

Winter Music Festival 2019 comes to FEC Jan. 25-27

Music fans — don't just mark your calendars. Buy your seats now for the Friends of the Florence Event Center's 2019 Winter Music Festival, happening Jan. 25 to 27 at the Florence Events Center, with Sea Lion Caves as the presenting sponsor.

The 2019 festival headliner is international star John McEuen, American folk music icon and founding member of The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. He will bring his "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" tour to Florence along with the fabulous band, The String Wizards.

Opening for McEuen is Pacific

Northwest favorite Chris Kokesh of Misty River fame and her husband, singer-songwriter-guitarist LJ Booth. Saturday show sponsors are Art and Jean Koning/Terrace Homes, Inc.

The Winter Music Festival opens Friday with a hot bluegrass night, featuring Chris Jones & The Night Drivers. In addition to his bluegrass artistry, Jones is the popular host of SiriusXM's "Truegrass" show.

Friday night's opener is the hot 'n' rising group out of Washington State, North Country Band.

Saturday's Americana general admission show, sponsored by

Oregon Pacific Bank, boasts fan favorites Katie Jane Lubien, True North and Cabin Fever NW, along with the very best folk singer you've never heard of, Eli West. Any one of these bands is worth the price of admission for this amazing afternoon, but plan to hear and cheer all four.

Circle back on Sunday to buy some cornbread and a cup of hearty soup, then get ready to sing along at the Gospel Gathering.

Local music luminaries Laura Merz and Marty Adams raise the roof with their enthusiastic singers. The afternoon is capped by Lane

County's own University of Oregon Gospel Choir under the direction of the incomparable Andiel Brown. The Gospel Gathering is sponsored by Le Bouchon Wine Bar & Kitchen.

The popular Pie Sale, Florence Regional Arts Alliance Winter Arts Festival, after-hours jam sessions at the ICM Restaurant, community outreach concert at Oregon Pacific Bank, and fabulous food and beverage offerings, including Ninkasi Beer, complete the festive weekend.

The heart of the Winter Music Festival remains the invitation-only Thursday Kiwanis Kids Con-

certs, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Florence, The Mapleton Community Foundation, Florence Elks Lodge #1858 and the Ladies of Elks. This one day is like no other in Florence — when 900 elementary-age students from Florence, Mapleton and Reedsport rocking the house to the "Ameri-Celtic" music and storytelling of Katie Jane Lubien.

Don't miss a moment of this fantastic event.

Tickets are available at the FEC Box Office, by phone at 541-997-1994, or online at WinterMusicFestival.org.

DAR workshop to offer tips on genealogy resources at library

Did you know that the Siuslaw Public Library in Florence has the largest genealogical collection of any public library on the Oregon coast?

The collection is based in the library's Siuslaw Room. Kevin Mittge, Adult Services Librarian and a genealogist with many years of experience, will be speaking to the Oregon Dunes Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter about

the family history resources available at the library on Friday, Jan. 25.

The meeting will be at New Life Lutheran Church.

For the time, contact Karen Childs at 541-997-7154.

Electronic resources include Ancestry Library Edition, a library-version of the famed Ancestry.com site, and affiliate-library status with FamilySearch (the LDS and Salt Lake City based genealogical database), allowing

access to millions of scanned records, previously available only on microfilm. There are three dedicated workstations for genealogists.

The book collection consists of approximately 100 reference titles, including the DAR Patriot Index, the multi-volume "Map Guide to German Parish Registers" and the "Great Migration: Immigrants to New England, 1634-1635" series compiled by Robert Charles Anderson.

This genealogy collection is meant to be circulated, so the majority of the books may be checked out.

Because the library only has so much space, priority is given to "how-to" books for different countries, ethnicities and genealogy sources.

The library has such varied works as "The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy," "Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places," "Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: The Complete Guide," "Tracing Your Alabama Past," "History for Genealogists," "Eastern Cherokee by Blood, 1906-1910,"

and "Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artefacts to Cyberspace" by Elizabeth Shown Mills.

The library also subscribes to the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Your Genealogy and Family Tree Magazine.

Mittge will discuss some of these resources in more depth during the DAR program. Community members are welcome to attend this meeting and to hear him share genealogy tidbits that might help you trace your own lineage.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, re-

New trips added for 2019 to LCC Florence

With the April tour to Tuscany fully booked, Lane Community College Florence Center has added two new trips to its 2019 travel program.

Join friends and neighbors in September for the "Islands of New England" tour, featuring the Gilded Age mansions of Newport,

RI, the historic sites of Boston and a visit to Martha's Vineyard — including a lobster feast.

Or celebrate the holidays in December with a trip to Germany and Austria, including a six-night Danube River cruise. The air-and-land packages include round-trip transportation

from Florence.

Book now to get an early-booking discount and guarantee your spot. People who are interested can stop by Lane Community College Florence Center located at 3149 Oak St. to pick up a brochure.

For more information, call 541-997-8444.

Local Habitat for Humanity still selling See's Candy

The Florence Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce that the Florence Kiwanis has passed along the annual See's Candies sales to them.

The sales of See's Candies on Valentine's Day, Easter

and Christmas will continue.

See's Candies will be available for purchase from Feb. 1 to 14 at the Habitat ReStore, 2016 Highway 101.

Valentine's Day candies can also be pre-ordered,

which will be fulfilled first. All pre-order forms and collection envelopes must be received by Jan. 17.

For more information, call Kristy or Janell at 541-902-9227.

Indoor Yard Sale returns to FEC in February

The Indoor Yard Sale is coming to the Florence Events Center on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Starting Jan. 22 at 9 a.m., applications to be part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center's annual indoor sale will be available for non-profit groups and individuals who wish to

rent a booth space to display their goods.

For those who do not have a garage, adequate parking or hard to find locations, this is a perfect solution to be part of this huge sale.

Single booths and double spaces are available for a fee from \$35 to \$90 and there are discounts for non-profit groups. Space will be avail-

able until Thursday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m. for any group or individual to participate in the sale.

Sign up soon as spaces go quickly.

For more information on purchasing a booth, come in to the Florence Events Center office at 715 Quince St. or contact the FEC at 541-997-1994.

FRAA Winter Arts Festival set to return Jan. 26

This year, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Winter Arts Festival will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 27, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., during the Winter Music Festival weekend event at

the Florence Events Center.

FRAA will again be the organizer for the Arts Festival, bringing together both local and regional artists and craftsmen to fill the booths, with their latest creations.

Some of the artists will be

demonstrating their craft and items for sale and have tastings to warm the spirit.

A sample of the wide variety of unique creations includes works of art in wood, art for the garden, fiber creations of all kinds, glass works of art, jewelry designs in various media and hand-made goodies to sample.

For a complete list of the artists/craftsmen coming this year, check out the Winter Music Festival website, www.wintermusicfestival.org and click on the FRAA tab

Admission to the Arts Festival is free. See you in January at the Florence Events Center.

For more information on the FRAA Winter Arts Festival, contact Event Chair Claudia Brown at 541-902-1933.

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541-997-5673
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