

## Holiday wreaths to benefit Memory Respite Center

The Memory Loss Respite Center of Florence has a two-fold mission: to provide socialization and activities for the person with memory loss while providing respite, information and peace of mind to the family caregiver.

The center is located at the Senior Center at 1570 Kingwood St.

Laurel Bay Gardens is generously donating the profits of its Christmas wreath sales to

the memory center.

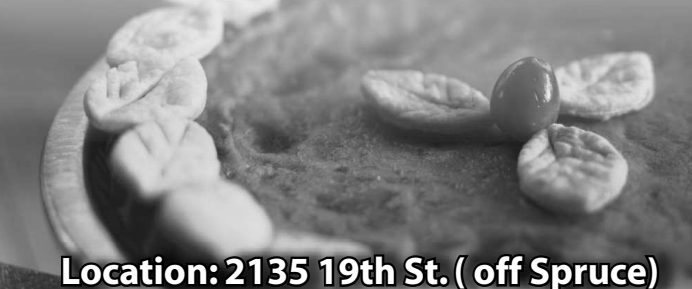
Order by Nov. 19 and your wreath will be ready for pick-up beginning Dec. 3.

Wreath varieties include pine, noble fir and cones and come in 14-inch or 18-inch sizes. The cost will be between \$45 and \$65.

To order, call the respite center at 541-902-8539 or Laurel Bay Gardens at 541-997-5973.

### Pies Plus at St. Andrews Episcopal Church November 18th • 9am-1pm

Come join us-have a piece of pie and coffee. You may also purchase Thanksgiving pies and/or Christmas gifts made and crafted by members of the church.



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## Yachats annual Celtic Music Fest this weekend

The 17th annual Yachats Celtic Music Festival returns to Yachats Nov. 10-12. A weekend of Celtic music will feature world class traditional and contemporary music of the Celtic countries, showcasing the influence of Celtic music throughout the world.

This year, festival entertainment will feature: The Seamus Egan Project, The Bronnie Griffin Band featuring Bronnie Griffin with Cary Novotny and Johnny B Connolly, Kevin Carr and Family, Lindsay Straw, Na Rosai, Bob Soper and Elizabeth Nicholson, plus many surprises.

Experience a new "pub style" format at the



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The Seamus Egan Project will perform at the Yachats Celtic Music Festival the weekend of Nov. 10-12.

Yachats Commons, along with mini concerts at the Little Log Church, and dance workshops on the wooden floor of the Yachats Lions Club.

Experience the "Piper on the Point" at sunset.

Enjoy workshops, storytelling, dancing, jam sessions, whiskey tasting, gourmet food and drinks, plus a variety of vendors. Friday activities start at noon this year with a mix of free and paid events throughout the weekend.

The Yachats Celtic Music Festival is produced by Polly Plumb Productions.

Tickets are now on sale at [BrownPaperTickets.com](http://BrownPaperTickets.com).

## Second Saturday Tour offers jump start to holiday shopping

The 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour set for this Saturday, Nov. 11, will kick off the holiday season.

Between 3 to 5 p.m., the public is invited to enjoy local art, interactions with fellow patrons of the arts and artists, receptions, refreshments and live entertainment.

The Studio at Jayne Smoley Design will be offering its special handmade Holiday Gift Gallery starting at 10 a.m. and featuring local and regional artists.

Backstreet Gallery has two special events this month: The "Where Art Thou?" community art show at the Florence Events Center and its Artists of the Month — Kathy King, Mariann Mawcintt and Bill Johnson — at the gallery in Old Town.

Silver Linings Gallery is featuring photographer David LaBriere.

Grab a coffee at Old Town Coffee & Gallery and enjoy Driftwood Arts by Eddie Carthart and Andy Nedder.

Celebrate youth art at Florence Regional Art Alliance (FRAA) with Elissa Hurley and her scratchboard art and oils.

The River Gallery is featuring a special collection by Northwest artists.

Doc Pinnock has a special collection of his watercolors up at the Hideaway Gallery.

A fresh new feel of maritime art and maps are at the Old Town Barber Shop, and Alissa Clark Clayworks is featuring vases this month.

RiverSide Eats is featuring oil painter Mike Morrow; The Vardanian Gallery has art, wine and provisions; the Siuslaw Public Library is exhibiting its 25th annual Hang-It-All Show.

Come check out works created by talented artists in the community.

BeauxArts Fine Art Materials and Gallery is featuring a mini make-and-take for the Florence Art Passport.

For more information, visit the 2nd Saturday website at [2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com](http://2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com).

## 'Amy's Touch' focuses on specialized healthcare needs

Retired nurse Amy Yelk has been a part of the healthcare industry for more than 25 years. After visiting a friend in Florence about a year ago, Yelk decided to stay because, in addition to enjoying Oregon, she saw a need for her services.

"I love helping people with their health needs, especially

the elderly," said Yelk who, before becoming a nurse, worked in a nursing home. It was there that she discovered a common practice of bad nail care.

"I was horrified and vowed to help people heal their medical issues in their nails and feet in any way possible," Yelk

said.

The result is her new Florence business, Amy's Touch. To address the specialized medical care for nails and feet, Yelk also practices Reflexology, the art of healing the body through massaging the feet, hands and ears.

Over the years, Yelk has also

come to specialize in heart and brain health, mental emotional support, Essential Oils and more.

Yelk provides service 5 to 6 days a week. Day and evening appointments are available by appointment only.

For more information, call Amy's Touch at 310-895-3391.

### Living on Shaky Ground: Prepare-Survive-Recover A WLEOG Public Outreach Program

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In addition to the classes, the [WLEOG.ORG](http://WLEOG.ORG) website has extremely useful information on NATURAL HAZARDS and EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS.

Each of these has videos on various topics that explain the hazards the Pacific Northwest faces, and how to prepare for them.

For more information, visit these websites:

- AMERICAN RED CROSS — [WWW.REDCROSS.ORG](http://WWW.REDCROSS.ORG)
- CITY OF FLORENCE — [WWW.CI.FLORENCE.OR.US](http://WWW.CI.FLORENCE.OR.US)
- FEMA — [WWW.READY.GOV](http://WWW.READY.GOV)
- LANE COUNTY — [WWW.LANECOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.LANECOUNTY.ORG)
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### Flooding Safety

Floods are frequent natural disasters that can cause widespread damage to homes, businesses and property in a hurry. They can also take lives.

In water year 2012 (Oct. 1, 2011–Sept. 30, 2012), flooding caused 34 fatalities nationwide, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ([www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)). Flooding was also directly responsible for \$500 million worth of damage.

#### TYPES OF FLOODING

Once a river reaches flood stage, the National Weather Service places flood severity into one of three categories: minor, moderate and major. Each category has a definition based on property damage and public threat, and are explained below.

- Minor flooding: Zero or very minimal property damage, but possibly a chance of public threat.
- Moderate flooding: Some inundation of structures and roads near streams with necessary evacuations of people and property.
- Major flooding: Extensive inundation of structures and roads with significant evacuations of people and property.

#### PREPARING FOR A FLOOD

The American Red Cross put together a list of essential items that can help you better prepare to withstand flooding. Here are a few highlights. Visit [www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/flood) for the full list.

- Water: At least a three-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- First-Aid Kit
- Seven-day supply of any critical medications
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Extra cash
- Maps of the area
- Baby and pet supplies if applicable
- Insect repellent and sunscreen

#### TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

A flash flood can happen in a hurry, which can cause people to act without taking the time to think about potential dangers. Half of all people killed in floods are those in vehicles, according to the NOAA. The organization urges drivers to



remember the simple mantra "Turn Around, Don't Drown" — return to higher ground — if faced with flood waters on the road.

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