

Registration opens for FEC Indoor Yard Sale

The Indoor Yard Sale is coming to the Florence Events Center on Aug. 12.

Starting Monday, July 10, at 8:30 a.m., applications to be part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center's annual indoor sale will be available.

The applications will be available for non-profit groups and individuals who wish to rent a booth space to display their goods.

For those who do not have a garage, adequate parking or have locations that are hard to find, this is a perfect solution to eliminate the clutter of

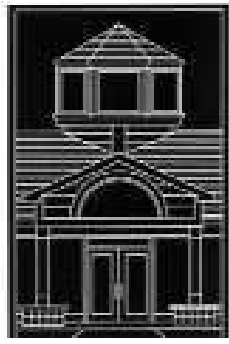
unused or unwanted items in the garage or the storage shed, and have the opportunity to be a part of this huge sale.

Single booths and double spaces are available for a fee from \$35 to \$90 and there are discounts for non-profit groups.

Space will be available until Thursday, August 10 at 5 p.m. for any group or individual to participate in the sale.

For more information on purchasing a booth, come in to the Florence Events Center office at 715 Quince Street or contact Jennifer Connor at the FEC at 541-997-1994.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Book Review

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir
By Jennifer Ryan

Through letters and journals, The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jennifer Ryan unfolds the struggles, affairs, deceptions and triumphs of a village choir during World War II.

As England becomes embroiled in the early days of World War II and the men are away fighting, the women of Chilbury village forge an uncommon bond.

They defy the Vicar's stuffy edict to close the choir and instead "carry on singing," resurrecting themselves as the Chilbury Ladies Choir.

This story tells the home-front struggles of five unforgettable choir members: A timid widow devastated when her only son

goes to fight; the older daughter of a local scion drawn to a mysterious artist; her younger sister pining over an impossible crush; a Jewish refugee from Czechoslovakia hiding a family secret; and a conniving midwife plotting to outrun her seedy past.

An enchanting ensemble novel that shuttles from small-town intrigue to romance to the heartbreaking matters of life and death, Jennifer Ryan's debut thrillingly illuminates the true strength of the women on the home front in a village of indomitable spirit.

Wildlife of the Dunes

The library is pleased to present local author and Oregon Dunes enthusiast Dina Pavlis discussing wildlife of the dunes at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, in the library's Bromley Room.

Spanning more than 40 miles, the Oregon Dunes boast over 400 species of wildlife, according to Pavlis. Attendees will learn about the birds and animals of the dunes.

Participants will receive information about how to volunteer for dunes restoration projects and threatened species protection efforts in the Siuslaw Region.

Controlling Invasive Weeds in the Dunes

The Wildlife program will

be followed at 3 p.m. by a workshop of the Oregon Dunes Cooperative Weed Management Area, teaching attendees how to identify, report and control non-native invasive weeds in or near the dunes.

The workshop will cover potential invaders and existing weeds and why it is important to stop the invasive weed invasion. Both programs are free and open to the general public.

Covered bridges of Oregon

Jerry Russell from the Covered Bridge Society of Oregon will be at the library on Saturday, July 15, at 1 p.m., discussing the covered bridges of Oregon.

Russell is a state expert in covered bridges and Oregon features the largest collection of them in the West.

The heyday of covered bridge building in Oregon occurred between 1905 and 1925 when there were an estimated 600 covered bridges in the state.

By 1977, this number had dwindled to 56. The Society, of which Russell is the vice-president, works to ensure that Oregon's covered bridges will be preserved for future generations.

Members work with legislators, local governments, news organizations and historical societies to provide funding, maintenance and protection to save the state's roofed bridges.

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