

# Florence Chamber holds Siuslaw Awards Banquet Feb. 8

FLORENCE—Sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, the ninth annual Siuslaw Awards will be presented on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission is \$35 per person. Tables of eight are available for \$280.

Tickets are available at the Chamber office, 290 Highway 101 in Florence, or by phone, 541-997-3128.

Open to the public, this semi-formal event celebrates the local business community by naming recipients for awards in excellence.

The 25 businesses nominated are:

**Excellence in Community Caring:**

Banner Bank, City Lights Cinemas and Laurel Bay Gardens

**Excellence in Curb Appeal:**

America's Mattress, Korando Dental Group, Lovejoy's Restaurant & Tea Room and Old Town Barbershop

**Excellence in Customer Service:**

Banner Bank, City of Florence – Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

Dept., Funky Monkey, Hoagland Properties – The River House Inn and Old Town Inn, Lofy Construction & Design, Lovejoy's Restaurant & Tea Room and Polished Boutique & Salon

**Excellence in Non-Profit Achievement:**

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops), Friends of the Event Center, Oregon Coast Military Museum, Rotary Club of Florence

and Siuslaw Watershed Council

**Innovation In Business:**

Friends of the Florence Events Center and RAIN (Regional Accelerator & Innovation Network)

**"Stu Johnston" Business of the Year:**

City Lights Cinemas, Lofy Construction & Design and Terrace Homes

Two outstanding individuals in the

community will also be honored with the Future First Citizen Award and the First Citizen Award.

The First Citizen Award recognizes the individual who has given selflessly to the community based on community involvement, leadership, and overall community impact.

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

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

Also featured during the event is a "State of the Chamber" address by Jenna Bartlett, Board President. There will also be live entertainment provided by Denny Weaver, and a delicious buffet created by Pavilion Catering, which includes gluten-free options.

For more information, contact the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce at 541-997-3128, visit [florencechamber.com](http://florencechamber.com) or e-mail [info@florencechamber.com](mailto:info@florencechamber.com)



## 'Florence Fest' opens to artists, jazz, wine

FLORENCE—Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) invites all artists to participate in the first Florence Fest to be held at the Florence Events Center on 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 artists' 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.

Canaga is a former gallery owner and has also exhibited in over 30 selected 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 three 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 additional details and to submit an entry, go to the FRAA website, [www.fraaoregon.org](http://www.fraaoregon.org).

The deadline for entries is Feb. 12.

This is an opportunity to be part of a very special event.

After reviewing the entry information, if you have any questions, contact [fraaoregon@gmail.com](mailto:fraaoregon@gmail.com).



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