

## Speak about 'Love Gone Wrong' at poetry, song fest

Soon the country will celebrate Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, with flowers, candy and dinner out. But not everyone is lucky in love, and Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) celebrates the other side — love gone wrong.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, at 6:30 p.m., poets and songsters will regale the audience with their original poems and songs about heart break, rejection and all other woes of the forlorn at "Love Gone Wrong."

Sally Wantz, emcee for the event said, "We laugh, we cry,

we hand out tissues, we give hugs, we vote on our favorite song/poem and have a wonderful time at this event. You won't want to miss it!"

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the FRAA Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Old Town Florence, or at the door, and poets/songsters can sign up to perform at the FRAA Art Center or that evening if space is available.

All proceeds go to support the Big Wave Poetry Festival, a statewide event held in Florence on May 12 and 13.

For more information, go to [www.fraaoregon.org](http://www.fraaoregon.org).

## Community groups celebrate Valentine's Day with events

February is a time for heartfelt events and the celebration of love. Below, find some of the Valentine concerts, showings, parties and events going on around this special day.

### Ongoing

• Florence Kiwanis Club will sell See's Candy every day through Valentines Day, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m., at the Sears Showroom, Sixth Street and Highway 101. This fundraiser supports programs for children and youth in the community.

### Saturday, Feb. 11

• The Second Saturday Gallery Tour, from 3 to 5 p.m., invites all to "Love the Arts" at various galleries in Florence. Many locations offer refreshments and some feature live music. The gallery tour is free to the public.

• Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW)

invites all sweethearts and dessert lovers to the sinfully sweet and decadent "Death by Dessert" at 6:30 p.m. at Three Rivers Casino Resort, 5647 Highway 126. More than 20 local bakers and restaurants are participating in a competition to provide the best dessert — and the guests get to decide. 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.

• KXCR Community Radio is sponsoring a Valentine Dance from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St. It will present some of the best romantic music of the past 50 years as well as prizes for raffle winners, a free snack buffet table, and the Elks' no-host bar service. There will be a \$5 cover charge for the evening.

• For the fifth time, Yachats Youth and Family Activities Program will hold its annual "Little Sweethearts" Family

Valentine Dance from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Yachats Commons. Tickets are \$15 per couple or \$25 per family.

### Sunday, Feb. 12

• Dragon Art Studios, 502 Laurel St., is hosting a Valentine Craft Day from noon to 6 p.m. For \$35, people can make a variety of crafts and gifts, with all materials provided.

### Tuesday, Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day

• Siuslaw High School junior class, is opening the high school gym from 5 to 9 p.m. for a fun evening for children so their parents can have a night out. The junior class will be joined by CPR-certified volunteers. All children must be potty-trained, and places must be reserved in advance. Rates for the night are \$8 per child, per hour, with discounts for multiple children. Contact [siuslaw.juniors@gmail.com](mailto:siuslaw.juniors@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

• The Little Log Church and Museum in Yachats will present its annual Ceremony of Renewal and Commitment at 5:30 p.m. Both married and unmarried committed couples are invited to attend. The church is in the heart of town at 328 West Third St. A donation of \$10 per couple is suggested. Since space is limited,

reservations are required by calling 541-547-4547.

• PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) invites all to a "Be My Valentine" Party at 6:30 p.m. in Room 158 at Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St. Mix it up with games, prizes and lots of goodies for all who attend this free, open meeting.

### Wednesday, Feb. 15

• Musician Stella Blue, accompanied by musician Jeff Lovejoy, will perform at the Starlight Cabaret at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Highway 101 and Heceta Beach Road. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. Donations are welcome for this evening of warm beverages and smooth music.

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