

## Florence announces a 'Call to artists'

The City of Florence and the City's Public Art Committee (PAC) are pleased to announce plans to create and install several high impact art projects.

The PAC believes that these projects will generate community pride and connectivity, provide artists a creative outlet with high visibility, and benefit citizens with quality and meaningful public art while encouraging economic development and tourism.

The first project the group is seeking artists for will be the Siuslaw Bridge Steps Art Installation.

The Siuslaw Bridge in Old Town Florence is an historic landmark, long a symbol for the city and gateway to the riverfront downtown area.

The Siuslaw Bridge Steps Art Installation Project is an exciting outdoor public art project designed to beautify and enhance the park-like hill and pedestrian steps leading from Old Town Florence up to

the Siuslaw Bridge.

The vision for this project is to install artwork on the steps, utilizing them as a canvas while also incorporating the railings, lighting and natural incline of the landscape.

The goal of this project is to bring this interesting but often overlooked area of Old Town to life with eye-catching and interactive art while maintaining the functionality and safety of the steps for pedestrians.

The group is looking for imaginative designs that include the possibility of community participation at some stage of the installation process.

Design ideas that utilize a variety of media are encouraged.

For more information about the Public Art Committee and its projects, visit the City of Florence website, or contact City Recorder Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese at [kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us](mailto:kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us)

# THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

SUBMIT ALL EVENTS INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO [PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM](mailto:PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM)

### Saturday, Aug. 26

**Siuslaw Watershed Council Salmon Run 5K**  
8:30 a.m. registration; race begins at 9 a.m. Registration required  
Mapleton High School EclecticEdgeRacing.com/salmon-run-5k.html

**"Watchman's Canoe"**  
Showing + Q&A  
11:30 a.m.  
Tickets required  
City Lights Cinemas

**Gifts of the Heart Part II**  
Fundraiser concert for Malakai Kirk  
7 p.m.  
Tickets required  
Florence Events Center

**"Sister Act!" Drag Show hosted by Fanny Rugburn**  
8 p.m.  
Tickets required, 18+  
Class Act Theatre  
[catproductions.org](http://catproductions.org)

**Ichiban Cosplay Party**  
10 p.m.  
Open to public  
1179 Highway 101  
See Facebook page

### Sunday, Aug. 27

**Florence Ukulele Club "The Flukes" meets**  
1:30-2:30pm:  
Beginners  
3-4 p.m.: Song circle for all levels  
Siuslaw Public Library

### Monday, Aug. 28

**Florence City Council Meeting**  
5:30 p.m.  
Open to public  
Florence City Hall

### Wednesday, Aug. 30

**Florence Liberty Alliance presents "Idiocracy"**  
5:30 p.m.  
Free showing + snacks  
Call 541-590-5435 to register  
City Lights Cinemas

### Thursday, Aug. 31

**Free Grant Writing Workshop**  
Hosted by Lane County Cultural Coalition  
11 a.m.  
Open to public

Siuslaw Public Library

**Thirsty Thursday Pub Talk — Marketing 101**  
5:15-7 p.m.  
Registration required  
Ixtapa Florence  
1015 Highway 101  
[florencechamber.com](http://florencechamber.com)

### Friday, Sept. 1

**CASA Benefit + Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters 10-Year Anniversary**  
7-10 p.m.  
Open to public  
Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters

### Saturday, Sept. 2

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Open to public  
Siuslaw Public Library

**Florence Area Democratic Club Meeting**  
11 a.m.  
Open to public  
Florence Senior Center

### Sunday, Sept. 3

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Open to public  
Siuslaw Public Library

### Sept. 8-10

**10th annual Rods 'n' Rhodies + 5th annual Community Wide Garage Sale**  
Florence area  
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