

Rhody Show

The Siuslaw chapter holds two flower shows annually. The early rhody show was held in April and the second will be held in conjunction with the Rhododendron Days Celebration held annually on the third full weekend of May.

The Siuslaw Chapter Flower Shows are judged shows. The group strongly encourages all chapter members and the community at large to participate by bringing many entries. Their goal is to educate and introduce the show to many viewers with many selections available from the rhododendron world.

Entries to the show will be accepted on Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. The show is open to the public following the judging on Saturday, May 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information and a calendar of events, you may visit the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society website at www.siuslawars.org.



Rhody Run

May 19 - starts at 9:00 a.m.

Pre-register on-line

www.eventcenter.org/general/page/rhody-run-1

Rhody Court Showcase

The entire court of wonderful young women and men has become part of a beloved legacy and will reign over the Rhododendron Festival Parades and act as ambassadors for the entire Festival weekend.

Coronation night, one young woman and one young man will be crowned 2018 Queen Rhododendra and King of the Coast. Scholarships will be awarded to the entire senior court.

Please join us for a fun filled evening where these young people can share their talents and experiences and KICK OFF the 2018 Rhododendron Festival! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. We are ready to Rhody Rendezvous!



A Nice Family Gathering



Phil Olson's A Nice Family Gathering, presented by Last Resort Players and opening June 8, has been described by National Public Radio (NPR) as "Garrison Keillor meets 'Topper' by way of 'Fargo'!"

Directed by Judy Adams Kaplan, this award-winning family comedy is putting lots of the fun back into this dysfunctional family gathering. At the same time funny and full of heart, audiences may recognize elements of their own family life in this well-constructed little pearl of a play.

According to Psychology Today, western culture has been obsessed with sibling rivalry since the biblical story of Cain and Abel.

Freud attributed this natural conflict to a competition between siblings for parental love and attention. A Nice Family Gathering has some issues with "sibling rivalry" and much more. Lots of laughs and touching moments are delivered as the oldest, Michael, a successful doctor, and Carl, the second less financially successful son, play off each other. The quiet and often overlooked sister, Stacy, delivers some surprises of her own. It is very well cast and the Last Resort Players bring it to perfection. Come see the show and bring a hanky to wipe away the tears of laughter and ever-loving sweetness.

The show runs over two weekends, June 8, 9, 10 & 15, 16, 17. Evening performances are at 7:00 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are available now at the Florence Events Center box office open daily Monday thru Friday, online at eventcenter.org or by calling 541-997-1994.

Spring Concerts

The Siuslaw School District Spring Band Concert will be held on Monday, June 4th, led by band instructor, Chris Rowbotham. The middle and high school bands will showcase their musical achievements this school year.

On Tuesday, June 5th, at 7 p.m., the Siuslaw Choir Concert will be featured on the FEC stage, led by Siuslaw music teacher, Bruce Morganti. The choir will be singing a variety of repertoire, including: solo work, classical selections, pop and show tunes, and pieces from this year's festival catalog.

The Siuslaw school choir concerts are free and the public is encouraged to attend and support the vocalists.



Pictured: the Siuslaw School District Kids Choir

Music Matters



One would think that one of the greatest scientists who ever lived would have valued most the prizes, the honors and the public acclamation awarded him. But "I know that the most joy in my life has come to me from my violin," said Albert Einstein.

While the FloTones may not have the name recognition of an Einstein, music matters to them as well and they clearly experience the joy of music through their vocal jazz performances.

To share this with the Florence community, the FloTones are producing two performances of "Music Matters!" Saturday and Sunday, May 26 & 27.

The FloTones will be introducing some songs recently added to their repertoire including "Misty" and "For All We Know" and will include an audience favorite, Chuck Cassey's arrangement of "The William Tell Overture."

Sharing the stage with the FloTones will be four CROW Kids, all recently on stage in the C.R.O.W production of "Tarzan." The Kids soloists include Alizabeth Norton, William Owens, Kristen Owens and Elyse Stewart who will be presenting "Someone Like You" (Alizabeth), "Imagine (William)," "Wild Horses" (Kristen) and "A Million Dreams" (Elyse). The second half of the shows will feature The Miles To Go Quintet made up of percussionist and group

founder Nate Kaplan, songstress Maree Beers, bassist Ray Brassfield, Michael Anderson on guitar and Greg Aldridge on keyboard. The popular quintet features familiar jazz tunes and appears frequently in the Florence area. They have a regular gig in the Blue Bills Sports Bar in the Three Rivers Casino. Guest artists will include trumpet player Ron Green with the FloTones and Nyah Vollmer with the Miles To Go Quintet.

Does music matter to Florence's school age youngsters? Just listen to what some SHS band students say: "Music gives me a way to express myself in a positive and healthy way" and "Music matters to me because without it I would have never discovered my voice. It makes life fun and colorful." And it isn't just the students. Band director Chris Rowbotham adds, "Being in a band is about time management, dedication to practice and working together as team, all great qualities to have to be successful at anything they want to do."

The Saturday performance is at 7 p.m. with the Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. Tickets are available now at the FEC box office: \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.





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