

RAIN presents 'Life Lessons of an Entrepreneur'

Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) invites the Florence community to attend "Life Lessons of an Entrepreneur: A Fireside chat with Marianne Brisbane" on Thursday, Sept. 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The invite will be at The Bodega, 180 Laurel St., Brisbane's new wine parlor. Join RAIN for a lovely evening of wine and cheese as attendees listen to the entrepreneurial story of long-time Florence patron, Brisbane.

Founder of many (at least 5) of the iconic shops and restaurants in Florence,

Brisbane recently opened The Bodega.

"Come enjoy her new space, hear about her life journey, learn about her thoughts on the Florence entrepreneurial ecosystem and take home her top three tips for running a successful business," said RAIN Venture Catalyst Ariel Ruben. "This is an evening you don't want to miss."

People can sign up for the event at www.meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast/events/264629513/.

Ruben is the dedicated RAIN venture catalyst for

Florence and Coburg. In this role, she supports regional entrepreneurs by connecting them to strategic resources for launching and scaling high-growth business ventures, including mentor connections, educational and training programs, and access to capital.

These free resources are made possible by partnerships with The City of Florence, Lane County and the Ford Family Foundation.

Oregon RAIN is a non-profit organization run by experienced entrepreneurs that offers free support to rural entrepreneurs, businesses and local investors.

RAIN connects entrepreneurs and businesses with resources that include programs, training, people, mentors, connection to financial opportunities and physical assets.

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Peace Harbor to host free classes at LCC for prospective palliative care volunteers

The PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Palliative Care program will host a series of free weekly classes in October designed to train prospective volunteers to work directly with both hospice and palliative care patients in the community.

The first class will be on Monday, Oct. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Lane Community College in Florence, 3149 Oak St. They'll continue weekly on Mondays through Nov. 25, same hours.

The classes include an overview of hospice and palliative care; the role of the volunteer; communication and boundaries; grief and loss; and spirituality.

Attendance is required for

at least five of the six classes. The classes are for personal enrichment, with no grading.

Upon successful completion of this course, students will have a better understanding of the Palliative Care program and the ability to work one-on-one with local Palliative Care patients.

Hospice volunteers will need additional training.

To register, contact Donna Becker at 541-902-6734 or DBecker@PeaceHealth.org.

PeaceHealth, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a not-for-profit Catholic health system offering care to communities in Washington, Oregon and Alaska. PeaceHealth has 16,000 caregivers, a group practice with more

than 1,200 providers and 10 medical centers serving both urban and rural communities throughout the Northwest. Today, PeaceHealth continues with a spirit of respect, stewardship, collaboration and social justice in fulfilling its mission.

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'Let's Rock' with Backstreet exhibit

The 2019 Backstreet Gallery Community Challenge is now accepting applications for "Let's Rock."

As the name implies, all artwork must have a real rock or pebble in a hanging or freestanding art piece. No boulders, however, as the size is no larger than 11-by-14 inches for hanging pieces and 8-by-8-by-8-inch for the freestanding. For applications, go to www.backstreetgallery.org/lets-rock, or stop by the gallery.

Three avid supporters of the arts in Florence will jury the show's submissions. Rosie Hill is known for her Zentangle creations and her art classes. Jo Beaudreau is an artist and owner of the BeauxArts Fine Art Materials & Gallery, 2285 Highway 10, Suite H. Jerry Schneider is a well-versed photographer and KXCR, 90.7, radio host featuring local artists.

The due date for completed applications is Oct. 21. The art will be delivered to Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence, between Oct. 30 and Nov. 2. The gallery is open daily at 10 a.m.

All are welcome at a reception to be held in the challengers' honor on Saturday, Nov. 9, 3 to 5 p.m., during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

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