

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Florence to celebrate designation as official Coast Guard City

In October 2016, Florence Mayor Joe Henry and a group of community volunteers submitted an application for designation as a Coast Guard City to the U.S. Coast Guard on behalf of the City of Florence.

On July 17, the city received notice from Rear Admiral David Throop, who serves as the Commander of the 13th Coast Guard District in Seattle, Wash., that the application was successful.

The Coast Guard City Designation is

a special one that recognizes the relationship between a local Coast Guard station and the community they are located within. The City of Florence joins 23 other communities across the nation that have also earned this designation as a Coast Guard City.

This milestone is especially significant to have received in 2017 as this year marks the 100-year anniversary that the Florence community has been served by the local US Coast Guard

Station Siuslaw River.

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, the City of Florence and the U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River will celebrate Florence's Coast Guard City designation and the community members who helped make it possible during a reception open to the public.

Community members are encouraged to come hear about how Florence became a Coast Guard City, what this means, and to meet mem-

bers of the community who have helped to achieve this community goal.

The City will receive the official designation as a Coast Guard City from the U.S. Coast Guard at the celebration.

The event will be held at the FEC from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with the formal program beginning at 11 a.m.

Refreshments will be available.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Artists sought to participate in 'Symbols of America' exhibit

The Friends of FEC Gallery Committee are pleased to present the theme "Symbols of America" in Galleries One and Five during the month of October.

This will be done in conjunction with the Oregon Coast Military Museum, and all proceeds from a raffle will be donated to the museum.

The raffle prize is a beautiful American eagle in front of an American flag, an original pastel by artist Susan Thomas.

Artists can enter anything representing our beautiful country.

Scenery: National Parks, ocean, mountains, desert, waterfalls.



Susan Thomas has donated this American Eagle portrait as a raffle prize for the 'American Symbols' theme at the FEC.

Wildlife: eagle, buffalo, bear, mus-tang, sea and river life.

Monuments: flags, sports, cultures, space, technology, careers, heroes, and so much more.

We welcome all forms of media, including 2-D and 3-D art, and the art of photography. Artists work must be for sale, with artists receiving the proceeds from sales minus the FEC's 25 percent commission.

Up to three entries will be accepted per artist, at \$10 per entry.

The deadline for entries is Sept. 22. There will also be a reception with wine, appetizers and music on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Artists, veterans, active military and the community are invited, with details posted on the FEC website.

For more information contact www.eventcenter.org, or call 541 997-1994.

Featured at the reception will be paintings and drawings from WWII Veteran and photojournalist George Hoerner, as well as memorabilia from the museum.

SPECIAL EVENT

Come get behind-the-scenes of FEC during 'After Hours'

The City of Florence and the Friends of the Florence Events Center will team up for the Florence Chamber "Business After Hours" on Thursday,

Aug. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The reception will be held on the FEC stage, where the Friends will feature a dazzling "behind-the-scenes"

look from the technical perspective for performances held at the FEC.

The City will feature displays on the Housing and Economic Opportunity

Project (HEOP) and Revision Florence. Hors d'oeuvres and a variety of beverages will be provided by Pavilion Catering.

BOOKS AND WRITING

Registration deadline for Festival of Books is fast approaching

The annual Florence Festival of Books, a book fair for authors, publishers and readers, 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, as well as readers eager to find and meet new authors.

The public is invited to this free event.

The book festival will feature several publishers. Writers are invited to bring their manuscripts for a chance to meet with publishers representing many genres including: 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 beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, or \$10 at the door.

There will also be a meet-and-greet

and special author's panel that evening.

Saturday's book festival will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For authors and publishers wishing to participate with their own booth, time is running out.

Only a limited number of tables remain, after which names will then be placed on a waiting list.

Although the deadline to sign up isn't until Sept. 1, the FFOB always

fills before the deadline — so get your application in ASAP.

The fee is \$55 for a 6-foot table or \$70 for an 8-foot. If two authors want to share an 8-ft table, the fee is \$85. The fee is waived for authors of books under 18 years of age who will share tables.

Large and small publishers and fiction, non-fiction, and children's authors are welcome as well as young authors.

While most participants will be from western Oregon, authors and publishers from farther away are welcome.

Applications are available on the FFOB website at www.florencefestivalofbooks.org.

For more information, contact Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994.

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