

FEC ART EXHIBIT

CALENDAR

Gallery One exhibit: 'For the Love of Animals'



"BARNSTORMER" (ABOVE LEFT) BY MICHAEL WOOD AND "BUCK...THE MOCHA MOOCH" BY CHARLENE WILSON

Through March, Gallery One will be celebrating animals during the annual "For the Love of Animals" exhibit, which benefits the Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) in Florence.

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 on display at this uniquely-themed show.

Interspersed with the artwork are actual photos of animals up for adoption at the OCHS.

For more information about Gallery One exhibits, call the FEC during regular business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 541-997-1994, or visit the FEC at 715 Quince St. in Florence.

'Florence Fest 2017' weekend
Also in Gallery One, the Florence

Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is inviting all artists to participate in the first "Florence Fest 2017" to be held March 31 and April 1.

This unique event, which will feature two days of jazz, art and wine, will be highlighted by talented jazz musicians and outstanding wine from some of the best wineries in the Willamette Valley.

The juried art section of the event will provide maximum exposure for creative artist's work and significant prize money will be awarded.

Selections for the exhibit will be made by Robert Canaga, who is an accomplished painter, photographer and printmaker. He has been the curator for numerous exhibitions throughout the Northwest, including the Gallery at the Watershed, PeaceHealth Headquarters and the Coos Art Museum.

He is a former gallery owner and has also exhibited in over 30 select-

ed shows, most recently at a 3-month show in the State Capitol building.

His work currently appears in 14 public and private collections.

There is an exquisite sense of style and strength in his own work, and his tastes and preferences are eclectic and run across a broad range of styles.

Cash prizes will also be awarded and will be selected by an awards committee of local artists and gallery owners: SK Lindsey (Kenneth B. Gallery), Marianne Brisbane (Vardanian Gallery) and Steve Dennis (Earthworks Gallery).

Prize awards are: 1st place: \$1,000; 2nd place: \$500; 3rd place: \$250

For more details or to submit an entry, visit the FRAA website at www.fraaoregon.org.

The deadline for entries is Feb. 12. This is an opportunity to be part of a very special event.

Feb. 2
Eugene Ballet
7 p.m.

Feb. 4
Crab Crack
4 to 7 p.m.

Feb. 8
Siuslaw Awards
6 p.m.

Feb. 11
Jazz Kings concert
2 p.m.

Feb. 24
Wallflowers & Wine
6:30 p.m.

March 3-5
Home & Garden Show
• Friday 2 to 6 p.m.
• Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
• Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 6
Lane Blood Bank
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

March 8 and 9
SES Talent Show
6 p.m.

March 11
Florence Rotary Auction
6 p.m.

March 17-19, 24-26
LRP's "Moon over Buffalo"
Fridays and Saturdays 7 p.m.
Sundays 2 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Florence to celebrate best businesses at Siuslaw Awards

The Florence Events Center will be the site for the ninth annual Siuslaw Awards on Feb. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The awards banquet, sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, recognizes excellence in the local business community by naming recipients for awards of excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Non-Profit Achievement, Community Caring, Innovation in Business and the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award.

In addition, two outstanding individuals in the community will be honored with the Future First Citizen Award and the First Citizen Award.

The First Citizen Award recognizes that individual who has given selflessly

to the community based on community involvement, leadership and overall community impact.

The Future First Citizen Award recognizes that student based on his or her academic success as well as civic involvement and contributions to the community.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will also recognize an individual or business that has selflessly given of their time and efforts in supporting the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and its efforts with the Distinguished Service Award.

For more information, contact the Florence Chamber at 541-997-3128.

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