be decided by Feb. 1, 2017.

Final judging will be made by a five-person panel of artists and dignitaries during the show.

All selected entries will be on display during the Ocean Artistry Art Quilt

show at the Yachats Commons in the multi-purpose room.


The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"One of the goals of the show is to introduce art quilting to both locals and visitors to the area," said Bass. "We thought the ocean theme would allow artists to explore the beauty of this area and make interpretations based on their own whimsy."

The new art show has already received financial support from both the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and the City of Yachats' New Event Fund.

"We're delighted to bring this type of show to Yachats. This will brighten up the town and we welcome everyone to experience an art quilt show," said Bass.

For more information, visit [info@oceanartistry.org](http://info@oceanartistry.org).




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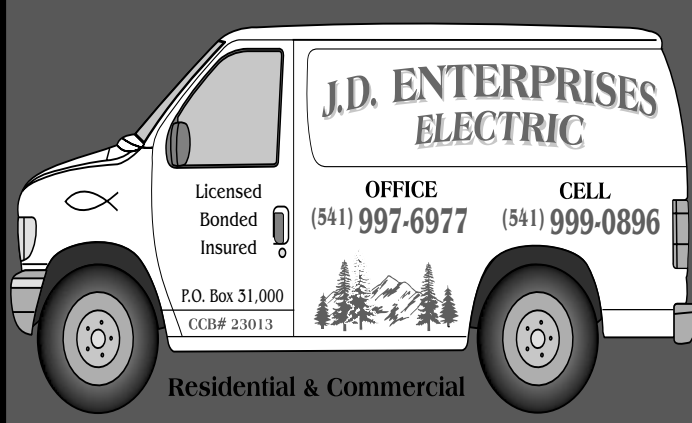
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