

MUSIC

'Fresh Impression' winners announced

The Gallery Committee, as part of the non-profit Friends of the Florence Events Center (FEC), recently put on an Artist Reception for the students who participated in the High School Art Exhibit, "Fresh Impressions."

Financial awards were given by the Friends of the FEC for First, Second, and Third place, and City Lights Cinema donated movie tickets to all honorable mention award winners. 2-D artwork was matted by Frames of Florence.

Award winners are as follows: First Place for 2-D art to Ben Cahoon for his scratchboard "Beauty of the Abyss"; 3-D First Place went to Maci Wells for her



Friends of the FEC and artists recently attended a reception for winners of the "Fresh Impressions" show. From L, Jo Beaudreau, Ben Cahoon, Caesar Castillo, Jane Connelley, John Leasure, Patti Williams, Claudia Ignatieff, and Liz Johnson.

Monet inspired Teapot.

Second place went to Elissa Hurley for her scratchboard "Friendly Fox;

Third Place went to Hanna Anderson for her mixed media "Little Red Riding Hood."

Four Honorable Mention awards were given to: Kaitlin Snook, "It's Been a Really Weird Week"; Caesar Castillo for "Moonlit Lake"; Abby Watkins for "Snap Trap Turtle Teapot"; and Ethan Hack for "King."

This exhibit will be at the FEC through the month of May, and it is of exceptional quality.

Special thanks go to Siuslaw High School Art Instructor Kim Pickell for assisting with this exhibit.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

If: Gathering Women's Conference returns to Florence

In 2007, Jennie Allen says she sensed God telling her to disciple a generation. It seemed to be an impossible and improbable calling. Allen knew that if this call was truly from God, then He would make it a reality. So for years she waited, took small steps of obedience, and watched God begin to open doors and give favor.

The vision was to gather, equip and unleash women to live out God's calling in their lives. So, together with a team of friends, Allen formally established "IF: Gathering," a global women's gathering that will take place June 2 and 3 this year.

"We have seen God use this event to change lives for eternity, and we believe He wants to do life-changing work in and through you at IF:



Gathering 2017," says Allen.

Come together with other women in your community by watching the

livestream at the FEC.

IF:Gathering 2017 will look at one of the most influential generations that

has ever lived — the early church. The way God moved through them was simple and pure.

"We believe they are the model we need right now," said Allen. "Our dream is that we would experience the power of God as He does big things through simple acts of faith.

"That we live unified, surrendered to God, not just in our minds and in our theology, but also in our daily lives."

The If: Gathering will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 2, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 3.

Pay what you can, and pre-register at fflorence.eventbrite.com, or email host Kristen Ohran at kristenohran@gmail.com for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Siuslaw High School Spring Band Concert

Music from the Siuslaw High School bands will fill the auditorium when they perform their year-end concert on the Florence Events Center's main stage.

The concert will feature each of Siuslaw's award-winning bands on Monday, June 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

The concert is free to the



public.

There will be solo performances by many individuals from the school's award-winning music programs.

The concert will also highlight SHS seniors in their final high school per-

formance, as well as recognize some of the outstanding musicians and what they've accomplished throughout the year.

Registration for seventh-annual Festival of Books begins this month

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors and publishers, will take place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30.

The event is hosted by the Friends of the FEC and the FFOB planning committee.

Now in its seventh year, the book festival continues to be a popular gathering for authors, publishers and potential future authors. The public is invited to this free event to meet the authors and have their books signed.



The book festival will feature several publishers. Writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many genres: fiction, nonfiction, memoir, children's literature, fantasy, mystery, young adult, poetry and more.

Nearly 20 of the authors in

attendance will be local residents.

On Friday, Sept. 29, John Daniel, winner of the 2006 Pacific Northwest Bookseller's Association Book

Award, will be the guest speaker.

There will also be a meet-and-greet and special author's panel that evening.

Registration for authors and publishers for the Florence Festival of Books will open Monday, June 12, online at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

Maria Callas Master Class
A play by: Terrence McNally
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Directed by Leah Goodwin
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