

‘Empty Bowls’ to be held Dec. 6 to 8

In preparation for the 24th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, local artists are busy creating handmade ceramic bowls as well as unique artwork for the event's silent auction. Area high school students, Lane Community College students, artists, restaurants and sponsors are gearing up for this family-friendly fundraiser that benefits Florence Food Share.

Empty Bowls 2019 will be held at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Friday, Dec. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sun-



day, Dec. 8, from noon to 3 p.m.

Admission is free and all money goes to help serve those in need within our community.

From its humble beginnings in 1995, Empty Bowls has expanded over the years to help meet the needs of the community's food pantry serving those in need.

This year's event will include approximately 700

bowls of varying sizes offered to the public. Most handmade ceramic bowls are sold for \$10 each, with some \$5 bowls available as well. With each bowl sold,

the purchaser will receive a soup coupon good for a cup of the "soup of the day" at a participating restaurant.

The event also features a silent auction for the original artwork "The Giving Bowl" by Pat Davis, featured on this year's Empty Bowls poster and promotional materials. Many other items donated by local artists and businesses will be available at the silent auction as well.

Festival of Trees comes ‘Home for Christmas’

The Oregon Coast Military Museum is pleased to present the seventh annual Florence Festival of Trees on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. This year's event's theme is "I'll be Home for Christmas."

Beautiful trees and wreaths festively decorated by local designers will be available for bid as well as immediate purchase. Additional gifts and holiday items will be offered by silent auction.

The seventh annual Gala of Giving Dinner and Auction to benefit the Oregon Coast Military Museum will take place from 4 to 8 p.m.

Ticketholders will enjoy

a delightful evening filled with great food, wine and an opportunity to bid on specialty-themed trees led by local auctioneer extraordinaire Bob Sneddon.

All proceeds from the auction will go to benefit the Oregon Coast Military Museum and support its ongoing mission to honor all veterans. Seating is limited; tickets are \$55 per person and available for



purchase from FTS Computer Repair, 1431 Bay St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

For additional information, contact florencefestivaloftrees@gmail.com.

2019 Holiday Events in the Siuslaw region

Through Dec. 20
Sea Lion on a Shelf Passport Trail
Sponsored by Sea Lion Caves
Pick up a map at the Visitor's Center, 290 Highway 101

Dec. 1
"I'll Be Home for Christmas"
Oregon Coast Military Museum's Festival of Trees Gala of Giving
4 to 8 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center

Dec. 6
14th Annual Nativity Festival
1 to 5 p.m.; open to public
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2705 Munsel Lake Road

Empty Bowls
Fundraiser for Florence Food Share
4 to 7 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center

Holly Jolly Follies: "Finding Joy at Christmastime"
7 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center, crowkids.com

Dec. 7
Empty Bowls

Fundraiser for Florence Food Share
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center

FRAA Holiday Art Fest 2019
Florence Regional Arts Alliance
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center

Deadwood Holiday Market
Noon to 4 p.m.; open to public
Deadwood Community Center, 91792 Deadwood Creek Rd.

14th Annual Nativity Festival
1 to 5 p.m.; open to public
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2705 Munsel Lake Road

Florence Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; open to public
Historic Old Town Florence
florencechamber.com

Light Up Your Boat Float
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; open to public
Port of Siuslaw Marina
florencechamber.com

Victorian Christmas Open House

4 to 7 p.m.; open to public
\$5 fee for parking; shuttle available
Heceta Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast, 92072 Highway 101

"Finding Joy at Christmastime"
7 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center, crowkids.com

Dec. 8
FRAA Holiday Art Fest 2019
Florence Regional Arts Alliance
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center

Empty Bowls
Fundraiser for Florence Food Share
Noon to 3 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center

14th Annual Nativity Festival
1 to 5 p.m.; open to public
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2705 Munsel Lake Road

"Finding Joy at Christmastime"
2 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center, crowkids.com

Victorian Christmas Open House
4 to 7 p.m.; open to public

\$5 fee for parking; shuttle available
Heceta Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast, 92072 Highway 101

Dec. 9
Siuslaw High School Holiday Concert
Featuring Jazz and Symphonic bands & Concert and Chamber choirs
7 p.m.; open to public
Florence Events Center

Dec. 10
Florence Crab Crack Tickets On Sale
Event held Feb. 1 at FEC
Ticket price is \$45 for all you can eat. Limited to go boxes available for \$25
Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St.
florencefoodshare.org, 541-997-9110.

Toys for Tots
Hosted by Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue. Must have the following info to receive toys: 1. Proof of residency in Lane County 2. Proof that the child lives with you 3. Proof of child's age
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; open to public
Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, 2625 Highway 101; svfr.org

Dec. 11
Popovich Pet Comedy Theater

6:30 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center

Dec. 14
Gingerbread House Party
Hosted by Siuslaw Public Library District
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; open to public
Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Community Chorus Christmas Concert
7 p.m.; open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour
3 to 5 p.m.; Open to public
Various locations around Florence
2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com

Victorian Christmas Open House
4 to 7 p.m.; open to public
\$5 fee for parking; shuttle available
Heceta Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast, 92072 Highway 101

Church on the Rock Christmas Dinner
5 p.m.; 541-997-9117
Florence Events Center

Christmas on the Coast with Charles Suniga and The Angels
6 p.m.; tickets required
Florence Events Center

Dec. 15
Ada Grange Annual Community Christmas Party
1 to 3 p.m.; open to public
Ada Grange, 10 miles out Canary Road
541-997-1543

Community Chorus Christmas Concert
2 p.m.; open to public
Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101

Victorian Christmas Open House
4 to 7 p.m.; open to public
\$5 fee for parking; shuttle available
Heceta Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast, 92072 Highway 101

Dec. 22 — First Day of Hanukkah
Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 — Christmas Day
Dec. 30 — Last Day of Hanukkah
Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve
Jan. 1, 2020 — New Year's Day

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FRAA HOLIDAY ARTS FESTIVAL

The Holiday season is here and the FRAA Holiday Arts Festival, presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), is the perfect place to shop for unique works of art and fine craftsmanship.

This year, the Arts Festival will run Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. Admission is free.

The community will get to meet local and coastal craftsmen and artisans who will be showing off their latest creative designs.

Everyone is sure to find something just right for that special someone.

The FRAA Holiday Arts Festival is just one of the weekend events at the Florence Events



Center, including Empty Bowls and Holly Jolly Follies. So come join the fun and enjoy a unique shopping experience.

Artisans exhibiting in the Holiday Arts Festival will be donating 10 percent of their sales to the FRAA Art Center.

For more information, contact Claudia Brown at 541-902-1933.

Live Music at Blue Bills all month

On Dec. 6 and 7, Laryssa Birdseye is starting off Three Rivers Casino Resort's December entertainment. This Florence native, now residing in Portland, plays at notable clubs such as Mississippi Studios. She has also been making special guest appearances on Portland Radio stations. Best known for her clever lyricism, and relatable original songs as well as her soulful melodies.

The entertainment continues throughout the month as Blue Bills Sports Bar & Tap Room inside Three Rivers Casino, 5647 Highway 101, features live shows performed by top local artists.

Dec. 13 and 14 will feature the band Hip Pocket. This is an energetic bluesy, jazzy, funky danceable group from the Oregon Coast & the Willamette valley. Featuring the soulful voice of one of our local favorite singers, Maree Beers, the versatility and talent of Hip Pocket will delight and engage audiences of all ages.

On Dec. 20 and 21, the stage will feature Inner Limits. This is an energetic blues/funk/rock



group based in Eugene. Led by guitarist Olem Alves, the group plays a mix of groovin' originals and arrangements of classic blues and rock, which are designed to light the funk in your soul and lure the dance from within your mind and body.

Finally, on Dec. 27, 28 and 29, and at a special time of 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 31, The Bret Lucich & Paul Biondi

Experience will be playing extra nights as well as helping to ring in the New Year. This variety band has a wide array of sounds. Lucich can do it all — play a multitude of instruments and do great impersonations; in combination with Bondi's saxophone, this creates a unique experience for all listeners.

Community members age 21 and up should be sure to stop in Blue Bills, every Friday & Saturday nights from 7 to 11 p.m. to enjoy the live entertainment. As a reminder, there is no cover charge, but patrons must be 21 or older to attend.

To learn more about Three Rivers Casino, visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events.



Florence Charm Trail

The Florence Charm Trail is excited to announce

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