

## Garden Club seeks scholarship applicants

The Florence Garden Club invites local Siuslaw and Mapleton High School seniors to apply for the Garden Club scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. Applicants must be planning a post-high school career in horticulture or a related field such as forestry or environmental science.

Awards are typically \$1,000 or more.

Applications are available through each high school counseling department.

Deadline for applying is Saturday, April 1.

Since the first scholarship was awarded in 1994, over \$53,000 has been distributed to local students.

The Garden Club raises funds throughout the year from donations, raffles and the spring community plant sale.

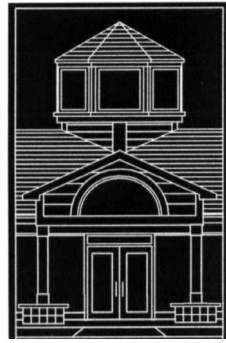
"We gratefully thank the Florence and Mapleton area merchants who have contributed merchandise and services for raffles, as well as monetary donations to the club for scholarship fund raising," said Scholarship Chairman Carol Jolley.

The Florence Garden Club was formed in 1949 to improve the community and to promote the knowledge of horticulture. The club meets the second Wednesday of each month, at 1 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church on Highway 101 in Florence.

The club currently has more than 90 members.

For more information regarding the scholarship application process, contact a school counselor, or call Carol Jolley at 541-902-9343.

## Library Tidings



### News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community.

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge, Adult Services Librarian, Siuslaw Public Library (541) 997-3134

### Celebrate Women's History Month

Every March we celebrate women's history month across the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8. The celebration highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. The library has a display of books and other materials related to women's history in the center of the reference area that will be up throughout the month.

### Best Books to be Presented

This Friday, March 10, at 1 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room, librarian Kevin Mittge will be presenting the "Best Books of 2016" as selected by patrons, staff, and book critics.

This will be a fast-paced review of the year's best books in 60-minutes, with a booklist of the reviewed titles available.

A sneak preview: among the top books this past year are "Truly Madly Guilty" by Liane Moriarty and "White Trash" by Nancy Isenberg. Hopefully all those who attend will get some ideas about wonderful new books to explore.

### Fish Tales: Traditions and Challenges of Seafood in Oregon

The library is pleased to present an Oregon Humanities Conversation Project program on Wed., March 15, at 1 p.m., in the Bromley Room, featuring Jennifer Burns Bright discussing Fish Tales: Traditions and Challenges of Seafood in Oregon.

Oregonians love the wild beauty of our 363 miles of coastline but finding truly local seafood can be hard, even on the coast.

The U.S. imports approximately 90 percent of its seafood and ships out nearly as much to the global market. Why aren't we eating more local seafood? Why do we consider seafood more a delicacy now than in the past?

In this conversation, food writer Jennifer Burns Bright helps participants explore our relationship with the products of the sea and culture traditions involving fishing, eating seafood and understanding the ocean's bounty and challenges.

Bright is a food and travel writer based in Port Orford. She recently retired from teaching at the University of Oregon, and

holds a Ph.D. from the University of California Irvine and a Master Food Preserver Certification. As a community organizer linking local producers and consumers, Bright often speaks and teaches at events.

### Genetic Genealogy

The Siuslaw Genealogical Society will be hosting a lecture from Coos Bay biologist Howard Crombie about "Genetic Genealogy," on Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room.

DNA has spurred great interest in finding our "ethnic" roots or matching with relatives we didn't know we had. Crombie will provide basic information about genetics and the types of analysis that is available to the family researcher. Crombie has lived on the Oregon coast most of his life.

He earned a B.A. with honors in Biology from the University of Oregon and worked 25 years as a biologist. He has been doing genealogical research for 15 years. The Siuslaw Genealogical Society is a library-sponsored organization.

Meetings are free and open to the general public, and refreshments will be available.

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## Florence Caregiving holds monthly meeting

Florence Caregiving Community will have its monthly meeting in the activity room of the Shorewood, 1451 Spruce St.

The meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month.

This month's meeting will be Tuesday, March 14, starting at 5:30 p.m.. Meetings run

for approximately one hour.

Caregivers and their clients are welcome to come and share experiences, network and just get to know each other.

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For more information, contact Steve Benson at 541-429-2600.

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## Community Suppers to continue in March

Free Florence Community Suppers, which began in February as a way to bring families and community members together, will be continuing into March.

Community Suppers are held each Wednesday at one of four local churches and is sponsored by St. Andrews Episcopal, New Life Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence United Methodist Church.

Remaining suppers for March are:

- March 8: The Presbyterian

Church, 3996 Highway 101.

- March 15: United Methodist Church, Second and Kingwood streets

- March 22: The Episcopal Church, 2136 19th St.

- March 29: New Life Lutheran, 21st and Spruce streets.

Anyone who would like to join in a friendly meal once a week is welcome. Donations towards the cost of the meals will be accepted but not required. Come for a meal, from 5-7 p.m., no strings attached.

## PeaceHealth recognized for patient safety reporting

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center was selected recently as a Patient Safety Reporting Program Leading Participant by the Oregon Patient Safety Commission.

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission seeks to advance, support and encourage patient safety in Oregon by working to reduce the risk of patient harm and encouraging a culture of patient safety through education, shared learning and improved transparency.

"This is outstanding recognition and yet another testament to our caregivers' dedication to enhancing our patient

safety efforts and focus on quality," said Rick Yecny, Peace Harbor's Chief Administrative Officer. "I couldn't be more proud of our involvement in this program.

We are fostering transparency for the betterment and safety for all Oregonians by participating in the Patient Safety Reporting Program, leveraging early discussion and resolution techniques, and adopting many quality improvement initiatives."

For more information on the Oregon Patient Safety Commission, visit Oregon PatientSafety.org.

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