

Mother's Day sale at Mudmusic May 12



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

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.

Schwartz loves to talk about and show his work to visitors and clients. His art is on year round display at the River Gallery in 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, call 541-997-1012.



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VFW Post 3232 sponsored Officer of the Year recipients clockwise from top left: (VFW members Gerald Hernandez, left, and Post Commander Paul Gargis, in all photos), recipient City of Florence Police Commander John Pitcher and presenter, Chief Tom Turner; OSP Trooper Darrell Sheets and presenter, OSP Sergeant Michael Berland; WLAD CPR and first aid coordinator George Lydick and presenter WLAD Operations Manager Matt House and SVFR volunteer firefighter Jerry Ward and presenter SVFR Operations Manager Jim Dickerson.

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Oregon State Police, the demands are very dynamic. He is by far the most dependable asset we have."

WLAD Operations Manager Matt House presented the award to George Lydick.

House said, "George has been with our agency for 28 years and is a phenomenal team player. There is nothing he wouldn't do for anybody. It couldn't go to a more deserving individual."

SVFR Operations Manager Jim Dickerson presented the award to Jerry Ward.

"Our department is built on volunteers. Jerry Ward exemplifies volunteer firefighters. Whether it be emergency response or whatever needs to be volunteered, Jerry is always there," Dickerson said.

The award ceremony is an annual event sponsored by Florence VFW Post 3232.



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