

2017 HOLLY JOLLY FOLLIES



It's that time again for the Holly Jolly Follies! This year the stage will sparkle with "Totally Twisted Tinsel."

Each year, happy local folks head to the Florence Events Center the first week of December for the community event, "The Holly Jolly Follies." This year's Follies, subtitled "Totally Twisted Tinsel: The True Meaning of Christmas," will be produced December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd by local non-profit, Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (C.R.O.W.).

C.R.O.W. Artistic Director, Melanie Heard is honored to once again be at the helm. Rose Ellen Jacobson has penned a quirky plot, involving many creative and clever characters, guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit.

This year, the theme revolves around friendship, patience, understanding, and the true meaning of the holiday season. But of course, these important concepts are not always easily attained. The leading characters of "Amarillo Snowden," an aging Ballroom dance champion, and "Dolly Dinkle," an opinionated, bossy dance studio owner, get their tinsel in a twist, and must learn a comedic lesson in how to "get along."

This hilarious plot is accompanied by beautiful vocals, funny little skits and scenes, ensemble numbers, and the debut of C.R.O.W.'s new "Flight Dance Team," which will present two stunning pieces of choreography.

Producing the Follies is no easy feat, since it involves such a diverse

crowd of talents.

Local groups and individuals bring a myriad of ideas and offerings to C.R.O.W. each year, and it can be a bit challenging to piece the puzzle together. But C.R.O.W. is honored to produce their second year of the Follies, which has become a Florence tradition throughout the years. "There are many challenges in day-to-day life for the average person," says Heard. "It's my hope that the Follies can make you forget your troubles and come along for a light-hearted, warm and fuzzy sleigh ride with us. We promise we'll make you smile."

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and younger. "The 2017 Holly Jolly Follies," are available

Amarillo Snowden gives Santa Claus a detailed description of his Christmas list.

on the Florence Events Center website at www.eventcenter.org, or by calling the box office at 541-997-1994.

Showtimes are Friday and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. All proceeds from the Follies support youth scholarships and the ongoing arts programming that C.R.O.W. provides to local kids. For additional details about C.R.O.W. and the Follies please visit www.crowkids.com



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OPEN HOUSE

The current Stormwater Management Plan was developed in the late 1990's, completed in 2000 and adopted by the City of Florence in 2004. The function of the plan is to make recommendations for stormwater capital improvement projects to address flooding problems and protect the quantity and quality of water in the aquifer, Munsel Creek, Siuslaw River, as well as other valuable natural resources.

The 2000 Stormwater Management Plan has been used to guide and direct the planning and development efforts, including upgrades and

expansion of the stormwater conveyance system for a period of 20 years. As the end of that planning period approaches, and most of the projects contained in the current Stormwater Management Plan have been completed, now is the time for the City to reevaluate stormwater management needs of the community. This reevaluation will identify and prioritize the deficiencies that exist now, so that City stormwater funds are utilized in the best possible way.

In February 2017, the City retained Civil West Engineering Services, Inc. to complete an update to the current

Stormwater Master Plan. A critical aspect to the success of that effort is to engage the community in conversation, and collect as much information as possible regarding existing drainage problems and flooding issues around the City. The City, together with its consultants from Civil West, will be holding a public reception at the Florence Events Center on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. We invite you to stop by and share your knowledge and concerns with us.

In addition to the general public reception, two sessions are scheduled

to discuss the recent flooding issues that the community experienced during the winter 2017. The first session is November 1st from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm for concerned citizens living in the area of Coastal Highlands between 18th and 16th Streets.

The second session is scheduled for November 1st from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for concerned citizens living within the Mariners Village development.

All sessions are open to the public and free to attend.

EMPTY BOWLS

Buy an empty, handmade bowl created by local artists and, in the process, help someone who may otherwise go hungry for the holidays.

That's been the idea behind the annual Empty Bowls event for the past 22 years. This year's event will offer more than 500 handmade ceramic, glass and wooden bowls to the public, created by many local artists, with the purchase price of \$5 and up.

One of a kind wooden artwork (sushi boards, coasters, trivets and more) will be available from local artist Rhonda Butler.

In addition, Food Share will have a silent auction table full of wonderful art and items of all kinds.

The 22nd Annual Empty Bowls fundraiser opens Friday, December 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. continuing December 2nd, Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and concluding on December 3rd, Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Every year sponsors, local restaurants, Lane Community College artists, Siuslaw High School artists and numerous volunteers join together to make this community event a success.

All proceeds from this fundraiser make it possible for the Florence Food Share to provide services to those in need in the area.

Admission is free to the event and the public is encouraged to attend.



Oregon Concealed Weapons Class

Earn a state certified concealed firearm permit on Nov. 29 at 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

NRA certified trainer Shaun Curtain of Firearm Training Northwest will be offering a class providing the necessary Oregon Concealed Carry training certificate.

For more information and to register online contact Shaun at www.shauncurtain.com.

Lane County Blood Mobile

Blood donations will be accepted at the Florence Events Center on Monday, December 11th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. by the Lane County Blood Center.



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