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Holiday Craft Fair

WHEN
Friday, November 8th
Craft Fair: 11am-4:30pm
Reindeer: 1:30pm-3:30pm

WHERE
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Plastics collection event rounds up 5 cubic yards

Consumer plastic recycling — once thought unlikely in Florence — is picking up with the help of specially trained volunteers, evidenced by a Sunday afternoon collection event sponsored by the Florence United Methodist Church.

Eight trained Community Collectors, part of the church's Sacred Earth Team, and seven Master Recyclers from Florence, set up six stations in the church parking lot on the last Sunday in October. Their job: to greet the public with instructions on how to separate what otherwise would have gone into the waste stream but, with help, can now be re-processed.

On hand to assist with traffic were volunteers from the Florence Police Auxiliary.

Five cubic yards of plastics — translated into two pickup truckloads and a stuffed SUV — were rounded up for transit to Eugene, which will send these items along with others collected in Lane County to Portland for re-



(Above, from left) Vicki Philben, Peggy Hughes, and Cindy Hughes greet a community member at the Florence United Methodist Church recycling event. (Left) This SUV is packed with some of the five cubic yards of materials collected Oct. 27.

processing. The key to plastic recycling is consumer input. When people know they have a

place to bring clean, dry, sorted plastic containers and lids bearing the No. 2, 4 or 5, they take ownership of assuring that readily-recyclable consumer waste can now stay out of local landfills. At the other end, the integrity of the collection gives proces-

sors a clean, valuable product that can be put to other uses. The success of the Oct. 27 event has prompted the Sacred Earth Team to conduct another collection in January 2020. Organizers have urged the public to watch for the announcement and spread the news.

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Travel Oregon presents Central Coast Culinary & Agritourism Studio

The Central Coast Culinary & Agritourism Studio, offered by Travel Oregon, is open for registration. This two-day workshop, Nov. 12-13, will focus on culinary and agricultural tourism development in the Central Coast region, including the communities of Dunes City, Florence, Mapleton, Lincoln City, Yachats, Waldport, Seal Rock, Toledo, Newport, Siletz, Otter Rock, Depoe Bay, Gleneden Beach and the greater region.

The workshop is designed for those interested in marketing the region's premier culinary and agricultural experiences as part of a food trail on the Central Coast.

Throughout this program, participants will explore how communities can benefit from identifying, developing or enhancing your culinary & agricultural tourism relat-

ed businesses. The following topics will be discussed in depth:

- Growing awareness of culinary & agritourism market trends, product development strategies and world-class case studies
- Leveraging statewide and regional resources in tourism marketing and business development
- Navigating land use policy in your county
- Developing an Oregon Food Trail in the Central Coast region

Community leaders, elected officials, agricultural businesses, culinary businesses, tourism entrepreneurs, tour operators, lodging property owners and anyone looking to support culinary and agricultural tourism in the local area are invited to attend. The cost to participate in

the workshop is \$10 per day, and the evening networking event is free of charge. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served both days. Space is limited and is specifically designed for residents, businesses and organizations operating in the Central Coast region. This program will be facilitated by Travel Oregon staff and Oregon agritourism policy expert Erika Polmar of Plate & Pitchfork. Content experts and local speakers will be announced closer to studio delivery dates. Program content has been developed in collaboration with Oregon Coast Visitors Association, Travel Lane County and a local steering committee. For full details, visit industry.traveloregon.com/centralcoastCATS.

Medicare info booths at Peace Harbor through Dec. 6

To support local patients during the annual Medicare Open Enrollment period, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center will provide an information table staffed by licensed agents representing PeaceHealth-accepted Medicare plans beginning Monday, Oct. 28, through Friday, Dec. 6. The table, in the main hospital lobby, will be staffed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. More information is available at peacehealth.org/medicare.

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