

RHODY DAYS FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Multi-Day Events

Rhody Queen & Court Display
Open daily – noon to 4 p.m.
\$4/adults
Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

Davis Shows Carnival NW
May 19-20 — noon to close
Port of Siuslaw parking lot

Rhody Days Arts Festival
Sponsored by Florence
Regional Arts Alliance
May 19 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Florence Events Center

Let It Ride Vendor Fair
May 19 – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Three Rivers Casino Resort

Maple Street Vendor Fair
May 19 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
May 20 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Maple Street in Old Town

Elks Barbecue and Pie Sale
May 19-20 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.

**Rhododendron Society's
Festival Flower Show & Plant
Sale**
May 19 – 1 to 5 p.m.
May 20 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Florence Events Center
541-997-3082

**Live music at restaurants
around town and at Three
Rivers Casino Resort in the
evenings**



Saturday, May 19

40th annual Rhody Run
9 a.m.
Florence Events Center
EclecticEdgeRacing.com

**26th annual Rhody
Show & Shine Car Show**
Beachkomers Car Club
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Grocery Outlet Parking Lot —

2066 Highway 101

Rhody Festival Junior Parade
Staging at 11 a.m. — Miller Park
Parade at Noon
Sponsored by Siuslaw Fire &
Rescue

Kiwanis Kids Games
Immediately following Junior Parade
Siuslaw High School
at the JV Baseball Field

Blessing of the Motorcycles
Drive Thru
1 to 3 p.m.
Florence United Methodist Church

"Let it Ride" Bike Show
1 to 4 p.m.
Free Admission
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Benefitting St. Jude Children's Research
Hospital

Coast Radio Classic Car Cruise
Sponsored by Coast Radio/KCST

Cruise from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Live Broadcast from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

**111th annual Rhododendron
Festival**
Grand Floral Parade
10 a.m. — Staging at 27th & Oak streets
Noon — Parade begins
Route: 27th Street and Highway 101
south to Kingwood Street and Historic
Old Town
Parade Broadcast: 11:45 a.m. on KCST
106.9 FM

**Pacific NW Hula Academy
Hawaiian Dancers**
3:30 to 4 p.m.
Gazebo Park in Old Town

**For more information, go to
Florence Area Chamber of
Commerce Visitor's Center at 290
Highway 101 or visit www.florencechamber.com.**

Florence unveils 'transformational' public art near Old Town, OCMM

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Three new pieces of public art made their debut in the City of Florence this week. Florence Public Art Committee (PAC) unveiled "Copper Leaf Tree," by area resident Pancho Clark, and "Transformation," by British Columbia artist Paul Reimer, in two locations in Historic Old Town Florence.

These installations are part of the committee's new Art Exposed Gallery, which will eventually include five pieces on display on Bay Street. The committee will also continue to spread public art around town.

Clark attended the reveal of his steel and copper artwork at Old Town Park on Monday. The park, also called Gazebo Park, now has one more tree amidst the verdant greenery.

"It's been a long time in the making to have public art in our town, and to get art exposed," Clark said. "Things are really moving along now."

On Thursday, PAC Chairman Harlen Springer presented Reimer's recycled railroad track.

"This artwork represents the transition from an industrialized economy to a 'greener'

economy where we take care of our environment in order that it may sustain us for generations to come," Reimer said about his work.

Besides PAC's additions to Florence public art, the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM), 2145 Kingwood St., erected two vintage military aviation wing tanks on Thursday. The stunning pieces have been hand-painted by artist Judy Murphy to depict coastal and Oregonian themes.

"The wing tanks now stand at the Kingwood Street entrance to the museum to enhance visibility of the facility as a destination attraction,"



said OCMM Executive Director Cal Applebee. The two tanks, from a 1970s era F-4 fighter, were donated by Florence resident Fred Calosso, and stand approximately 15 feet tall. Founding OCMM board member Tim Sapp helped spearhead the project with area partners.

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These Safety tips are sponsored by:

Carnival Safety:

- Never ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Don't board a ride if you see broken parts, signs of improper maintenance, or an inattentive operator.
- Drink plenty of water while visiting an amusement facility, especially on a hot day.
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes when visiting an amusement facility.
- Take frequent breaks.
- Pay attention to walking surfaces (cracks, holes, elevations, missing grates, etc.) a broken ankle or bone will also hinder a day.
- Do not put a child on a ride that they may be afraid of.
- Watch the ride with your child before boarding.
- Tell children to hold on tightly with both hands to lap bars, hand-holds or any other item designed specifically for hand placement.
- Obey minimum height, age, and weight restrictions.
- If you can't count on your child to stay seated with hands and feet inside, don't let them ride.
- Don't let kids supervise kids on amusement rides.
- If your children are going off with a group of children, talk about group issues. What should your children do if one of the kids they are with starts fooling around on a ride? What if one child doesn't want to go on a ride and the others start teasing or pressuring him?

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Parade Safety:

CHILDREN:

- Beware of Pedestrians, Motor Vehicles & Bikes.
- Make sure to drink plenty of fluids.
- Apply sunblock frequently.
- Have a designated meeting place in case you get separated from your party.
- Don't let children run out into the road after candy.
- Stay on the sidewalk with lawn chairs, etc.
- Always cross the streets at crosswalks.

PETS:

- Don't leave pets in car for long periods of time.
- Keep pets on leash at all times or leave them at home for their comfort.

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