

Lady Lutherans give WINGS to Mapleton Food Share



COURTESY PHOTOS

On Wednesday, May 2, members of the Resurrection Lutheran Church group WINGS (Women in God's Service) sponsored a Sharing High Tea in support of Mapleton Food Share. More than 60 women from the community were in attendance and were treated to a variety of teas, scones, finger sandwiches and other treats. Florence Mayor Joe Henry and Ron Duzy were on hand to serve tea to the many guests, including Karen Harden, Director of Mapleton Food Share. A total of \$1,541 in cash donations was received, along with a large quantity of food.

Big Wave Poetry Slam returning to Florence in June

The third annual Big Wave Poetry Slam, sponsored by the Florence Regional Arts Center (FRAA), will roll into the Florence Events Center (FEC) on Saturday, June 30. Poets from across the Pacific Northwest will compete for the largest cash prizes in the state.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., up to 30 poets will perform their 3-minute original poems or spoken word pieces for the audience and the judges. The entry fee is \$15.

The first-place prize is \$500, second place takes home \$250 and third place is \$100. Contestants are judged on both poem content and presentation.

Registration for the event is not yet open so stay tuned.

Friends of poets and the arts are invited to attend and enjoy a great evening of poetry performed in the slam style. This simply means the poems or spoken word pieces are performed dramatically, which makes for some great entertainment. Admission this year is \$5 and doors open to the public at 6 p.m.

The Big Wave Poetry committee is encouraging all poets interested in entering the slam contest to start polishing their poems and practicing their performances. Florence has an excellent opportunity for poets

to come out and practice in front of fellow poets during the open mic poetry night on the first Tuesday of each month at FRAA. The next open mic is Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The committee is also looking for volunteers who are willing to help organize and set up for the Poetry Slam. The next

committee meeting is at Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m. at Old Town Coffee Roasters, 125 Nopal St, Florence.

FRAA is located at 120 Maple St. For more information, contact FRAA at 541-997-4435 or visit www.fraa.org and click on "Poetry Fest."

FUUF to define the meaning of 'abundance'

On Sunday, May 6, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Rev. Dr. Marcia Pearce's message will be: "Abundance is Thine."

"Abundance is thine, sayeth the Lord," Pearce says, quoting the Bible and adding, "Forgive me, but I wish they had written, 'A consciousness of abundance is thine ...'"

Pearce says people spend so much time working, praying and treating for the abundance and prosperity that they don't have, that people give their energy to what they don't need.

"The first and most simple thing we can do for ourselves (and the world) is define what we mean by 'abundance,'" says Pearce. "There's really no wrong answer, unless we want what belongs to someone else. The great thing is that we all have available to us what we each individually need. It just needs a little adjustment in consciousness

to bring it forth."

FUUF, 87738 Hwy 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessible and each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each worship service.

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Farmer's Market to open in Old Town

The New Florence Farmer's Market will officially open Tuesday, May 15, from 3 to 7 p.m. The market will be located next to the Veteran's Memorial Park in Old Town, at Bay and Kingwood streets.

The Market will be open rain or shine every Tuesday through October.

Florence is joining markets up and down the Oregon coast in providing locally grown and processed foods to fill the need for food security locally and in surrounding areas. Committed responses from 10 area vendors will provide greater access to a variety of organic and sustainably grown farm products, both fresh and processed.

And as part of the market's

mission to support the community, the SNAP program will be accessible to its participants at the market.

The market is an initiative of the Siuslaw Vision program and is sponsored by the Florence Area Community Coalition.

A market team, coordinated and assembled by Mary Shaw, worked this year to make the market a reality.

"Community response for the market has been tremendously supportive," said Shaw. "Many residents helped to fund the market through its gofundme page."

For more information, visit riverca.org, the website for the Siuslaw Vision and its initiatives.

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Garage Sale GUIDE

<p>Fri-Sat 5/4-5/5, 9am-2pm, 88070 Windjammer N., Drill Press, Power washer, Welding equipment, Hydroponic equipment & more.</p>	<p>One Day Only! Sat 5/5, 9am-4pm, 4040 Munsel Creek Dr., Please no early birds!</p>
<p>Fri-Sat 5/4-5/5, 9am-4pm, 2194 13th St., No Early Birds, women's clothes, men's X-large sports jackets, shirts, pants, fishing gear, tools, elect. Patio heater, misc.</p>	<p>Sat/Sun, 5/5-5/6, 8am-3pm, 88189 2nd Ave., Arago & Rhody, Ladies & girls clothing, footwear, lots of new items.</p>
<p>Huge 3 Day VFW Sale! Fri-Sun 5/4-5/6, 9am-5pm., S. Side of Icbibans., Lots of household goods & furniture! Come see us!</p>	<p>Sat Only! 5/5, 9am-4pm, 298 Ivy St., Huge Sale! Furniture, fishing, tools, gardening, household items.</p>
<p>Sat 5/5 only, 8am-2pm, Corner of Rhododendron & Juniper, Moving Sale, 37yrs., accumulation, Everything goes!</p>	<p>Estate Sale May 4th & 5th 9am-3pm 3952 Spruce St. Couches, chairs, kitchen items, Curio cabinet, W/D, material, tools, fridge, small freezer & lots more. See ad on Craigslist & Facebook. Cash or checks only! Prepared by Linda Wilcox</p>
<p>Fri-Sat 5/4-5/5, 9am-3pm, 1571 2nd St., Rain may cancel or delay sale! Vintage jewelry, display cases, fishing gear, dresser & more.</p>	<p>SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE!</p>

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Hours Open: Wed-Fri 11am-5pm,
Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. 11am-5pm

Classes, Workshops & Events

Crochet Workshop & Crochet-A-Long with Eleanor Ross
Sunday, May 6, 1-4 pm
Learn basic techniques and terms, understand patterns, and create a headband and flower or neck warmer. Pre-registration req'd at FRAA or with Eleanor. Questions: 541-997-4435

Next Art Change-Out Day
Monday, May 14th, 9-11 am
Please pick up your artwork and bring something new to help keep the art at FRAA fresh to our visitors.

Rhody Days Art Festival
Friday, May 18th, 11 am - 5 pm and Saturday, May 19th, 10 am - 5 pm at the FEC. Paintings, Photography, Wood, Jewelry and more. Come enjoy our talented artists.

Whimsical Hand Building Ceramics w/ Alissa Clark
Wednesdays, 3-5 pm & Thursdays, 6-8 pm
Open Lab Ceramics on Saturdays
Drop in, work at own pace. Sat 12-5 pm Call Alissa with questions, 503-957-5222. All ceramics classes held at Alissa's Studio. 180 Laurel Street.

NEW! Poetry Writing Class with Jeff Lovejoy
Join Jeff for his first poetry class, Tuesday, May 8, 6-8 pm. Beginners, dabblers, and experienced writers welcome! Contact Jeff at jlovejoy54@gmail.com for questions and registration.

Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic
May 1st at 6:30 pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Midnight in Florence Literary Salon with Catherine Rourke
Saturday, May 26, 6-8 pm
Featured Author: Judy Fleagle
Writers Open Mic and Door Prizes
Free public event, \$5 suggested donation
Questions: contact 541-708-2120 or CJReditor@gmail.com

Painting with John Leasure
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm
Contact: jleasure@hotmail.com or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

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