

Annual Rotary Auction to showcase work of local artists, photogs

The Siuslaw region is home to a community of talented artists of all ages, giving visual voice to the imagery that surrounds the area.

The Rotary Club of Florence will showcase a number of

these artists with a variety of works available for auction at the March 10 event.

A relative newcomer to the arts scene, Quinn Lewis, is a Sophomore at Mapleton High School. A budding photogra-

pher and entrepreneur, Lewis is currently the yearbook editor at MHS and attended the Lifetouch International Yearbook conference in Santa Clara, Calif., last year.

His plans after graduation include further pursuing his interests in photography, with the ambitions of starting his own photography business. He credits his yearbook teacher, Jay Blake, with inspiring him by challenging his talents and skills. Lewis also has experience as the school photographer for community service events, and runs the school coffee cart.

After being recognized Jan. 9, by The Rotary Club of Florence as Mapleton Student of the Quarter, Lewis was asked to donate one of his prints to the upcoming Rotary Auction. A community partnership effort assisted Lewis in showcasing his work, with Joshua Greene, owner of The Archives, professionally printing Lewis' image, and Cameron Jagoe of Pacific Frameworks donating the matting and framework.

The completed piece is titled "Historic Crossing" and depicts an image of the Cushman bridge train trestle. The image



COURTESY PHOTO

The photo "Historic Crossing" by Quinn Lewis will be available at this year's auction.

will be auctioned off in the Gallery section of the Rotary Auction.

Quinn Lewis' photography will be featured alongside the works of other local talent. Additional works in the auction include a print of Marilyn Monroe from one of the rare and previously unpublished series of photos taken by Milton Greene and restored by Joshua Greene; Curt Peters, owner of Digital Dunes Photography, has bundled one of his art pieces titled "Central Oregon Coast," which showcases the beauty of our rugged

coastline, with a \$100 gift certificate for services at his business; the work of local watercolor artist Katheryn Davis was donated, including the original watercolor painting of "Ballerina Interlude," packaged with volume one and volume two of "The Art of Katheryn Davis."

Two separate artists have also donated works capturing the beauty of natural light on the Siuslaw river, with local artist Rodger Bennett's work entitled "Winter Sun on the Florence Riverfront," and photographer Ken McDougal's

piece "Boardwalk at Dawn." These works of art will be auctioned off starting at 5 p.m. on March 10.

All proceeds raised at the Rotary Auction go towards scholarships for local youth.

The theme for this year's event is "Let the Games Begin!" in recognition of the 2018 Olympics.

More information about this year's event is available from the auction co-chairs Kevin McMullin at hobergs.autorepair@gmail.com and Kim Erickson at kim.erickson@opbc.com.

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Raffle for five-course prime rib dinner for 10
Tickets \$10
Drawing March 15 at noon
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Tax Prep Assistance
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide
Mondays and Thursdays through April 14
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Siuslaw Public Library
aarpfoundation.org/taxaide

March 3 to 5

Florence Home and Garden Show
All day
\$2 admission
Florence Events Center

March 3

Florence Area Democratic Club Meeting
11 a.m.
Open to public
Florence Senior Center

Ada Grange's 100th Birthday Bash

1 to 3 p.m.
Open to public
Ada Grange
10 miles out Canary Road

"Talking about Dying:"

A Discussion with Bob Daley
Oregon Humanities Conversation Project
1 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Sip and Paint with Karylyn Keppol

5:30 p.m.
\$40 — RSVP required
Mindpower Gallery
417 Fir Ave., Reedsport
541-271-2485

March 4 to 9

Revival Services at First Baptist Church of Florence

11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday
6 p.m. Monday through Friday
Open to public
1935 East 25th St.
541-999-7953

March 5

Florence City Council Meeting

5:30 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.
Open to public
SWCD Office
1775 Laurel Way, Ste #4, Florence
siuswcd@gmail.com or 541-997-1272

Siuslaw School Band Concert

7 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center

March 6

Florence Big Wave Open Mic

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Open to public

FRAA Art Center

March 7

Van Fans Meeting
11:45 a.m. — check-in
Noon — lunch for \$8.50
Open to public
The Shorewood
541-999-0779

March 8

Three Rivers Annual Community Job Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Open to public
Three Rivers Casino Resort

March 9

Coastal Women Veterans Luncheon

11:30 a.m.
Open to military women
The Shorewood
RSVP to myjoyinparadise@gmail.com

"Ernest Haycox and the Western"

Discussion by Professor Richard Etulain
1 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

Florence MS Support Group

For time and location call Skip at 541997-8205 or Lloyd at 541-999-1608

March 10

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour

3 to 5 p.m.
Various locations around Florence
2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com

"Let the Games Begin!" Rotary Auction 2018

5 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Audition for "A Nice Family Gathering"

By Last Resort Players
2 to 4 p.m.
Open to public
Florence Events Center
Contact Judy Kaplan at lastresortplayers2@gmail.com or 541-999-9392

March 11

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By Last Resort Players
2 to 4 p.m.
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March 12

SAPPSA Meeting to Plan Community Events

3:30 p.m.
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library.
Contact sappsas@oregonfast.net

March 13

Us TOO Florence Prostate Cancer Support Group

With Dr. Bryan Mehlhaff
5 to 7 p.m.
Open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw
541-999-4239

March 14

Deluxe Small Business Seminar

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Open to public — RSVP required
Florence Events Center
www.deluxe.com/myflorence

Alzheimer's Association Programs

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's Disease"
1 to 2:30 p.m. — "Dementia Conversations"
Open to public
Siuslaw Public Library

March 15

Wine, Chowder & Dancing at Shorewood

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce
Business After Hours
5 to 7 p.m.
Shorewood Senior Living

March 16

Leprechaun Bingo and Pie Auction

6:30 p.m. — doors open
7 p.m. — games begin
Open to public
Mapleton Lions Club

Last Resort Players present "Funny Money" — The Improvised Game Show

7 p.m.
Tickets required
Florence Events Center

Visit rivercal.org for more calendar events.

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