

Community Chorus holiday concert Dec. 9

This year, the Community Chorus of Florence will present two free concerts at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw.

Directed by David Aakre, the chorus will perform classical Christmas music, with Rhianna Haines, chorus

accompanist, playing a special piano solo.

The concert will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.

Both free concerts will take place at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996, Highway 101 in Florence.

Although the concert is free to all, any donations are appreciated.

For more information, call 541-997-3469, or visit www.communitychorusflorenceoregon.org.

Annual Empty Bowls to feature Raku art from Greg Kennedy

At Florence Food Share's annual Empty Bowls fundraiser this December, ceramic artist Greg Kennedy will again be donating multiple original pieces to the event.

Kennedy began working with clay while apprenticing to Mike McCollum at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in the early 1970s. McCollum instilled in Kennedy a deep appreciation of Japanese Momoyam Era ceramics, inspiring him to visit the seven ancient kiln sites of Japan as well as the home and studio of Shoji Hamada in Mashiko.

Other travels in Kennedy's life have focused on the ceramics of Great Britain, Southeast Asia, Tibet, Egypt and Mexico. Etruscan, Cycladic, classical Greek and Pueblo pottery of the southwest have also woven their sensibilities into his work.

For 34 years, Kennedy has continuously worked to develop his clay aesthetic. During that time, he has also taught ceramics at cultural art centers, community colleges and, more recently, taught ceramics at the Idyllwild Arts Academy in California for 18 years.

Since moving to Deadwood



COURTESY PHOTO

Raku ceramic art by Greg Kennedy, whose work is on display at River Gallery. He is donating pieces to this year's Empty Bowls event.

Creek in the coast range of Oregon in 2004, the focus of his work has been on Raku and saggar firing practices. Kennedy's artwork is currently being shown at the River Gallery in Florence.

"I am compelled to manifest my inner vision, to make mud stand up and take flight, to try to predict and to produce outcome from apparent chaos, and

to forge form with fire to accomplish a holistic unity of surface and structure," Kennedy said of his works.

The annual Empty Bowls event is a fundraiser for Food Share. See Kennedy's latest creations at this year's event, which takes place Dec. 1-3, at the Florence Events Center.

For more information, call Food Share at 541-997-9110.

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THIS WEEK'S LUCKY WINNERS:

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| Tuesday 11/14 | Brenda McDaniel Lanny Nivens | Westlake Florence | Safeway/Florence Safeway/Florence |
| Wednesday 11/15 | Benny Villaruz Conrad Anderson | Cottage Grove Florence | Safeway/Florence Florence Liquor Agency |
| Thursday 11/16 | Linda Stevens Richard Kuert | ReedSPORT Florence | Safeway/Florence Safeway/Florence |
| Friday 11/17 | Bear McDaniel Lonita Dalziel | Westlake Florence | Beachcomber Florence Liquor Agency |
| Saturday 11/18 | Linda Viera Pattie Panther | Mapleton Florence | Dunes Café Firehouse Restaurant |
| Sunday 11/19 | Linda McPhedran Roger Rice | Florence Florence | Grocery Outlet/Florence Safeway/Florence |
| Monday 11/20 | Bear McDaniel Conrad Anderson | Westlake Florence | Safeway/Florence Safeway/Florence |

Each winner receives \$50.00 in Community Cash!
Winners have 7 days from the date drawn to claim their prize.

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FRAA to hold its annual Holiday Arts Festival

The Holiday season is here and the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA).

Holiday Arts Festival 2017 is a great place to shop for unique gifts and fine craftsmanship.

The festival opens Friday, Dec. 1, from 1 to 7 p.m. for afternoon and evening shopping, and again Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Attendees will get to meet the local and coastal craftsmen and artisans, showing off their

latest creative designs and unique works of art.

Artists include: Barbara Campbell, stained glass; Rich Huckins, wood creations; Kristin Anderson, fused glass; Kim Miller, watercolors, prints and cards; Tina Shoys, mosaic art; Lori Muir, local fine art photography; Debbie Kiturkes, hand painted pottery; Maggie Bagon, homespun and hand-dyed wool hats; Beverly Apple, copper roof jewelry; Kathi Smith, hand knitted/crocheted hats, scarfs and shawls;

Patti Williams, Silver art jewelry and paintings; Peggy Goodrow, stained glass; Sherry Seacrest, steampunk, altered art mobiles; Cindy Covert, crocheted and seasonal items; Janette and Kevin Square, intarsia wood art and fractal art; Ralph and Vicki Martin, scrollsaw wood art; Foggy Bay Studios, wood items, hand-felted scarves and more; Peggy Brewster, mushroom art and encaustic paintings; Joyce McCutchen, knit items, pens, bottle stoppers and more; Kris DeNoyer, ceramic critters and ceramic ornaments; Pat Tellez, beadwork; and Claudia Brown, bead, wirework and sea glass designs.

Artisans exhibiting in the Holiday Arts Festival will be donating 10 percent of their sales to the FRAA Art Center. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Claudia Brown 541-902-1933.

IMPOUNDMENT



#13710

#13708

A male Border Collie mix #13710 and female mixed breed #13708 have been impounded at the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

Call 541-997-4277 or stop by the shelter at 2840 Rhododendron Drive to claim.

Visit OCHS at oregoncoasthumanesociety.org.

WEATHER DATA

| DATE | HIGH | LOW | RAIN |
|---------|------|-----|------|
| Nov. 14 | 56 | 44 | 0.00 |
| Nov. 15 | 53 | 43 | 2.35 |
| Nov. 16 | 46 | 41 | 0.74 |
| Nov. 17 | 51 | 36 | 0.08 |
| Nov. 18 | 50 | 35 | 0.00 |
| Nov. 19 | 53 | 33 | 0.13 |
| Nov. 20 | 55 | 48 | 0.25 |

Rainfall Week: 3.55"
Month: 8.82" Year: 90.74"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

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4th Annual Benefit

Festival of Trees

November 25 and 26

"Walking Through a Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, 10am-4pm - FREE ADMISSION
Shop for grab-and-go trees & wreaths!
Come see Santa!

Sunday, 5pm - Dinner and Auction
Tickets available in advance
at the museum gift shop.

Florence Events Center
November 25 & 26

Over 100 festively decorated trees, wreaths and stockings waiting for you!

TICKETS FOR DINNER & AUCTION ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THESE LOCATIONS:

Military Museum Gift Shop ~ Beach House Gifts ~ Cindy Wobbe Estates

A Holiday Celebration benefitting the Oregon Coast Military Museum