

# Genealogy Society to discuss DNA test result options

After receiving the results from one of the several DNA testing options now available, many people are unsure of that to do next or how to use those results to learn more about their genealogy.

To explore answers to these and other questions, the Siuslaw Genealogy Society is hosting a one-day seminar Saturday, April 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Florence Events Center with internationally renowned speaker Emily Alicino.

Pre-registration is required



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Emily Alicino

and is available on the Siuslaw Genealogy Society blog at

www.siuslawgenealogy.org. The seminar is \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members, plus \$10 for a box lunch.

Alicino, a retired teacher, is the regional coordinator and speaker for the International Society of Genetic Genealogists (ISOGG) for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and is the administrator of several DNA projects.

She is also the author of "Genetic Genealogy: The Basics and Beyond" and "Memoing My Memories."

Her blog can be found at:

www.genealem-geneticgenealogy.blogspot.com.

Topics of the seminar will include: Getting the Most from Your Autosomal DNA test; You Have a DNA Match, Now What?; Writing Your Childhood and Family Memories; and DNA Success Stories.

Alicino spoke at "Who Do You Think You Are? Live in Birmingham" in England; Back To Our Past conference in Dublin, Ireland; Frankfurt, Germany; Southern California Genealogical Society's

Jamboree; RootsTech; and attends Who Do You Think You Are? Live yearly.

This is the place to stop for anyone who has been wondering how to proceed after receiving their own DNA results.

Siuslaw Genealogy Society has monthly meetings on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Bromley Room at Siuslaw Public Library.

All are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.siuslawgenealogy.org.

## Burning Bowl, White Stone ceremony Monday

On Monday, Jan. 1, Spirituali-Tea will host a Burning Bowl and White Stone Ceremony. In a guided meditation, the group will reflect on the past year and consider the thoughts, emotions and behaviors that did not and do not serve the highest good.

Attendees will then release them by writing them down on paper and ceremoniously burning them in an appropriate receptacle.

Next, the group will set a new intention for the coming year, which will be written on a small white stone that serves as a reminder.

This ceremony is an adaptation of two ancient practices that have become widely used in many New Thought churches.

The evening will be led by New Thought minister, Eleanor Ross.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

For more information, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779.

## Public invited to film, panel on plastics pollution

With new restrictions placed on the recycling of plastics, the topic has raised awareness as well as concerns about the future impact and possible consequences.

With that in mind, the Siuslaw News and KCST/KCFM Coast Radio is inviting the community to a free screening of "A Plastic Ocean" on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at City Lights Cinemas. There will be two showings, at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A Plastic Ocean is an adventure documentary shot on more than 20 locations over the past four years. It features explorers Craig Leeson and Tanya Streeter along with a

team of international scientists who reveal the causes and consequences of plastic pollution, as well as share solutions.

Tickets are free, but there are only 230 available on a first come, first served basis. There is a limit of two per person, available at the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St. in Old Town, and City Lights Cinemas, 1920 Highway 101.

There will be a short Q&A panel for community members after each showing.

This community event is sponsored by Central Coast Disposal, the City of Florence, County Transfer & Recycling and Lane County Waste Management.

## FUUF to 'Go Down Memory Lane' on Sunday

At the Sunday, Dec. 31, meeting of the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, member Sally Wantz will lead the worship service titled: Going Down Memory Lane.

"We'll celebrate our wonderful year, going down mem-

ory lane," Wantz said. "This will be a time of sharing our experiences of being a part of our spiritual home. We'll also take part in a look-back exercise that will help create the 2018 that we desire."

The meeting will be from 10 to 11 a.m.

FUUF is located at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible. Come enjoy chili and share in a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during the service.

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.



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