

Unitarians to hear about 'Disequilibrium'

On Sunday, Jan. 13, from 10 to 11 a.m., the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will host the Rev. Dr. Ruth Miller, who will share a message titled "Disequilibrium," which is the first of a four-part series called "Building the Future."

"We constantly seek peace and harmony in our lives, but periodically things feel out of balance and peace seems far away," Miller said. "Exploring the indicators and sources of those feelings helps us begin to recognize the contrasts and get clear about

what we're ready to experience now.

"This Sunday, we will acknowledge the ways it feels out of balance and begin to define the contrasts that can guide our choices."

FUUF, located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road, is wheelchair accessible.

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

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

Spirituali-Tea's next event looks to U.M., MLK Monday

Anyone interested in discussing diverse spiritual ideas in an atmosphere of respect and inquisitiveness is invited to "Spirituali-Tea," a group that has been meeting each Monday for years at 875 Seventh St. at 6:30 p.m.

On Jan. 14, Suzanne Mann-Heintz, president of the Siuslaw Education Foundation, will speak about the International Day of Education celebrated by the United Nations.

According to the Bahá'í Teachings, "If a plant is carefully nurtured by a gardener, it will become good, and produce better fruit. These children must be given a good training from their earliest childhood."

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. after the discussion

and after reading the prayer requests that have been left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse, 208 Laurel St.

In addition, Florence Bahá'ís are preparing to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 21.

The Florence community and the friends of the principles shared by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. are invited to attend and participate in a gathering in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., from 2 to 4 p.m. This gathering is sponsored by the Bahá'ís of Florence in conjunction with several individuals and groups which share the importance of obverting this holiday.

Air stagnation predicted for Lane County this weekend

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is predicting a period of air stagnation and issuing a *Yellow* home wood heating advisory that began Friday through Monday, Jan. 14.

Forecasting from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and National Weather Service declared stagnation in parts of the lower and central Willamette Valley as well as other parts of Oregon for the next few days.

"There will be little to no ventilation in our area this weekend," said Jo Niehaus, LRAPA spokesperson. "Pollution we emit will linger and increase at the ground levels until the inversion breaks early next week.

"Smoke bans for home wood heating may go into

effect if particulate levels increase."

Outdoor burning will be temporarily prohibited this weekend throughout the county. Please check before burning by calling the advisory line 541-726-3976 or going online: www.lrapa.org.

Wood combustion is the biggest cause of winter-time air pollution in Lane County. Degraded air quality can trigger asthma attacks or increase negative long-term health impacts including cancer, for children, seniors, pregnant women and people with pre-existing respiratory conditions.

During a *Yellow* home wood heating advisory, people are asked to use alternative heating devices. They can also burn extremely

clean by building small, hot fires with dry, seasoned wood and open dampers.

LRAPA is sensitive to the fact that many Lane County residents rely heavily on wood for their primary heat and economic exemptions are available in the LRAPA office or online.

LRAPA reminds residents that anytime noxious, thick smoke is emitted from a chimney, it can result in enforcement action and a fine.

The agency forecasts pollution levels 24/7 and provides the community with a daily home wood heating advisory.

Call the Home Wood Heating Hotline, 541-746-4328, or check www.LRAPA.org for current advisories and up-to-date air quality information.

Backstreet, FEC issue 'Call to Artists'

Backstreet Gallery (BSG), in partnership with the Florence Events Center (FEC), is offering an opportunity to artists in the local community.

Together, they are issuing the Where Art Thou? call to artists to enter up to three art pieces to be exhibited during the months of February and March at the FEC.

Hanging art (including paintings, mixed-media, photography, pastels) as well as 3-D art (including pottery, jewelry, fused glass, mosaics) that fits in the locked display case are wel-

come. Up to three entries will be accepted per artist, with \$10 charged for the first entry and \$5 for each additional entry.

All artwork must be for sale, with the FEC retaining a 25 percent commission on any sale.

This second annual Where Art Thou? exhibit in Galleries One and Five at the FEC will be judged by an award-winning artist. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place and honorable mention.

The Best in Show winner will receive a one-month featured show at Backstreet Gallery.

The community will be invited to a special reception to meet the artists and

Backstreet Gallery members on Feb. 15, 2019 from 5 to 7 p.m.

There will be music, wine, appetizers and lots of lively conversations.

Deadline for artists to submit their entry forms is Jan. 15, 2019. Entry forms are available at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., or can be downloaded at www.backstreetgallery.org.

Forms with fees can be returned in person to the gallery, or mailed to Backstreet Gallery, P.O. Box 313, Florence, OR 97439.

For more information, contact Pattie Brooks Anderson at pattieba1@mac.co or Claudia Ignatieff at cignatieff@live.com.

Annual 'Women's Wave' march set for Jan. 19

Florence ORganizes, a local organization that addresses the needs of the community through health care, the environment, public education and human rights welcomes the community to join the Women's Wave on Saturday, Jan. 19.

The day will begin with a Women's March at noon, starting from the Florence United Methodist Church, 333 Kingwood Street. Anyone who supports women and their rights is welcome, and participants are encouraged to bring signs with positive messages.

The Wave continues

with lunch and a celebration at 1:30 p.m., along with a fundraiser for the new "Heart of the Coast" Housing Alliance, at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street.

The march is in collaboration with the national Women's March (Women's Wave), and also to promote the new "Heart of the Coast" Housing Alliance to help bring affordable housing to Florence.

The event is free, with a suggested donation of \$5-10 for Heart of the Coast.

For more information email florenceorganizes@gmail.com.

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