

FEC ART EXHIBIT

CALENDAR

Gallery One exhibit: Fresh Impressions high school artists



These and other student art will be on display in Gallery One through the month of May.

Students from Siuslaw High School art teacher Kim Pickell's classes will be sharing their artwork with the public at the Florence Events Center during the month of May.

For this annual Fresh Impressions Exhibit, the Friends of the FEC will be awarding cash

prizes for first, second and third place, with artwork judged by the FEC Gallery Committee.

Honorable Mention ribbons will also be awarded, and all students will be commended for their efforts, as well as for sharing their "fresh impressions" with the community.

The community is invited to attend a reception at the FEC in Gallery One on Tuesday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., to honor the students.

Awards will be presented, refreshments will be served, and the public will be able to congratulate all the artists on their efforts.

VOLUNTEERING

Give some of your free time to the arts

The Friends of the Florence Events Center has a long standing history of volunteerism. Without the thousands of hours given each year by a team of committed volunteers, the Florence Events Center would not function. A current call for new volunteers is going out for all aspects of altruism at the Events Center.

Cindy Orstead began volunteering in 2010.

"After my husband passed, I was looking for something to fill my

spare time and walked into the Florence Events Center," said Orstead. When asked what she likes best about volunteering she answers, "I like everything! The people, the shows and learning new stuff. I don't think there's anything about this place I don't like."

Opportunities for volunteers include: ushering, taking tickets, working backstage, helping with room set-up, art gallery set-up, office support and fundraising for the Friends of the FEC

Being a volunteer requires a minimal training orientation to find out what the interest of the volunteer might be.

The average number of hours a volunteer may donate range from 2 to 20 per month.

For more information call Sandi Anderson, office and volunteer coordinator, at 541-997-1994 or drop by the office at 715 Quince St. during regular business hours.

May 3

KCST Candidate Forum
4 to 7 p.m.

May 4 & 5

Oregon Home Care Commission
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 6

Florence Green Fair
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 6 & 7

LRP auditions for "Annie"
1 p.m.

May 8

Lane Blood Bank
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

May 12

Platypus Clarinet Orchestra fundraiser
7:30 p.m.

May 19 & 20

FRAA Art Show
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 20

Jazz Kings Concert
"My Lucky Star"
2 p.m.

May 20 & 21

Rhody Flower Show
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 24

SEAc coast Piano Chameleons
7 p.m.

RHODODENDRON CORONATION

THIS YEAR'S RHODY QUEEN, KING WILL BE CROWNED MAY 18

The 110th annual Rhododendron Court coronation will be presented Thursday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. The event features local

high school seniors who will compete for scholarships and the titles of Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast. The showcase will be a night of talent, dance

numbers, and interviews. Court members will be judged individually on participation, mentorship, public speaking, platform presentation, pin sales and talent.

In addition, a junior court will represent grades 1 through 5 from Florence and Mapleton. Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast will be crowned at the

end of the showcase, and the courts will make appearances in the Kids' Parade and Grand Floral Parade during the 110th Rhododendron Festival, May 19-21.

General admission tickets to the coronation are \$10 for adults, or \$6 for ages 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased at www.event-center.org.

FRAA ART EXHIBIT

FRAA to host Rhody Days Art Festival May 19 and 20

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 per-

cent of their sales to support the FRAA Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

Bring a friend, shop for some unique treasures and support the arts.

Admission is free to the art festival.

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