

Community News

Coastal Chambers of Commerce to 'corral' elected officials for legislative meet up

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with coastal chambers including Seaside, Astoria-Warrenton, Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, Newport, Waldport, Reedsport-Winchester Bay, Bay Area, Bandon and Brookings are excited to bring the coast its first "Coastal Corral" on Friday, May 1, at 10 a.m.

"As we 'Coasties' know, coastal communities face different challenges than other rural areas, and vastly different challenges than larger metro areas," said Bettina

Hannigan, executive director of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce.

Coastal chambers are convening U.S. and State legislators to update and share information with the business communities along the coast.

This free online panel conversation will be available via Zoom.com and Facebook Live. It will also be recorded for those unable to attend "live." Quick-links to attend the

event will be available at Florence-Chamber.com under the Events tab the morning of the panel.

"Many coastal communities rely heavily on tourism as their primary industry," Hannigan said. "With social distancing, what does it look like to re-open for business? Restaurants, lodging, retail, casinos and transportation sectors all face unknown restrictions and logistics for success. All non-essential businesses that are reopening are looking for resources and support."

Hannigan invites the public to

join the online session "to hear from our hard-working legislators about what they are doing to support truly 'miniature' businesses, along with small and larger employers — and all with a focus on the coast."

The event will include US Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, with State Senators Betsy Johnson and Arnie Roblan and State Representatives David Gomberg and Tiffany Mitchell. They will share knowledge and resources in a panel moderated by Lane Community

College Florence Center Dean Dr. Russ Pierson.

People can submit questions or comments for the panel to Bettina@FlorenceChamber.com.

"As chambers, it is our mission to be catalysts for business development and growth, convenors of leaders and influencers, and champions for a stronger community," Hannigan said.

For more information about this event or other chamber-related questions, reach out to FlorenceChamber.com.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announces call for art for 2020 Governor's Arts Awards

SALEM — In celebration of the uplifting power of art and its value to Oregonians' quality of life, Gov. Kate Brown today announced a call for nominations for the 2020 Governor's Arts

Awards. Established in 1977, the awards are held periodically as funding allows. A call for 2020 nominations is now posted at www.oregonartscommission.org/call-nominations-2017-oregon-arts-awards.

A partnership between the Office of the Governor and the Arts Commission, the Governor's Arts Awards recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts in Oregon. Awardees will be honored during an evening Governor's Arts Awards ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. Note: If social distancing prevents a public gathering, the event will be produced as a live-streamed Facebook event by Artslandia.

The 2020 Governor's Arts Awards are funded in part by The Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation

with generous event support from the Chehalem Cultural Center.

"Art is a fundamental ingredient of any thriving and vibrant community," Brown said. "Art sparks connections between people, movements, and new ideas. To put it simply, art makes life better. I am thrilled to celebrate Oregon's best artists and art supporters through the Governor's Arts Awards."

The Governor's Arts Awards are open to any individual, organization or community that currently resides in or has a significant presence in Oregon and has made outstanding contributions to the arts in the state. The 148 past recipients of a Governor's Arts Award are not eligible

"The Governor's Arts Award is the most prestigious honor an Oregon artist can receive," said Arts Commission Chair Anne Taylor. "We are extremely grateful to Governor Brown for her commitment to formally recognizing the contribution of Oregon artists and arts supporters to our collective quality of life."

Nominations will be reviewed by a committee composed of a representative from the Governor's Office, an Arts Commissioner and three to five arts leaders from across the state. They will recommend three to five awards based on the nominee's regional, national or international recognition for his/her/their contributions;

role in improving the quality of arts experiences and appreciation for the arts in Oregon; contributions to advancing the arts' positive impact on Oregonians' quality of life; and length of service to the arts in Oregon.

Brown will have final approval of award recipients.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26. Recipients will be notified by July 13 and must be available to participate in the Sept. 12 award ceremony (in person or virtually). The ceremony will be free and open to the public.

The last Governor's Arts Awards were held in 2017 as part of the celebration of the Arts Commission's 50th Anniversary.



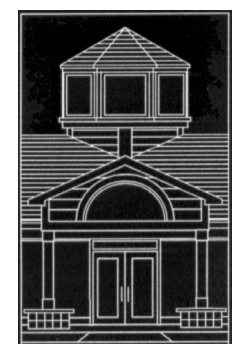
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Library Tidings

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By Kevin Mittge

Book Review "Apeirogon" By Colum McCann

Colum McCann's most ambitious work to date, "Apeirogon" — named for a shape with a countably infinite number of sides — is a tour de force concerning friendship, love, loss and belonging.

Bassam is Palestinian; Rami is Israeli. They inhabit a world of conflict that colors every aspect of their daily lives, from the roads they are allowed to drive on to the schools their daughters, Abir and Smadar, each attend; to the checkpoints — both physical and emotional — they must negotiate.

Their worlds shift irreparably after 10-year-old Abir is killed by a rubber bullet and 13-year-old Smadar becomes the victim of suicide bombers. When Bassam and Rami learn of each other's stories, they recognize the loss that connects them and attempt to use their grief as a weapon for peace.

McCann crafts "Apeirogon" out of a universe of fictional and nonfictional material. He crosses centuries and continents, stitching together time, art, history, nature and politics in a tale both heartbreaking and hopeful. Musical, cinematic, muscular, delicate and soaring, this is a novel for our time.

Library WiFi

If you have a device that uses WiFi and can't find a hotspot, you can always visit the library's parking lot. Our WiFi is on 24-hours a day and is accessible around the library. There are three internet routers you can access without a password. Just continue to maintain your social distancing.

Book Brunch

Join the library for its new virtual book club, Books for Breakfast, on Thursday mornings, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tomorrow, we'll discuss our favorite books. You can join us via Zoom video on your computer or device (<https://zoom.us/j/775103028>), or by calling the toll-free number at 877-853-5257, meeting ID #775 103 028.

Literary Podcasts of the Week

Do you enjoy the works of William Shakespeare? Then you might be interested in several fun, informative podcasts about the bard. Each of these can be

found through your favorite podcast app, such as Apple Podcasts, Spotify and others.

"Shakespeare Unlimited" is a podcast produced by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C., one of the preeminent collections in the world. This podcast opens a window into topics ranging from the real history of Elizabethan street fighting, to interviews with Shakespearean actors, to the American West.

"Breaking Bard: A Ripe Good Scholar Podcast" aims to break down the mythic image that has been constructed around Shakespeare by having honest conversations about the man and the plays.

Finally, if you are interested in the "authorship question" — the idea that someone other than William Shakespeare wrote the great works attributed to him — you might enjoy "Don't Quill the Messenger: Exploring the Truth of Shakespeare Authorship," which takes an investigative and often humorous look at the details surrounding the works in the Shakespearean canon in an effort to get to the bottom of who really was responsible for the writings.

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Health is our #1 Priority!

At Shervin's we are taking extra precaution in order to ensure that our customers and staff are kept safe and healthy during this quickly changing situation.

- 1 Car Sanitation** - All cars are wiped down with a sanitizer before and after the service. We wipe down any areas in the interior where employees have touched, such as door handles, the steering wheel, keys, shifters and power window panels.
- 2 Hand Sanitation** - Our staff will continue to wash their hands throughout the day and change gloves after each car they service.
- 3 Give Customers Options** - We will pick up and deliver your vehicle to your home. You may also drop your key in our secure mailbox for drop-offs to avoid or minimize contact.
- 4 Employee Illness is Serious** - We are encouraging employees not to shake hands. We are practicing "personal distancing" and encouraging employees to stay home if they feel under the weather.
- 5 Wipe Down High Touch Points** - We wipe/spray counters, credit card machines, door handles, phone handles, kitchen areas, and chair arms and tables in waiting area multiple times a day. We continue to be focused and committed to working with each of you to ensure we continue to meet and exceed your expectations. We are here for you.

We thank you for your business and more importantly, your friendship. Please be safe and exercise extra precaution during this challenging time.



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