

Florence Garden Club works with succulents

The Florence Garden Club is excited to welcome neighboring Coos Bay Garden Club members, Cheryl Drumheller and Mary Kerr, to the April meeting.

The club will meet on April 11 at 1 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

The public is invited.

The pair will demonstrate how to make garden wreaths using a variety of color and texture of succulents. Attendees will also learn how to care for them.

One of the biggest trends in home décor and gardening are succulent plants. Once relegated to a lonely pot or cracks in stone, these hearty plants are now the shining star of the garden world.

Featured in wedding magazines, high end stores, and even spilling out of an old cowboy boot, these plants have a new audience with home decorators and in even the most novice of gardens.

Their ease in maintenance



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Succulents are an exciting new trend in gardening



and lack of serious root systems allows them to be sculpted into a variety of things.

Vertical gardens made from succulents have been one of the more fascinating ways to grow this artful plant.

Heceta Head Lightstation throws party March 30

Heceta Head Lightstation is celebrating 124 years of its First Order Fresnel Lens shining light on the Oregon coast on Friday, March 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Birthday Party sponsors, Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative, will be providing warm drinks and cupcakes.

Taylor Sausages will be serving hot dogs, and Destination Events has donated a popcorn machine.

Local musicians, such as Milo Graamans, will perform at the historic Keeper's House.

The State Park will have the lighthouse open, U.S. Forest Service interpretive docents will be sharing information, and information about the marine reserve will be available.

Community members are encouraged to bring their cameras to commemorate this fun community-supported family event.

The Gift Shop will also be open and newly stocked with souvenirs and informative books and videos.

People can also bring their lighthouse passports to be stamped.



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Heceta Head Lightstation and the Lighthouse Keeper's House

Entry to the Keeper's House is free but donations are accepted.

Parking is available for \$5 at the Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic View Point, just below the Keeper's House, and NW Adventures Quest will shuttle visitors from the park

right to the front door.

People can also enjoy the beautiful spring walk up from the beach to the festivities at the Keeper's House.

The community can support the Restoration of the Lightstation and the Birthday Party events by entering a raffle to win a

free night's stay at the Heceta Bed and Breakfast, as well as great prizes from local artists and businesses.

For more information, contact the Heceta Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast at 866-547-3696, keepers@hecetalighthouse.com or www.hecetalighthouse.com.

Travel safely over Oregon's Spring Break

Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers are just as excited about Spring Break as you are, but their priority is that everyone arrives at their destinations safely.

OSP plans on doing saturation patrols along certain highways "from the California border to the Washington border," advises Sergeant First Class Randall Hand of the Klamath Falls Patrol Office.

This enforcement effort is aimed at increasing highway safety by providing a high visibility law enforcement presence.

Spring Break is the typical beginning of vacation travel in Oregon and across the United States.

All travelers, anxious to get to their destinations, often exceed the speed limit, make bad passes and may become fatigued by excessively long drives. In addition, late season inclement weather can exacerbate any travel related issues.

OSP Troopers will be particularly vigilant for those infractions dubbed the "Fatal Five," or violations related to speed, occupant safety, lane violations, impaired driving and distracted driving.

For more information about the state of Oregon's roads, visit tripcheck.com.



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WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
March 13	58	43	0.28
March 14	53	35	0.03
March 15	44	36	0.32
March 16	51	34	0.04
March 17	48	33	0.60
March 18	51	36	0.08
March 19	54	34	0.00

Rainfall Week: 1.35"
Month: 4.43" Year: 23.88"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham