

Oregon Cultural Trust

How to apply for close to \$5 million in grants offered this year will be the focus of “Conversations with Funders & Partners,” a nine-stop statewide tour **Feb. 7- Mar. 27** led by Oregon Cultural Trust Manager Aili Schreiner in partnership with the Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Heritage, Oregon Humanities and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office.

Joined by representatives from the Oregon Community Foundation and Travel Oregon, the group will also share information on statewide programming resources.



Organizations encouraged to attend include libraries, arts organizations, museums, cultural centers, historical societies, arts alliances, literary groups and heritage organizations. All cultural nonprofit organizations are welcome.

The Oregon Cultural Trust grants are awarded in four categories for cultural development throughout the state. The FY2019 cycle opened in January, 2018 with an application deadline in mid-April for projects taking place August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019. This meeting allows potential applicants to find out the specifics of grant guidelines and the categories.

“Conversations with Funders & Partners” will be held at the Florence Events Center on Wednesday, Feb. 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attendees will receive information about grant funds and significant programming resources that support local non-profit organizations.

There is no cost for attending the event and pre-registration is not required.

Siuslaw Awards Banquet

The 10th annual Siuslaw Awards banquet, sponsored by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on February 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

This prestigious event recognizes excellence in the local business community by naming recipients for awards in Excellence in Customer Service, Curb Appeal, Non-Profit Achievement, Community Caring, Innovation in Business, and the Stu Johnston Business of the Year Award.

Two outstanding individuals in the community will be honored with the First Citizen Award and the Future First Citizen Award.

The First Citizen Award recognizes that individual who has given selflessly to the community based on leadership, on community involvement and overall community impact. The nominees for 2017 include Jean Murphy, Rachel Pearson and Sam Spayd.

The Future First Citizen Award recognizes a student based on his or her academic success as well as civic involvement and contributions to the

community. The student nominees for 2017 are Kyle King, Kaylee Graham, Jared Brandt and Abigail Coday.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will also recognize an individual or business that has selflessly given of their time and efforts in supporting the Chamber and its efforts with the Distinguished Service Award.

Tickets for this community event are still available for \$40 from the chamber website at www.florencechamber.com. or by calling 541-997-3128.



The 2016 award for Innovation in Business went to the Friends of the Florence Events Center.

Indoor Yard Sale

The Indoor Yard Sale is coming to the Florence Events Center on February 24th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many interesting and unique items will be offered at this one day community event. New and used household goods, sporting equipment, collectibles, art and jewelry are just a few of the treasures that one may find in over 40 booths.

Admission is just \$1 to browse and the sale is a fundraiser for the Friends of the Florence Events Center.

For those who do not have a garage, adequate parking or hard to find locations, this is a perfect solution to be part of this huge sale. Applications for the annual indoor sale are available for non-profit

groups or individuals to rent a booth space to display their goods.

Single booths and double spaces are available for a fee from \$35 to \$90 and there are discounts for non-profit groups. Space will be available up until Thursday, February 22nd at 5 PM for any group or individual to participate in the sale.



Bicycles, record albums, antique post cards, collectible glass, fishing rods and garden decor are just a few of the unique items at the Friend of the FEC's Indoor Yard Sale.

Crab Crack

The popular Crab Crack event happening Saturday, February 3rd, from 4 to 7 p.m. was sold out before the crab season was even officially opened. Lucky ticket holders will enjoy Oregon coast crab along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and dessert by BJ's Ice Cream.

A no-host bar will be available. There will also be a silent auction held during the event that will include a beautiful selection of items.

The dinner is a fundraiser for the Florence Food Share, an emergency and supplemental food pantry serving individuals and households in West Lane County.



Based on a True Story

Last Resort Players announces the 4th edition of “Based on a True Story” (also known as BoaTS), on Saturday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 25th at a 2:00 p.m. matinee. Told by the people who really experienced them, BoaTS is a gathering of storytellers who retell their unbelievable tales in front of a live audience.

It's happened to all of us at one time or another - the “you can't make this stuff up” moment. When the storm is over and you recount the details, no one can believe



that it really happened that way. But it did, because you lived it. Those are the stories that make up a presentation of BoaTS.

The Last Resort Players team is currently seeking story submissions for BoaTS for the March show. Storytellers will be asked to tell their story directly to the audience, rather than to read it, and are encouraged to practice their storytelling in advance. Stories may be included in a book of BoaTS that will be published later this year as a fundraiser for the Florence theater organization.

If selected, each storyteller will be given 5 to 8 minutes to set-up, arc and close their storyline. Lectures, stereotypes and stand-up comedy routines are discouraged. True stories with high stakes, unusual circumstances, moments of epiphany and real characters make great stories for “Based on a True Story.”

A new website has been created to begin logging past story contributions and answer questions for future B.o.a.T.S. storytelling presentations at www.lastresortboats.com

Submissions and information can be directed to the creator of BoaTS, Jennifer Connor at lastresortboats@gmail.com.



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