

# Community News

## Visitor's Center features Rodger Bennett's artistic photography for the holidays

The eye-popping work of local photographer Rodger Bennett is featured in the monthly art exhibit at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center in November, and is

scheduled to carry over, with changes, into December. The chamber features a different local artist's exhibit each month.

"This year we'll have a collection of local scenes with

some new ones to follow later in the month. All will be shown as metal prints, some with vibrant colors, some with stark contrasts in black and white. The Siuslaw waterfront is the major backdrop for the work and includes some unique shots of the McCullough bridge over the Siuslaw River," Bennett said.

Bennett's photos on high-gloss metal feature sharp-as-a-tack detail and brilliant color. All are available to purchase after the exhibit ends in December. His gallery and office is at 1234 Rhododendron Dr., suite 7.

Bennett's work generally includes what he enjoys most — Oregon landscapes, wildlife, art, action photography, individual and family portraits, and business/commercial photography.

"There are a couple of familiar local scenes on display



The Florence Visitor's Center, 290 Highway 101, will display Rodger Bennett's photography throughout November and December.

as well; although the images are not the frequently seen angles of the locations we all know and love," he added.

Bennett has many years of shooting and processing still photos and remains obsessed with the fundamentals that make a great photograph: light, shadows, composition and emotion. But to the question of his certificates or honors, he'll only admit to "a few prizes and ribbons and lots of ooohs and aaaahhs."

Regarding Florence's burgeoning art scene, Bennett thinks it is on a very positive trajectory.

"It seems that the quality of art in Florence has been

pretty remarkable, but the display and marketing of local work has taken a giant step up. The local galleries just seem to get better and better," he said.

"We are delighted to have Rodger's work on display this month at the Chamber's visitor center," says Chamber executive director Bettina Hannigan. "The chamber is listed in the local art tour listings because of our monthly displays of photography, paintings or three-dimensional art by local artists and galleries."

"It's an honor to have been chosen by the chamber to hang my work in the Visi-

tor's Center," Bennett said. "And I'm thankful that the chamber appears to see the commercial, as well as the aesthetic and cultural, value of local people's creative abilities. The chamber's support is certainly meaningful and appreciated. It's flattering to have one's work included with all the attractive displays that are shown throughout the year."

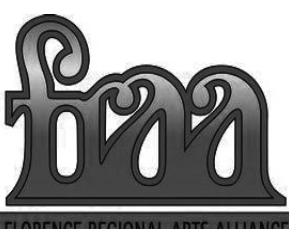
Bennett can be contacted at 541-991-0777 or through his website, PhotoByRodger.com.

For more information about the chamber, and how to join or volunteer, visit FlorenceChamber.com.

We would like to  
Thank Everyone who joined our family  
for our 70<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary  
and  
Dan's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

Thank you so much for all of the heartfelt gifts,  
money, flowers, sweet sentiments and food. It  
meant a lot and we feel very grateful for such  
caring friends and family.

Sincerely  
Dan & Vivian Stinger



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Sat 10am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm  
Closed: Monday, Tuesday

### Classes, Workshops & Events

**Annual Members' Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 19th, 10:00 am.  
Come learn about what we have been doing and upcoming events, hear annual survey results, provide suggestions for our future, and vote for new board members.

**Holiday Arts Festival**  
Held at the FEC, Saturday, Dec 7th 10-5 pm and Sunday, Dec 8th 11- 4 pm  
Join us, do your Christmas shopping and support and visit with your local artist friends.

**FRAA Holiday Closures**  
We will be closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. We will close early (2 pm) on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

**Shop at FRAA on Small Business Saturday**  
FRAA joins the Florence Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Saturday's Celebration on Saturday, November 30th, 1-5 pm. Come hunt for our sea lion, and enjoy regular and mulled cider and cookies.

**Big Wave Poetry 1st Tuesday Open Mic**  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

**Poetry Workshop**  
Small group meeting of poets to enhance their written word. Last Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm. Write [fraaoregon@gmail.com](mailto:fraaoregon@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

**Writers Workshop**  
Writers discuss their current works and get inputs from other writers.  
2nd Tuesday, Monthly, 1-4 pm Write [fraaoregon@gmail.com](mailto:fraaoregon@gmail.com) for details

**Painting with John Leasure**  
Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm  
No painting experience required.  
Contact: [jleasure@hotmail.com](mailto:jleasure@hotmail.com) or 541-991-2754 for details and fees.

For more information about classes, visit [fraaoregon.org](http://fraaoregon.org). To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our Art Center on Maple Street.

## Windermere Real Estate seeks to 'Share the Warmth' during winter months

Just in time for winter, real estate brokers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington are gearing up for Windermere Real Estate's annual Share the Warmth campaign.

Now through Dec. 9, Windermere brokers in Florence will be collecting warm clothing and other items to benefit the Siuslaw Outreach Services. The nonprofit is specifically asking for coats, blankets and new socks in all sizes.

"Share the Warmth is a prime example of how Windermere Real Estate

brokers step up to help those in need in our local neighborhoods," said Scott Mitchelson, president of Windermere Services Company in Oregon and SW Washington. "Every year, I'm amazed by the generosity of our neighbors and am grateful that we operate in communities that take care of each other in times of need."

Those who want to help can stop by participating Windermere offices to drop off donations. The Windermere office in Florence is located at 1625 12th St.

This coat and blanket

drive benefits the communities where Windermere Real Estate brokers live and work.

Windermere Real Estate is ranked the largest regional real estate company in the Western U.S. with over 300 offices and 6,500 agents serving communities in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Mexico. Last year, Windermere closed 87,000 home sales for more than \$36.7 billion in dollar volume.

For more information, visit [windermere.com](http://windermere.com).

## Friendship Club hosts card party

The Siuslaw Friendship Club is hosting a card party at the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood St. It will be on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11:30 a.m.

There is a \$15 fee to participate. The proceeds go to various local charities.

For more information, contact 541-997-1066.



## Use newspapers for genealogy

In the ongoing quest for genealogy information, historical newspapers are useful tools. They provide day to day accounts of a particular period in time and supply insight into the customs, cultural values and social issues impacting communities.

At the Wednesday, Nov. 20,

## meeting of the Siuslaw Genealogical Society, three members will share unexpected discoveries gleaned from newspaper research and how it helped them fill in some of the blanks. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Bromley Room at Siuslaw Public Library.

## Learn how to prepare plastics

Master Recycler Michele LeBlanc will be teaching a free class on identifying which plastics can be recycled and how to prepare them. The class will be held in preparation for the next plastics round-up in January.

The class will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 333 Kingwood St., from 6 to 7 p.m.

Bring problem plastics and questions. Everyone is welcome.

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MIRREN & MCKELLEN THE GOOD LIAR  
DOCTOR SLEEP  
LAST CHRISTMAS

\$9.50 | \$8.50 Sen/Student/Military | \$8 Matinees Before 2 | \$7.50 Child | \$6.50 Members | Performing Arts: \$19/\$15/\$10

November 15-21	FRI 15	SUN 17	MON 18	WED 20	THU 21
Hannigan improves upon King's source material yet remains respectful to the themes the author explored in his novel...[It's] a monumental achievement of tension, suspense, forgiveness & sacrifice I'm not soon to forget." Seattle Times	6:10 PM 8:35 PM	6:10 PM	6:40 PM	6:40 PM	
<b>FORD V FERRARI</b> - Matt Damon & Christian Bale PG-13 152 MIN - "It stands with the greatest racing movies ever, and it's certainly the most entertaining. But there is no doubt about one last superlative. Ford v Ferrari is one of the best pictures of the year." Movie Nation	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:15 PM 8:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 6:15 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:10 PM 6:40 PM
<b>LAST CHRISTMAS</b> - PG-13 102 MIN "Even on my most Ebenezer of days, I wouldn't have been able to resist this sentimental journey... The tune that might best describe "Last Christmas" is "Put a Little Love in Your Heart." Chicago Sun-Times	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 9:15 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 7:00 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 7:00 PM
R 109 MIN - "The pleasure of The Good Liar, and it's a major one, is the chance to watch Mirren and McKellen act together in a cat-and-mouse duet that turns into an elegant waltz of affection and deception." Variety	3:45 PM 6:00 PM 9:20 PM	3:45 PM 6:20 PM	3:50 PM 6:50 PM	3:50 PM 6:40 PM	3:50 PM 6:50 PM

Events & Performing Arts:	FRI 15	SUN 17	MON 18	WED 20	THU 21
<b>BOLSHOI BALLET: RAYMONDA</b> NR 180 MIN - One of legendary choreographer Marius Petipa's final works.				6:00 PM	
"It's spectacular and realistic-looking." Seattle Times					

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Film | 1930 HWY 101 | [www.citylightscinemas.com](http://www.citylightscinemas.com) | Times: 541-305-0014

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 16	NOVEMBER 17	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 19	NOVEMBER 20	NOVEMBER 21	NOVEMBER 22
AM Clouds/ PM Sun	Showers	Showers	Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy
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