

Veterans welcome students to Florence Veteran’s Memorial Park

Students from the second-grade classes at Siuslaw Elementary School visited the Florence Veteran’s Park and Memorial Wall for a presentation on Friday morning.



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Memorial Day ceremonies will take place at the Florence Veteran’s Memorial Park on Monday, May 28, at 1 p.m.

They were greeted by local veterans: founding member of the Veteran’s Memorial Park Commission Steve Olienyk, Florence Police Commander John Pitcher, Florence Police Corrections Officer Stephanie Sansom and Ken Henderson, a Veterans of Foreign Wars Chaplain and Peace Harbor Medical Center board member.

“I’m grateful that the students and veterans can share in this event to recognize military service to country,” Olienyk said. “I’m privileged to know so many veterans who’ve felt a commitment to their country and

went onto serve their communities through dedicated careers in public service or volunteering. These veterans go above and beyond to help others, improve our community and are positive role models for our young people. They exemplify “Service before Self.”

During the presentation, the veterans shared their military experiences and what serving their country means to them.

Afterwards and during the event, the students wrote letters to thank these veterans and others who serve.

In honor of the upcoming Memorial Day on Monday, students laid flowers at the Veteran’s Memorial Wall in honor of those whose veterans who have served and sacrificed.

Spirituali-Tea addresses parenting Monday night

On Monday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., all are invited to join a group of people who enjoy finding the common grounds in diverse spiritual thoughts and paths. The meeting is at 875 Seventh St. in Florence.

The topic is “A Slight Verbal Chastisement.”

The Baha’i writings say; “Let the mothers consider that whatever concerneth the education of children is of the first importance. Let them put forth every effort in this regard, for when the bough is green and tender it will grow in whatever way ye train it. Therefore, is it incumbent upon the mothers to rear their little ones even as a gardener tendeth his young plants. Let them strive by day and by night to establish within their children faith and certitude, the fear of God, the love of the Beloved of the worlds and all good qualities and traits,”

Abdu’l-Bahá stated. “Whenever a mother seeth that her child hath done well, let her praise and applaud him and cheer his heart; and if the slightest undesirable trait should manifest itself, let her counsel the child and punish him, and use means based on reason, even a slight verbal chastisement should this be necessary. It is not, however, permissible to strike a child, or vilify him, for the child’s character will be totally perverted if he be subjected to blows or verbal abuse.”

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.

For more information, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0616.

‘Midnight in Florence’ Literary Salon to celebrate local authors Saturday

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) Art Center, 120 Maple St. 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. 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 email CJReditor@gmail.com to pre-register for the open mic or for more info.

FUUF considers blessings

On Sunday, May 27, from 10 until 11 a.m., at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, the Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller will lead the worship service titled, “The Science of Blessing.”

“One of the traditions lost in recent decades is the act of blessing our food, or ‘saying grace’ before a meal,” Miller said. “Over the same years, ancient rituals of blessing the fleet, the land or the animals who live with us and serve us, have gone by the wayside as well. Most of us have been taught that these were empty

rituals, best left behind.”

Miller has studied the cultural, psychological and biological research and has come to a different understanding, which she will share during Sunday’s program.

The fellowship is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

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

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