

Community News

ANNUAL FLORENCEFEST: JAZZ, ART AND WINE SEEKS ARTISTS FOR 2019

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is inviting all artists to participate in the third annual "FlorenceFest: Jazz, Art and Wine" held at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on April 26 and 27.

This event continues to grow in popularity and over 800 people are expected to attend. Each year, about 35 percent of the artwork is sold. This year's event will be highlighted by talented jazz musicians and outstanding wine from throughout the state.

Selection for the exhibit will be made by juror Karin Clarke. Clarke has been the owner and director of Karin Clarke Gallery in downtown

Eugene for the past 16 years and has established herself as a respected figure in the Oregon art scene.

She opened the gallery with the goal of creating museum quality shows to recognize regional artists, including the work of her parents, artists Margaret Coe and the late Mark Clarke.

In that time, she's organized over 200 exhibits and the gallery has gained a stellar reputation for showing major contemporary artists of Oregon.

In addition, Clarke regularly curates from the estates of some of Oregon's most sought-after artists, like Rick Bartow, Nelson Sandgren, David McCosh, Carl Hall and

numerous others.

In 2016, she founded the very successful Eugene Biennial regional juried show.

Clarke has a strong background in studio arts, art history, exhibit design and art appraisal. She has exhibited her own artwork, and in July of 2018, had a solo show of her recent plein air oil paintings of Italy. She also serves regularly as an art juror and on art selection committees in our region, including Art About Agriculture, All Around Oregon Annual, and The Eugene Biennial.

In 2017, she supported the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art curators in preparation for a six-

month exhibit of her parents' work called "Our Lives in Paint."

She has won awards for her own artwork as well as in her business, including the Downtown Eugene Excellence for Arts & Culture Award (2007) and Lane Community College's Distinguished Alumni Award (2011).

There will be a total \$2,500 in prize money and awards given for participants in FlorenceFest '19. The deadline for entries is Feb. 24, 2019.

Three overall winners will be selected with the following cash prizes:

- 1st place: \$1,000
- 2nd place: \$500
- 3rd place: \$250

In addition, three separate cash awards of \$250 each will be given for outstanding work in 2D, 3D, and photography.

There will also be a "People's Choice" selection, which will be awarded based on votes of those in attendance.

Selected artists can also continue to exhibit their work at the Florence Events Center in Galleries 1 and 5 through the end of May.

For more information, visit www.callforentry.org or email fraa-florencefest@gmail.com

OREGON DUNES DAR TO PRESENT COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FRIDAY

At the Friday, Feb. 22 meeting of the Oregon Dunes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the program includes the presentation of a Community Service Award and a program on the Purple Heart.

On Nov. 29, 2018, the Siuslaw News wrote an article on Emma Maier for her effort to preserve headstones at Deadwood Cemetery.

Her leadership effort attracted the chapter's attention. Since historic preservation is one of the three main efforts of DAR, the chapter looks forward to acknowledging Emma's accomplishment.

After this award is given, DAR will learn about the Purple Heart.

It's unlikely that any soldier sets out to earn a Purple Heart. Yet, since this medal

was first awarded by George Washington in 1782 as a "Badge of Merit," nearly two million have been presented.

This medal differs from most other decorations in that individuals are not "recommended" for it. It can only be earned because the recipient was killed or injured while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services.

Following Emma's recognition, the chapter will feature a program by members Mary Gill and Merilee Mulvey sharing history about and notable recipients of the Purple Heart. Gill will share the story of her ancestor, Benjamin Russel Hari, who was awarded the medal. Gill will conclude with a genealogical look back at his ancestral story along with some original documents

from his life and military service.

All are welcome to attend to see Emma receive her award and learn more about the Purple Heart this Friday, at New Life Lutheran Church.

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

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background,

who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for DAR membership. DAR boasts 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally.

To learn more about the Daughters of the American Revolution, visit www.dar.org or the Oregon Dunes Chapter website at www.oregonduneschapter.org.

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FRIENDS OF FLORENCE VAN FANS TO HOST 'FUN AND GAMES' EVENT TODAY AT ELKS LODGE

Van Fans will be hosting a card party event today, Feb. 20, at the Florence Elks Lodge #1858, located at 1686 12th St.

Participants can check in with friends at 11:30 a.m. for a day of card games and lunch.

Friends of Florence Van

Fans is a nonpolitical organization that sponsors this event twice a year.

All proceeds go to support the Cancer Bus, which

transports patients every weekday to and from Eugene and Springfield for radiation treatments.

Tickets are now on sale

for \$15, which includes lunch.

For more information, call Connie Rosenbalm at 541-997-8205.

INDOOR YARD SALE RETURNING TO FLORENCE EVENTS CENTER SATURDAY

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

Applications to be part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center's annual

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

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.

ANNUAL 'BEST WURSTFEST' WILL CELEBRATE BAVARIAN FARE, BENEFIT VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Wurstfest 2019, a Bavarian folk festival, will be held at the Florence Elks Lodge #1858 this Saturday, Feb. 23, to raise funds for Vocational Educational Scholarships.

The 'Best Wurstfest' on the Oregon coast will have a genuine Bavarian atmosphere, featuring live German folk music and dancers and — of course — authentic German food and beer.

The festivities will begin at 11 a.m., inside the Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St., and continue until around 5 p.m.

Bring the whole family and really enjoy this fun-filled event.

All proceeds will go to the

Elks Vocational-Technical-Trades Scholarship Fund.

At the Wurstfest, you can "meet old friends you've never seen before."

Admission is \$5 for adults, with children 12 and under free.

For more information, contact Jane Carrico, event coordinator, at 541-997-1067 or janecarrico@mac.com.

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MILITARY MUSEUM TO EXPLORE OREGON'S CIVIL WAR CONNECTION

The next Military Heritage Day for the Oregon Coast Military Museum is set for Saturday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Florence Municipal Airport located on Kingwood Street.

Board Member Dave Burkett will be sharing his knowledge as a Civil War Living Historian — with a

focus on Oregon's connection and the Civil War.

"While none of the battles from the war between the states took place here in Oregon, that doesn't mean Oregon didn't feel the impacts from that war," said Executive Director Cal Applebee.

"When the Civil War started in 1861, Oregon was a fledgling

state, having attained statehood only two years earlier. As the troop demands for the Civil War increased, the North began withdrawing federal troops to feed that need."

Burkett will share history on this element as well as some of the more personal connections between Oregon and several Civil

War personalities.

There is no charge for attending the presentation.

The museum, located at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m.

Learn more by visiting www.oregoncoastmilitary-museum.com.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK **BRAYDON THORNTON** FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

HIGHLIGHT: Congratulations to freshman basketball standout **Braydon Thornton** as this week's Athlete of the Week. Coach Dylan Perry says Thornton was the only freshman in the Sky-Em league to receive all league votes and was selected to the Sky-Em all defensive team. In the Viking's last two games Thornton averaged 15 points per game with 6 rebounds, 5 assists and 7 steals.

Honorable Mention: Lindsey Long - Basketball

Highlight: Honorable mention goes to Siuslaw sophomore **Lindsey Long** who scored 15 points in last week's 56-51 win over Elmira

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COMMUNITY CHORUS STILL TAKING REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SEASON

The Community Chorus of Florence is still taking registration for its spring season at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

Community members can still join the chorus up through the Feb. 21 rehearsal. Auditions are not required.

Rehearsal will follow immediately after registration until 8:30 p.m.

The Community Chorus is conducted by David Aakre.

All singers from high school age and up are welcome. There is a registra-

tion fee of \$70 to cover the cost of music and administrative expenses. High school students will automatically receive fee waivers.

The Chorus regularly rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The June concert will take place on Saturday, June 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m., both taking place at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw.

For more information, call 541-997-3469 or visit communitychorusflorence.org.