

FLORENCE IS DESTINATION FOR FAMILY REUNION



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Mark Peterson and his wife Debbie live in Las Vegas and visit Florence regularly to escape Nevada's stifling summer heat. This year the Peterson's brought the whole family. "Every two years our family meets for a reunion and this year we chose Florence. Our family is led by my mother Roberta Peterson. My four sisters, two brothers, Roberta's cousin, myself and all of our families traveled from Tuscon, Las Vegas, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Tacoma and Morton, Wash., to come to Florence. We love the area, the weather and, of course, the sea!" Mark said.

CAT holds auditions for 'Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike'

Class Act Theatre (CAT) announces open auditions for the hilarious Christopher Durang comedy "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike." The auditions will take place at CAT, 509 Kingwood Street, on Saturday and Sunday, July 1 and 2, at 2 p.m.

There are parts for two men and four women.

One of the male roles is for Spike, a young "boy toy" movie star wannabe, and the other is for Vanya, a middle-aged or slightly beyond middle aged curmudgeon.

The female roles include Nina, a star-struck sweet young neighbor girl, stage age 18 to 22; Sonia, a bitter middle-aged spinster; Masha, A middle-aged and slightly past her prime movie star; and Cassandra, a clairvoyant housekeeper that can be any age from young adult to senior.

All are excellent, fun roles. "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike" won a Tony Award for Best Play and is one of the

most lauded and beloved Broadway plays in recent years.

In the play, Vanya and his adopted sister Sonia live a quiet life in the farmhouse where they grew up. The family finds that their peace is disturbed when their movie star sister Masha returns unannounced with her 20-something boy-toy Spike.

Housekeeper Cassandra inserts bits of psychic absurdity and sweet young thing Nina catches Spike's eye and disrupts Masha's plans.

All of this results in a week-end of rivalry and raucous hilarity.

The production dates for the show are Sept. 8, 9 and 10 and 15, 16 and 17.

The play will be directed by David Lauria.

Those auditioning are encouraged to borrow a script from CAT by calling 541-991-3773 or stopping in at the theater on Mondays or Wednesdays from noon until 5:30 p.m.

New Life Lutheran Church assists LCC student

On June 6, New Life Lutheran Legacy and Endowment Commission was pleased to grant a scholarship to Justice Santos, a second year nursing student.

Justice was recently presented a check for \$750.

Presenting the grant were Pastor Lori Blake and her sister Denise visiting from Minnesota.

The check was presented at the Florence Event Centers' Lane Community College Scholarship Night.

The New Life Legacy and Endowment Commission is not a standing



COURTESY PHOTO

New Life Pastor Lori Blake presents LCC student Justice Santos with a scholarship check for \$750. Santos is majoring Secondary Education at the Florence LCC Campus.

committee, but a board of the investments of the appointed members to handle mission.

Spirituali-Tea to discuss justice, energy conservation

On Monday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m., the public is invited to join a group of individuals of diverse spiritual paths who are looking to share their path and to understand and appreciate the paths of others.

The "Spirituali-Tea" gathering will meet at the home of James and Suzanne Heintz at 875 Seventh St. in Florence.

Normal participation is 12 to 20 friends.

The topic discussed this week will be energy conservation and justice.

The Baha'i Writings say: "O Son of Spirit! The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away there from. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behoveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes."

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

For more information, call Suzanne at 541-590-0779.

The commission was established to be able to share income from investments as scholarships given to deserving students.

Justice is majoring in Secondary Education and is considered to be a terrific future teacher.

Each year at this time, the commission honors one or more students with scholarships and grants to groups benefiting the community.

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