

'Midnight in Florence' Literary Salon to celebrate local authors May 26

Writers on the River presents its next “Midnight in Florence” Literary Salon on Saturday, May 26, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), 120 Maple Street in Old Town Florence.

Designed as convivial events like those in the film “Midnight in Paris,” literary salons celebrate local writers and the literary arts.

Hosted by FRAA creative writing instructor and award-winning journalist, columnist and author Catherine J. Rourke, the salon is free and open to the public.

Following the tradition of Gertrude Stein’s infamous 1930s Parisian salons, each event highlights “Featured Authors”

who talk about their writing and share excerpts from their books.

An Open Mic follows, during which writers of all levels and genres are invited to read, recite or sing excerpts from their published or unpublished material.

A \$5 donation is suggested to support FRAA for providing the space and refreshments will be available.

Florence writer Judy Fleagle will appear as the featured author, sharing passages from “The Oregon Coast Guide to the UNEXPECTED” and “Devil Cat and Other Colorful Animals I Have Known, a book about rescue animals.”

Fleagle served as an editor/staff writer for Oregon Coast and Northwest Travel

magazines for 21 years. She is also the author of “Crossings: McCullough’s Coastal Bridges,” “The Crossings Guide to Oregon’s Coastal Spans” and “Around Florence.” Visit crossingsauthor.wordpress.com for more info about her work.

Those who wish to participate in the open mic must arrive at 5:30 p.m. to sign up. Reading slots are limited to five minutes on a first-come basis. Call 541-708-2120 or e-mail CJReditor@gmail.com to preregister for the open mic or for more info.

“Literary salons inspire, unite and celebrate all writers while providing cultural enrichment and entertainment,” Rourke said.

Unitarian Universalists to celebrate Mothers

Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller will lead the worship service for Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

When Mother’s Day was created it was to honor the women who had sacrificed so much during the Civil War. Since then we’ve expanded it to include all

women who’ve mothered children.

As our culture evolves we’re realizing that mothering is not just about giving birth, and not just about women.

Join Dr. Ruth Miller and the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship as they discover and celebrate the Mother in all of us.

FUUF, 87738 Highway 101 at

Heceta Beach Rd., is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each worship service.

Office hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

Siuslaw Watershed summer camp sign-ups begin

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) has announced it will again offer summer camp for students.

This year, SWC is offering one camp for all youth 4th through 12th grades. Monday, June 25, through Monday, June 29.

Come be a part of exploring the Siuslaw Watershed’s many rivers, streams and lakes.

During the camp, the program travels throughout the Siuslaw region learning about plants, animals, water and land.

it focusus on the restoration work being done to keep the watershed healthy.

Campers will get a chance to make a difference by doing hands-on restoration work.

The camp also highlights some of the unique recreation opportunities in our area, such as stand-up paddleboarding, canoeing, sandboarding and more.

Camp is \$75 for the whole session and scholarships are available.

Registration packets are available online at www.siuslaw.org/camps.

For more information, contact the SWC office at 541-268-3044 to request a packet.

Siuslaw Watershed Camp is made possible with funding from The Ford Family Foundation, Western Lane Community Foundation, Mapleton Community Foundation, in partnership with Siuslaw School District and through private donations.

Presbyterian Church celebrates new members

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting saturation patrols in the Florence area and Hwy 126 West area from Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20 during the Rhododendron Festival.

Deputies will be focusing on speed limit enforcement, seat belt compliance, and DUII detection and apprehension.

These patrols are funded through grants administered through the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Sheriff’s Association, allowing deputies to conduct saturation patrols on overtime to increase community safety.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is anticipating heavy traffic and congestion on Highway 101 and Highway 126 as a result of the festival. Motorists are advised to expect delays in the area and are encouraged to drive safely, drive sober, and always wear your seatbelt.

The Rhododendron Festival saturation also coincides with the National “Click it or Ticket” campaign that begins Monday, May 14 through Sunday, May 27. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting grant funded saturation patrols during that time throughout Lane County focusing on seat belt compliance.

Spirituali-Tea to discuss mixing religion, politics

This Monday evening May 14, at 6:30 p.m., the public is invited to join a group of people who enjoy finding the common grounds in diverse spiritual thoughts and paths.

The topic is the mixing of religion and politics.

The Baha’i teachings clearly delineate religion and politics as two separate spheres of human activity.

Religion is concerned with

things of the spirit, politics with things of the world. Religion has to work with the world of thought, whilst the field of politics lies with the world of external conditions.

Political love also is much bound up with hatred of one party for another; this love is very limited and uncertain.

The great unselfish love for humanity is bounded by none of these imperfect, semi-selfish

bonds; this is the one perfect love, possible to all mankind, and can only be achieved by the power of the Divine Spirit.

Meetings are held at 875 Seventh St. Bring your thoughts on the subject for open discussion.

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

Boys & Girls Club of Western Lane County

We are looking for volunteers to help with

- Elementary tutoring, mentoring and program assistance
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Habitat for Humanity

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New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St, next to Foodshare
Call 541-997-5057 to Volunteer

Meals on Wheels and Cafe 60

Meals on Wheels are available to people over the age of 60 who cannot get out much due to illness or advanced age and who are not eating properly, regardless of income. Cafe 60 is available for those who prefer to make new friends in a dining room setting.

1570 Kingwood, PO Box 2313, Florence
541-997-5673
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Memory Care Respite of Florence

Come join the team! Memory Care Respite of Florence is looking for new volunteers to spend time socializing, playing games, listening to music, and having coffee and lunch with our participating senior citizens. Our program depends on volunteer power to stay afloat and time is running out! If you’re at all interested in socializing and relaxing with seniors while their loved one takes a break, please email us for more information. We need more volunteers like YOU to keep our program going. Contact us at memcarerespite@gmail.com

Peace Harbor Volunteers

Join the Peace Harbor Hospital Volunteers, you will find an area of interest in a caring organization.

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