

110th annual Rhododendron Festival schedule of events

WEEKEND EVENTS

Rhody Queen & Court Display
Open daily - 12-4 p.m.
Half-price admission on May 22
Siuslaw Pioneer Museum
Contact: 997-7884

Davis Carnival
May 20-21 - All day
Port of Siuslaw parking lot
Contact: 997-3128

Let It Ride Vendor Fair
May 20 - 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Contact: 997-7529

Maple Street Vendor Fair
May 20 - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
May 21 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Maple Street in Old Town
Contact: 997-3128

Elks Barbecue and Pie Sale
May 20-21 - 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.
Contact: 997-2610

American Rhododendron Society's Festival Flower Show & Plant Sale
May 20 - 1-5 p.m.
May 21 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Florence Events Center
Contact: 997-3082

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Let it Ride Poker Run
8 a.m. to noon
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Register at www.rebel-rally.com
Contact: 997-7529

39th Annual Rhody Run
Race starts at 9 a.m.
Florence Events Center

www.electicedgeracing.com

25th annual Rhody Days Car Show 'n' Shine
Presented by Beachkomber's Car Club
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Grocery Outlet parking lot
Contact: 902-0916

Show 'n' Shine Food Court
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Grocery Outlet parking lot

Arts Festival 2017
May 20 - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Florence Events Center
Florence Regional Arts Alliance
Contact: 902-1933

Rhody Junior Parade
Staging at 11 a.m., parade starts at noon
Miller Park and Oak Street

Presented by Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
Contact: 999-0600

Kiwanis Kids Games
Right after Junior Parade
JV Baseball Field
Siuslaw High School
Contact: 999-7083

Student STEAM Fair
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Siuslaw Middle School
Contact: 977-8241 ext. 7455

Let it Ride Motorcycle Show
1-3 p.m., with awards after
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Contact: 997-7529

Emerald City Jazz Kings
2 p.m.
Florence Events Center
Contact: 997-1994

Coast Radio Classic Car Cruise
5:30 p.m. Live broadcast at KCST 106.9 FM
Cruise starts at 6:30 p.m.
Old Town and Bay Street
Contact: 997-9136

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Elks Past Exalted Rulers Breakfast
7-11 a.m.
Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.
Contact: 997-2610

110th annual Grand Floral Parade featuring U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River as grand marshals
Staging at 10 a.m.; Parade begins at noon
Starts at Highway 101 and 27th Street and ends in Old Town



Contact: 997-3128 or florencechamber.com

For more information, go to Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center at 290 Highway 101 or visit www.florencechamber.com.



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The 2017 Rhododendron Court



Wendy Krause and the Rhododendron Junior Court

Rhody from 1A

a painting of his own and offered to sell it after the Coronation ended. During the interview with Krause, he said he saw himself owning a brewery in 15 years.

Waggoner, who represented the third generation of women in her family to be on the Rhododendron Court, sang a patriotic song about being "Proud to be an American" while she showed a slideshow of her interactions with veterans. When asked where she would like to travel, Waggoner said she would go to Austria, where her favorite movie was filmed and where "the hills are alive with the sound of music."

Princess Eyza Abbas was the first runner-up. She danced a fusion of flamenco and belly dancing. In her interview, she said she would travel back in time to the 1960s, since "I was born in the wrong era."

Princess Jewel Roby stepped out as the first Rhododendron princess to throw knives for her talent. In her dramatic performance, she showed each knife to the audience before throwing each blade into a large straw target. She said a lot of people like her long, natural blonde hair, and said it was one thing that makes her unique.

Princess Chehalis Stinger spoke about the loss of her mother at a young age, and all the things she wished she could experience with her. When asked what she would do with a million dollars, Stinger said she would buy a new Chevrolet truck and various outdoor gear to take her friends and family on the dunes and out shooting clay pigeons.

Princess Abby Watkins spoke briefly about the bullying she has experienced before dancing an interpretive dance to a spoken word poem about how bullying prevents people from being "true to you." During her interview, she said the celebrity she would most like to meet would be singer Carrie Underwood, whose journey Watkins admires.

During the formal wear portion

of the evening, mentors and parental figures escorted the Senior Court across the stage. The young men wore matching fitted suits with velvet jackets, each with a unique tie, while the young women wore long gowns and high heels in a variety of styles.

The 2017 Rhododendron Festival theme is "Always Ready to Rhody" in honor of U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. The Coast Guard presented the colors at the start of the evening, and Master Chief Tim Tregoning assisted 2016 Queen Rhododendra Hanna Anderson as they crowned Cahoon and Waggoner as the reigning rhody royalty.

Along with their titles, which they will hold for the next year, Cahoon and Waggoner won the Rhody Court Scholarship.

All 13 members of the 2017 Rhody Court will make appearances during Rhody Days.

On Saturday, May 20, members will appear in Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue's Junior Parade, and some might appear in the Rhody Run earlier in the day.

On Sunday, May 21, they will be "ready to rhody" on a float

sponsored by Banner Bank during the Rhododendron Festival Grand Floral Parade, starting at noon.

This year's Rhododendron Court Committee included Sapp, Krause, Brynne Sapp, Jenna Bartlett, Katie Libby, Dee Osborne and Holly O'Connor.

Judges were Florence Mayor Joe Henry, Melanie Heard, George Henry, Buss and Mister Ooh-La-La.

The Rhododendron Festival is sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, its underwriters Three Rivers Casino Resort, TR Hunter and Driftwood Shores Resorts, its distinguished sponsors and the community sponsors of the Junior and Senior Courts.



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Rhody Days ARTS FESTIVAL

An Eclectic Show and Sale of Unique Works of Art and Fine Craftsmanship

Friday ~ May 19th
11am ~ 5pm

Saturday ~ May 20th
10am ~ 5pm

Florence Events Center
715 Quince Street
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