

Writers on the River Literary Salon to return

Writers on the River presents its next "Midnight in Florence" Literary Salon on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple St. in Old Town Florence.

Designed as convivial events celebrating the written word like those in the film "Midnight in Paris," literary salons support local writers while upholding the literary arts in the digital era.

Hosted by FRAA creative writing instructor and award-winning journalist, columnist and author Catherine J. Rourke, the salon is free and open to the public.

Each event highlights "Featured Authors" who talk about their writing and share excerpts from their books. An Open Mic follows, during which writers of all levels and genres are invited to read, recite or sing excerpts from their published or unpublished material.

A \$5 donation is suggested to support FRAA for providing the space; refreshments will be available.

Siuslaw News Editor-in-Chief Ned



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An open mic opportunity will be available for writers to read samples of recent works to the audience.

Hickson, an award-winning journalist and nationally syndicated columnist, will appear as the "Featured Author," sharing passages from "Humor at the Speed of Life" and "Pearls of Writing Wisdom: From 16 Shucking Years as a Columnist."

Hickson will share insights and inspiration from his 30 years as a writer, author, editor and columnist.

Visit www.NedHickson.com for more info about his work.

Open Mic Reading slots are limited to five minutes on a first-come basis. Those who wish to participate in the Open Mic must arrive at 5:30 p.m. to sign up.

Call 541-708-2120 or e-mail CJReditor@gmail.com to preregister for the open mic or to appear as an upcoming "Featured Author."

"Literary salons inspire, unite and celebrate all writers while providing cultural enrichment and entertainment," Rourke said. "We are bringing the River Seine to the Siuslaw and the Left Bank to Bay Street; everyone is invited to join the fun."

This year Rourke will read an excerpt from her memoir, "Forgive Us Our Press Passes - Confessions of a Modern-Day Muckraker."

Writers on the River offers literary arts workshops and gatherings as an opportunity for open exchange and networking to support writers of all levels and genres on their journey.

CROW, Wildflower offer Tiny Tot Day Camp Aug. 21-25

Now is the time to sign up your little munchkins for CROW's very first "Tiny Tot Camp," a partnership between Wildflower Montessori and Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW).

This exciting day camp will feature arts, crafts, music, dance and more.

Dates are Monday through Friday, Aug. 21 to 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This camp is suitable for ages 3 to 6. Participants must be potty trained and mature enough to handle the camp environment.

"If your little one enjoys whimsical games, engaging stories, dancing to silly songs, painting, creating and playing,

then this is the perfect camp for them," says CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard.

The price is \$160 for the 5 days. CROW requires a \$50 deposit to hold a child's space.

Tiny Tot Camp will be held at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

There are limited spaces available, so parents are encouraged to reserve a space by filling out and mailing in your form as soon as possible.

Applications are available as a printable PDF at www.crowkids.com.

For more information, call Heard at 541-999-8641.

LOCAL SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

A new back to school tool is available for parents from local schools, as all of their school's supply lists are now posted on TeacherLists.com

Parents can find their child's exact supply list online, and immediately click to pre-filled shopping carts on Target, Walmart, Amazon, or Jet.com to purchase their list and have it shipped to their home. Target and Walmart also offer in store pick up.

The site includes lists for all Siuslaw District schools, as well as Mapleton Elementary School.

"For decades, the supply list process has been a frustration for parents," says

TeacherLists' President, John Driscoll. "Where to find the lists? When are they available? Forgetting the list on the counter at home. Hunting the isles for the specific items their teacher has requested. All of those issues are solved with TeacherLists."

More than 50,000 schools now have lists posted on TeacherLists.

Lists for more than 1 million classrooms are live on the site and include required and requested items as well as specific notes and clarifications from teachers and school staff.

Complete details and lists are available at www.teacherlists.com/parents.

Rehabbing homes adds another dimension to Habitat

Florence Habitat for Humanity (FHH) has been involved in its Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NR) since the summer of 2015.

With initial grants from Wells Fargo Foundation and the Lane County Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program, FHH began helping Coast Village neighbors stay in their homes by providing much needed volunteer assistance.

Helping low-income seniors, the disabled and Veterans fits well into the mission of FHH: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

"The program is designed to assist qualified applicants with basic home repairs, such as porch steps, water heaters, wheelchair ramps, insulated windows, siding and leaky roofs," said Linda Stent, Interim Executive Director.

Using long-time FHH volunteers helps to keep the costs down. This assistance, combined with zero interest loans for the materials, provides an affordable option for homeowners who would not otherwise be able to do the neces-



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From the left: Volunteer builders Tom Pfeiffer, Ray Dunning and Steve Hager on a coffee break.

sary preventative repairs on their homes. "So far," Stent said, "we have rehabbed 48 homes, with

24 more pending on our list."

This is an example of another essential program that FHH provides for the Florence community from its fundraising efforts, such as the upcoming BeachWalk on Sept. 9.

"If you are concerned about decent housing and projects such as the NR, please consider a donation of time and/or money in support of the annual BeachWalk to provide decent housing in this area," said Stent. "Your neighbors will appreciate the lending hand."

For more information about the BeachWalk, contact Stent at stentlinda@yahoo.com or call 541-844-5573.

Still time to apply for Soroptimist 'Dream' grant

Don't miss the chance to apply for the Soroptimist International Club of Florence (SIF) annual "Live Your Dream Award."

These awards are for women who are head-of-household and want to further their education. The funds are given directly to the individual to help with living expenses while attending school.

The application period is open now through Nov. 15.

An application can be found online at www.soroptimist.org/liveyourdreamawards.html. (click on the "Live Your Dream" link.)

The link contains information about eligibility, a video and instructions for the application process.

A local woman was recently awarded \$1,000 by the Florence Soroptimists (SOF) and her application was forwarded to the Soroptimist International of the Americas (SIA) Northwest Region to be included in a pool for an additional award. She was then selected to receive an additional award of \$1,500.

For more information about the award or filling out the application, call Nancy Bosket at 541-902-7250.

Siuslaw News garage sale GUIDE

<p>Thurs-Sat 8/17-8/19 8am-4pm 543 Myeena Loop, Huge Estate Sale! Lots of everything!</p>	<p>Fri-Sat 8/18-8/19 8am-3pm 89469 Shore Crest Dr., Jewelry, yard art, & antiques.</p>
<p>Fri-Sat 8/18-8/19 9am-5pm 4020 Munsel Creek Dr., Moving Sale! China Hutch, Metal Shop Cabinets, Large Headboard, Flowers, Etc.</p>	<p>Sat 8/19 8am-4pm 1117 8th St., Liquidating Estate. Quality Furniture, tools, surfboards, Home décor, kitchenware. Great selection! See our ad on Craigslist.</p>
<p>Fri-Sat 8/18-8/19 9am-4pm 7123 Maple Creek Rd., 5mi. down canary 2-Family Sale! Hunting, Fishing, Kids stuff, household goods.</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 60px; height: 60px; margin: 0 auto; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>FREE garage sale signs 541-997-3441 <small>with your ad</small></p> </div> </div>
<p>Sat Only! 8/19 9am-3pm 11th & Alder St., Neighborhood Garage Sale!</p>	

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