

Spring Creek Massage Therapy opens in Florence

Ann Steward, a licensed massage therapist and owner of Spring Creek Massage Therapy, has opened her own practice at 1234 Rhododendron Drive, Suite 6.

“I am grateful for the overwhelming reception in Florence. I started by doing in-home appointments, then leased a lovely space inside Kreaions Hair Studio and Spa. However, with the growth of my practice it became time to open my own dedicated location,” said Steward.

Steward has been doing massage in Florence and Eugene since 2016.

Spring Creek Massage Therapy’s hours in Florence are Sunday and Wednesdays, by appointment, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the same hours on the second and fourth Mondays of every month.

“Each customized session will directly address a person’s unique circumstances and needs,” Steward explained. “It can encompass a variety of techniques including Swedish, myofascial work, trigger point therapy, deep tissue, and other modalities.”

She added, “Because I



Ann Steward, LMT

have a passion for helping people, and for massage, clients can expect that I will treat them with respect and hold in the highest regard the goals they set for their massage session. We all lead busy, stress-filled lives. In order to achieve true wellness, everyone needs to take time out to relax, restore, and revive. You might even start feeling better just by knowing you have a massage on your calendar.”

Spring Creek Massage Therapy has a second location in Eugene that is open by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on the first and third Mondays.

Steward also offers gift certificates.

For more information on Spring Creek Massage Therapy, visit SpringCreekMassageTherapy.com. To book an appointment, call or text Steward at 541-600-9609.

2019 Antique & Collectible Florence Forecast

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There’s an old saying here in antique-loving Florence that a home without any collectibles or antique furniture is like a sentence without punctuation. Still, there are reports from famed Antiques Roadshow that the appeal of vintage goods in fully wired America is down, way down, with many experts saying that when compared with the heyday of antiques collecting, prices for most antiques and collectibles is now down 80 percent nationwide.

“Your typical 19th or early 20th century chest of drawers or tables that have always done well here can all be had for a fraction of what they cost just 10 years ago. The same can be said for most collectibles you find in our Florence consignment shops,” said George Abrams, the now retired owner of a top coastal auction house.

Abrams sold a hand-carved mahogany chest carried west to Oregon by early 19th century pioneers for \$10,000 in 2009; his son Simon sold a similar chest for \$700 at the start of 2019.

There are exceptions. Some sellers go low and find some who are willing to pay for fair value; while most buyers “think they’re wise using their smartphone to check eBay prices when visiting local antique and collectible shops; while those in the know say Purple Pelican Antique Mall offers the best selection with fair prices for a wide range of fine antiques and collectibles,” explained George and Simon



Longtime antique collectors once filled rooms with antiques and collectibles for sale here at the Florence Antique District, while now trying to figure out why sales of antiques are down at the start of 2019.

during a recent New Year 2019 visit to the famed “Florence Antiques District” along Highway 101 in Florence.

“When I look around inside Purple Pelican and other dealers I would never have imagined prices getting so low for really great pieces that once brought high prices,” added Simon, who now sells totally online because “most of my generation want to view and buy collectibles at their fingertips.”

Still, the father and son think a visit to the Florence Antique District is lots of fun for those who still enjoy eyeing and hunting for great antique and col-

lectible deals.

“I think most who buy or sell antiques and other stuff today are as fickle as this flagging group of collectors now in 2019 who are not sure what they really want,” Simon said.

He acknowledged that he and his father know that changing tastes is the number one reason for declining interest in collecting antiques.

“Today’s 20 to 30-something crowd are too hooked into their smartphones and other machines to relate to pop culture as our generation did, when buying and selling antiques and collectibles was our thing,” George said.

Workshop to explore board roles, responsibilities Jan. 26

Registration is open for “Training for Your Nonprofit Board,” a workshop that will explore the legal duties, rights and responsibilities of board members in Oregon on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St.

Sponsored by Siuslaw Vision, the training is ideal for new and veteran board members, and is also for those considering board service in the future.

Topics will include safeguarding charitable assets; handling restricted funds;

understanding financial information; oversight of nonprofits by the attorney general; and how to protect tax exempt status by adhering to IRS regulations.

The Vision is partnering with Nonprofit Board Training and Resources, an organization focused on strengthening the technical skills of nonprofit board members and staff.

“Board members rarely receive training for their crucial roles in governing nonprofit organizations, yet much is expected of them,” said Katherine DeYoung, a certified

public accountant who will present the session on financial information. “This event is a training opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of board roles and a chance to have any pressing questions answered.”

In addition to DeYoung, the workshop will feature Kirk Harvey, retired chief investigator for the Oregon Department of Justice Charitable Activities Section, and Joe Kroll, with the Internal Revenue Service Tax Exempt Division.

The half-day workshop includes all three sessions,

printed resource material, snacks and a networking lunch. Cost is \$15 per person, or \$10 per person for organizations who register four or more of their members.

Scholarships are available by contacting coordinator@siuslawvision.org.

Registration deadline is Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. For more information about the training and to register, visit RiverCal.org/training, or call 541-590-2425.

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Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) would like to remind local nonprofit organizations that the 2019 grant cycle is still open to eligible applicants.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local nonprofits for projects/programs in western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas focused on education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services.

In 2018, over \$73,000 was awarded to several of these worthy causes. The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year. Grant requests for the 2019 grant cycle will be accepted until Jan. 15, 2019.

The application may be downloaded at WLCF’s website and it’s highly recommended that applicants review the Grant Guidelines included there.

Submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcfc@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or received no later than close of business on Jan. 15.

Awards will be selected based on merit, need and benefit to the community at large.

For more information, call 541-997-1274.