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Mother's Day sale at Mudmusic Studio May 12

Each year, ceramics artist Mike Schwartz hosts a Mother's Day sale at his Mudmusic Studio.

This year, the date for the sale is the weekend of Mother's Day, Friday May 12 through Sunday May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You are invited to see Mike's pit fired ceramics, which over the years have won numerous awards.

Pit firing is an ancient form of firing clay that predates the advent of the kiln. As he describes his pieces,

"No glazes are used, the colors you see are due to the interaction of fire and smoke working on the salts and metals that I treat my pots with. Each piece is thrown on my potter's wheel and after firing, is a one of a kind creation never to be reduplicated. Words aren't good enough, you have to see these pieces for yourselves," he says.

Mike loves to talk about and show his work to visitors and clients.

Mike's art is on year round display at the River Gallery in



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Schwartz's pit fired ceramics will be on sale Mother's Day weekend at his Heceta Beach Road studio.

Old Town and so he hosts this studio sale once a year. "I thoroughly enjoy to meet people and shmooze about my work, and I may as well admit it, selling a piece is a definite bonus."

The address of Mudmusic Studio is 04899 Heceta beach

Road, which is located 1.3 miles from Highway 101 on the north side of the street.

Signs are positioned to point the way to the studio. For more information, Mike can be reached at 541-997-1012.

FRAA to host art festival during Rhody Days

FRAA's new Rhody Days Arts Festival is going to be held for two days over Rhody Weekend at the Florence Events Center.

The art festival will take place Friday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's show and sale will be overflowing into the FEC lobby with unique works of art and fine craftsmanship by local and coastal artisans.

In the tradition of the Arts Festival, visitors will experience and enjoy experiencing the latest artistry in woodworking of all kinds, glass works, textiles for the home, wearable art, a variety of jewelry treasures, paintings in various

media, photographs and more.

This is an opportunity to meet the artisans who have crafted these works of art and catch some demonstrations.

The artisans will be donating 10 percent of their sales to sup-

port the FRAA Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

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Admission is free to the art festival.



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Coastal Gem Walkers' next jaunt set for May 2

Join the Coastal Gem Walkers on Tuesday, May 2, as the group walks the Three Lakes YRE near Florence.

Walkers will meet at the Commons in Yachats at 9 a.m. at The Sportsman, 249 Highway 101, in Florence, at 9:45 to register.

This 10K walk has mostly flat terrain and good footing. It is not appropriate for wheel-

chairs and difficult for strollers.

As always, leashed pets are welcome on walks, but be sure you bring water and clean up materials for pets. A sturdy 6-foot leash — not the retractable type — is required.

For more information or directions, call Maryann Brown in Waldport at 541-961-4279, or visit www.yachatscoastalgems.org.

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