

## 'Love Gone Wrong' Poetry contest winners announced

Sally Wantz, emcee of the annual "Love Gone Wrong" poetry and song contest, organized by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), presented the three winning poets with prizes following this year's event.

First place went to Karen Brown for her "Love Gone Wrong on Harris Street," which earned her \$100. Paul Klippel took second place with his original poem, "My Beating Heart," with third place going to Katie Brauns with her original poem titled "Unbroken."

"Love Gone Wrong" poetry contest winners (from left): Karen Brown, Katie Brauns and Paul Klippel



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## FRAA offers 'Memoir' writing workshop

Every life contains invaluable lessons, profound wisdom, amazing courage and rich humor. Capturing these experiences on paper helps people to understand their deeper meaning so others can benefit from them.

"Memoir Writing: From Real Life to Real Story" will take place on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Presented by "Writers on the River," the class will show writers of all levels how to turn their precious memories and unique life events into compelling stories that can inspire and entertain readers, or simply leave a legacy of love and wisdom for family and friends.

The class will be taught by Catherine J. Rourke, an award-winning writer, author, journalist and columnist with more than 30 years' staff experience at daily newspapers, national magazines and major publish-

ers. Educated at the City University of New York, Oxford University and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, she has served as a contractual book editor for Amazon and Random House, in both 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 titled "And Forgive Us Our Press Passes."

"Writers on the River" offers monthly classes at FRAA to help writers of all levels enrich their craft. As a literary support group open to all aspiring and experienced writers, it provides conversation, mentorship, education and literary events in an inspiring atmosphere.

Workshops fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 FRAA members or \$25 non-members, payable at the door. Call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com for more information.

## Fanny unveils 'voices,' new friend on March 11

Florence's first drag queen, Jason Wood's Fanny Rugburn, returns to the stage at Class Act Theatre, 509 Kingwood St., on Saturday, March 11., postponing the event one week from previously advertised.

Join her and her new friend, Ana Khonda, played by Matthieu Korso, during "Voices in My Head."

The show begins at 8 p.m. There is a \$10 cover charge, cash only.

The show involves singing and reminiscing about love and all the disasters that come with it.

"Some of you may be thinking, 'March? But why does it look like a Valentine's show?' Because I

do what I want," Fanny said. Both Fanny Rugburn and Ana Khonda will also be appearing in Eugene on Sunday, March 26, at Shoryuken League, 881 Willamette St., in "Church," a drag show that is performed the last Sunday of the month. All of Fanny's performances are for ages 18 and older only.



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Join Fanny Rugburn and the premier of Ana Khonda for "Voices in My Head" on March 4.



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### Grand Prize Winners

Friday, March 3rd  
Zoya Henson  
Desiree Mueller

Saturday, March 4th  
June Braun  
Toni Thompson  
Ivy Nelson

Sunday, March 5th  
Katy Ellis  
Richard Byrd



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