

Siuslaw Viewfinders announce latest contest winners



From left, photos by Ed Wilent, Bill Stone and Margo Bagley from the January contest themed “The Sound of Music.”

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club gathered for its January meeting with the photo theme of “The Sound of Music.” Members created some fun

treatments with their images. Ed Wilent brought in first place with an open piano and notes drifting up from the strings. Second place went to Bill Stone with music coming out

of a soft pastoral scene he chose. Third place was given to Margo Bagley with a photo of the Salvation Army kettle showing community caring for others.

The next meeting is Monday, March 5, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. The February theme is “Technology.”

February is ‘Blind Date With a Book Month’ at library

For the fifth year in a row, Siuslaw Public Library will celebrate Valentine's Day the entire month of February by offering blind dates with books.

The Library invites the public spend time with a delightful new author or explore a genre different from your usual selections. Perhaps the surprise date will even be a mystery or, better yet, a romance. Or the date might be a fascinating historical or literary fiction selection, a spell-binding young adult novel, or an engrossing biography. And, best of all, patrons are not limited to one date during the month.

Patrons may arrange for as many blind dates during the month as they can possibly fit into their schedule.

Make every night in

February date night and win prizes, too.

Here's how it works: Patrons visit the Library and select one wrapped book per visit from the Blind Date bookshelf. They check out the book, arrive home and unwrap their date.

When they're finished reading the book, they fill out the evaluation form — your prize entry — and bring it to the library. All entry forms will be included in weekly drawings for fun prizes.

Patrons can pick up a new date when they drop off their form.

Dates will be available now through Feb. 28. Entry forms will be accepted through March 15.

The idea behind “Blind Date with a Book” is to open up new

worlds to library patrons, expand reading horizons and maybe even beat back the late winter doldrums.

Kevin Mittge, Adult Services Librarian who designed the popular program, is looking forward to February.

“What I like about the “Blind Date with a Book” program is that it gives people a chance to read outside their comfort zone, if they are interested in exploring new authors or topics or genres,” he said. “So, take a chance — read a book that you wouldn't otherwise pick up — and submit your short book review as an entry form for some great prizes.”

Over 150 dates were arranged and evaluated last year.

Drop by the library during

the month of February to add some variety to your reading list by checking out one of the library's “blind dates.”

Surprises and prizes await all participants.

For more information about the program, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person, call 541-997-3132, or visit www.siuslawlibrary.info.

Shoreline Christian to offer STEM classes

Students in grades 1-8 are invited to sign up for STEMsational Science—an eight-week hands-on, brain-teasing class to challenge every budding scientist.

“This is a great opportunity for kids to hone their 21st century interactive, problem-solving skills,” says Karen Nelson,

the instructor at Shoreline Christian School in Florence who is hosting the series.

The class will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for eight Wednesdays between February 7 and May 2. Grade-appropriate instruction, materials, student insurance and fun are all included for \$40 per student.

To sign up, call 541-997-5909 and turn in sign-up forms by Feb. 2.

Classes will meet Feb. 7, 21; March 7, 14, 28; April 4, 18; and May 2.

Shoreline Christian School is located just south of Fred Meyer, at 4445 Highway 101 in Florence.

Florence Big Wave Poetry hosting open mic night

Florence Big Wave First Tuesday Open Mic will be hosted this coming month by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, 120 Maple St., on Tuesday, Feb. 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to ride the wave to this Florence Big Wave Poetry sponsored event with a favorite poem, story or prose.

The event is free and everyone is welcome to participate. For more information, email bigwavepoetry@gmail.com.

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