

FRAA makes donation to Siuslaw bands

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) donated \$648 to Siuslaw middle and high school band programs. The funds were raised from FRAA's Christmas tree ornament sales.

FRAA, a non-profit organization, supports all the arts, including outreach to area youth. A check was presented to Chris Rowbotham, Director of Bands for Siuslaw Middle School and High School, by FRAA president Kristin Anderson and several board members.

Accompanying Rowbotham during the presentation was Siuslaw Middle School counselor Sarah Girard, who described Rowbotham as "a caring and compassionate teacher" who inspires excellence in his students and makes Siuslaw's band program "one of the best in the state."

Recently, several band



FRAA donates to local band programs. Pictured (from left) are back row: Andy Nedder, Caroline Mesman, John Leasure; Front row from left: Bev Hildenbrand, Sarah Girard, Chris Rowbotham and Kristin Anderson.

students were selected to go to Seattle and perform in the Western International Band Clinic.

Rowbotham thanked FRAA for its donation, which will help students to be in band performances.

"The funds donated by FRAA are earmarked to get instruments in the hands of

kids that may need assistance," he explained.

Between the middle and high school, there are a total of 118 band students. Future band performances include March 16, when middle school students will perform, and April 27, when high school students will perform.

Both performances will be held at the Florence Events Center.

"These are excellent opportunities to enjoy incredible performances," said Girard.

Other band events include marching in the Rhody Days and Veteran's Day parades.

Wedding vow renewals to be held at Yachats' Log Church

"Remembrance, Re-Vision, and Renewal" will be the theme of the annual Ceremony of Renewal and Commitment to be held on Friday, Feb. 14, at the Little Log Church in Yachats.

This will be the 25th year the Log Church has offered couples the opportunity to renew their vows in a group setting. Both married and unmarried committed couples are invited to attend.

Once again, the Log Church will offer the ceremony at two times: The first at noon and the second at 5:30 p.m.

Mary Crook, the independent minister who has facilitated the event since the tradition began, said that hundreds of couples have come to Yachats to renew their vows over the years.

"For some couples it is a first-time experience; for others it has become an annual tradition — something fun and meaningful to do on Valentine's Day," Crook said.

Local violinist Ruth Mock will provide music for the group at the noon ceremony. Popular local guitarist Richard Sharpless, also of Yachats, will play a selection of romantic pieces at 5:30 p.m. Couples attending will be given a certificate as a memento of the occasion.

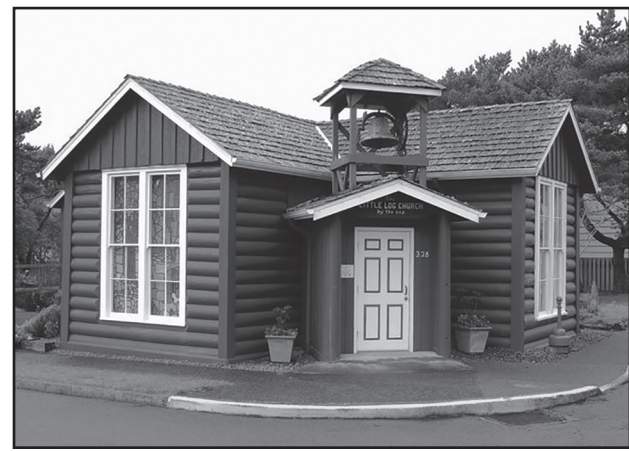
The Valentine's Day vow renewal has become a popular fundraiser for the Little Log Church, which will undergo a complete renovation in the near future. A donation to the museum of \$20 per couple is suggested.

Since space is limited, reservations are required. For reservations, call Crook at 541-547-4547.

The historic Little Log Church has been a land-

mark in Yachats for 90 years and houses historic artifacts as well as being host to many weddings, artistic events and small concerts.

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