

# Community News

## Hendricks named Volunteer of the Month at OCHS

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) recently named Pat Hendricks as April's Volunteer of the Month.

Hendricks, a retired school teacher from northern California, and her husband moved to Florence in 2002 and quickly became involved in their new community through volunteer work for numerous nonprofit organizations, including OCHS.

During some of the animal shelter's leanest times, Hendricks took it on herself to contact Friskies Dog Food corporate offices to personally purchase two large pallets of dry dog food and two pallets of dry cat food to help feed the animals. The Friskies corporation then made a very substantial donation of its own of dog and cat food to help out the struggling shelter's dogs and cats — getting the shelter through a difficult time.

Hendricks has helped in many other significant ways, including donating hundreds of volunteer hours over the years working at the Thrift Store. She



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Pat Hendricks

can often be found working in the backroom sorting and organizing donations. She said she enjoys spending time occasionally at the shelter with the cats and kittens, giving them one-on-one time, helping to socialize them so that they are more readily adoptable.

One cat was particularly special to her because he had been abused or

traumatized in some way, and initially would not even look at her and kept his eyes closed. Hendricks began coming often to spend time with him in an effort to comfort and win his confidence. In time, Clyde began to purr and would climb into her lap when she came to visit. Later that same year, a now happier cat, Clyde was adopted into a home of his own.

Hendricks, together with fellow volunteer Patty Pope, also sew and create cat bed cushions, cat hammocks and pot holders in a variety of styles and patterns which are popular and sold at OCHS's Thrift Store. The sales help raise funds to support the shelter.

Hendricks said that she enjoys the people she volunteers with at the Thrift Store and knowing that she is indeed making a difference for the dogs and cats at the animal shelter.

For more information about volunteering, visit [www.oregoncoasthumane.org](http://www.oregoncoasthumane.org).

## DAR announces date for scholarship application

Oregon Dunes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is seeking applicants for their scholarship to be awarded in May.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is an organization dedicated to historical preservation, education and patriotism. Members have a strong commitment to community and service to others, and live by the motto, "Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, and Invest in the Future."

This scholarship for \$500 is available to a member of the current graduating class of Siuslaw High School.

The DAR is looking for students who have turned their educational life around, or have overcome difficulty during their high school career.

Consideration will be given to students who demonstrate successful grades in their last two years of high school, can show involvement in their community and family, and can demonstrate clear educational and personal goals for their future.

Applications are due by May 1.

The details are included on the flash drive available through the high school counseling office.

Sales of their popular cookbook, DAR Delicious Ancestral Recipes, help with funding. Copies are available for purchase at the Oregon Coast Military Museum, 2145 Kingwood Street, and the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, at 278 Maple Street.

## Viewfinders announce April contest winners



Winning photos from John McMahan, Ed Wilent and Jane Pittenger.

The theme for the April meeting of the Viewfinders Camera Club was "Full Circle."

First place went to John McMahan with an action photo

of his dog jumping through a hoop.

Ed Wilent took second with a very colorful picture of a glass of wine.

Third place was captured by

Jane Pittenger with a photo of a bird bath full of some of the most colorful birds we've seen.

May's meeting will be Monday, May 1, in the Bromley Room.

**Do your part and volunteer today to help support these local non-profit organizations in our community!**



### Volunteer • Get involved • Donate

#### Florence Food Share

Ask us about volunteer opportunities.  
2190 Spruce Street • P.O. Box 2514  
Florence, Oregon 97439  
(541) 997-9110  
[info@florencefoodshare.org](mailto:info@florencefoodshare.org)

#### Food Backpack for Kids

Together, No Child Will Go Hungry  
Your tax deductible donations helped us feed 84 Florence/Mapleton area children in March  
Mail donations to: PO Box 3347 Florence, OR 97439.  
Call 541-997-2497 for more information.

#### Helping Hands Coalition

Assisting those in need in our Community.  
Free Hot Meals Mon-Wed-Fri: 11:30 AM - 1 PM  
NEW LOCATION SOON  
United Methodist Church, 333 Kingwood, Florence  
Call 541-997-5057 to Volunteer

#### Meals on Wheels and Cafe 60

Meals on Wheels are available to people over the age of 60 who cannot get out much due to illness or advanced age and who are not eating properly, regardless of income. Cafe 60 is available for those who prefer to make new friends in a dining room setting.  
1570 Kingwood  
PO Box 2313, Florence  
541-997-5673  
[lanesenior meals.org](http://lanesenior meals.org)

#### Peace Harbor Volunteers

Join the Peace Harbor Hospital Volunteers, you will find an area of interest in a caring organization.  
400 9th Street, Florence  
541-997-8412 ext. 209

#### Us Too Florence

Saving men one PSA test at a time. "Someone to talk to...who understands!"  
541-997-6626  
[maribob@oregonfast.net](mailto:maribob@oregonfast.net)  
[www.ustoooflorence.org](http://www.ustoooflorence.org)

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