

**2017 2nd QUARTERLY REPORT: Western Lane Regional Liaison
Late March – Early June, 2017**

FRAA Draws Attention of Oregon Governor



Governor Kate Brown paid an impromptu visit to the FRAA headquarters, March 13, during an art swap event. Her effort to encourage the work of FRAA and local artists speaks well for the success of FRAA's endeavors.

Lane Arts and FRAA Combine Efforts in Classrooms



FRAA has a focus this year on youth art in Florence. Jane Connelley, in conjunction with Lane Arts Council, through an artist residency program, worked with Siuslaw Middle School students to create some wonderful art collages. These collages were displayed at FRAA through the month of March.

FRAA is also offering shopping bags proudly displaying the collages which can be purchased at FRAA for \$20. Proceeds from these bags allow FRAA to fund additional activities for youth art.

Florence Fest a Huge Success!



**FLORENCE
fest '17**
WINE ART JAZZ

a coast radio production

Friday & Saturday • March 31 - April 1
Friday 2 - 8 p.m. • Saturday 12 - 8 p.m. at the Florence Events Center
For more info visit - florencefestoregon.com

\$20 pre-sale tickets available at the
Chamber Visitors Center or online at florencechamber.com
\$25 at the door - includes one full day admission, commemorative glass
and a free taste at each of our 12 wineries!

OREGON WINERIES *adults only • 21 & over*
OFFERING TASTES AND SAMPLES

<p>Benton - Lane Winery P.O. Box 99 23924 Terrestrial Rd. Monroe, OR 97456 541-847-9792 www.benton-lanewinery.com</p> <p>Cathedral Ridge Winery 4200 Post Canyon Drive, Hood River, Oregon 97031 800-516-8719 www.cathedralridgewinery.com crgwinery.com</p> <p>Hanson Vineyards 2494 S. Hartline Road Woodburn, OR 97071 971-338-9740 info@hansonvineyards.com</p> <p>Iris Vineyards 82110 Terrestrial Hwy Florence, OR 97005 541-242-6588 contact@irisvineyards.com</p>	<p>J Scott Cellars 520 Commercial St., Unit G Florence, OR 97002 541-337-5279 146 SW Wax Blvd. Newport, OR 97365 541-272-5222 www.jscottcellars.com</p> <p>Naked Winery 102 Second St. - Tasting Rm. Hood River, OR 97031 541-386-3700 www.nakedwinery.com</p> <p>Panache Cellars 3328 Stoneboro Place Philomath, OR 97139 541-929-2288 info@panachecellars.com</p> <p>Poco Collina - Gelardi Winery 92945 Kinser Ln Cheshiro, OR 97419 541-698-3435 www.gelardiwinery.com</p>	<p>River's Edge Winery 1395 River Drive PO Box 529 Ehston, OR 97436 541-584-2357 wines@riversedgewinery.com</p> <p>Season Cellars 305 Melrose Rd. Roadburg, OR 97471 541-784-7831 www.seasoncellars.com winery@seasoncellars.com</p> <p>Sineann Winery 8400 Champlin Rd. SE St Paul, OR 97137 503-341-3098 www.sineann.com</p> <p>Youngberg Hill 10660 SW Youngberg Hill Road McMinnville, OR 97128 503-472-2727 info@youngberghill.com</p>
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FEATURED JAZZ BANDS & MUSICIANS

<p>Friday March 31, 2017</p> <p>2:00 pm - Michael Anderson Jazz Trio Hometown: Eugene, Oregon Style: Straight ahead jazz standards - swing, Latin, ballads - vocals by Michael Anderson Info: www.micanderson.net</p> <p>4:30 pm - Michelle & Dave Van Handel Hometown: Bend, Oregon Style: Mixture of standards covers and contemporary originals with a mix of tight rock jazz and latin-tinged sounds. Info: www.michdavevanhandel.com</p> <p>6:30 pm - Tony Glisani & His 9 Piece Funk Band Hometown: Eugene, Oregon Style: Contemporary original jazz and fusion, including featuring a 5 piece horn section. Info: www.tonyglisani.com</p>	<p>Saturday April 1, 2017</p> <p>12:00 pm - Paul Biondi & Gus Russell Quartet Hometown: Eugene, Oregon Style: Standard jazz setting with diverse writings including swing, latin and funk. Info: www.gusru.com</p> <p>2:30 pm - Miles to Go Quartet Hometown: Florence, Oregon Style: Mixture of standard to contemporary settings on straight ahead jazz. Electric versions of popular songs performed in jazz idiom.</p> <p>4:30 pm - Don Latarski & D'Trio Hometown: Eugene, Oregon Info: www.donlatarski.com</p> <p>6:30 pm - Halle Loren Quintet Hometown: Eugene, Oregon Style: Original, contemporary jazz/rock/popular. Info: www.halleloren.com</p>
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ART SHOW & SALE

Florence Regional Arts Alliance is coordinating the juried art show and sale, conducted by Robert Canaga - artist, appraiser, and gallery owner/curator - will include 47 finalists out of almost 100 entries from Seattle to Bend, including many Lane County locals. A panel of 3 local artists and gallery owners will select three cash prize winners \$1,000, \$500, & \$250.



FESTIVAL SPONSORS

A weekend of jazz, wine and juried art drew a large attendance to the Florence Events Center. This new annual event may well become second only to the Rhody Festival, as a draw for visitors to the coast. Artists from all over Oregon displayed and sold their 2D and 3D artwork and many of them commented on the wonderful way the artwork was featured during the event.

Homeschoolers Display Tiles for Humane Society Fund



Along with FRAA's efforts in the public schools, homeschoolers' artwork was displayed recently. ROCKET (Rad Oregon Coast Kids Educating Together), a local homeschool organization, created ceramic tiles which were displayed for sale, a portion of the proceeds going to the Florence Humane Society.

Big Wave Poetry Contest Honors MAX Stabbing Victim



The Big Wave Poetry Fest, held May 12-13 at the Florence Events Center, saw many poets sharing their words, thoughts and emotions.

A special tribute was made on the Wave Facebook page, to former contest winner (2013), Micah Fletcher, who was one of the stabbing victims in the Portland MAX assault. His winning poem, ironically, addressed intolerance.

(Shown left: Micah with one of the girls he helped to defend.)

CROW to Feature Summer Theatre Camps



A great line-up of weekday summer camps is being offered by CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops):

Song & Dance Camp - July 10 -21; What Dreams May Come - Acting & Improv Camp - July 24 - Aug. 4; Advanced Acting Camp - Aug. 7-20; Tiny Tots Camp - Arts, Crafts, Music & More! - Aug. 21- 25.

Information is available at 541-999-8641, and classes fill up fast.

Coast Writers' Conference in the Works



Members of Lane Arts, FRAA and the Florence Festival of Books have been meeting to plan Words on the Coast Writers Symposium, to be held the weekend of the Florence Festival of Books, Sept. 29-30. Above left, Ellen Traylor (Regional Liaison) meets with FRAA president, Kristin Anderson and former president, Harlen Springer. At right, Siuslaw News Editor and Port Hole Publishing Publicist, Ned Hickson, collaborates with Traylor. Florence Festival of Books is also on board to cooperate with the endeavor.

FFOB Applications due; Event to Host Writers Conference Teachers

Florence Festival of Books is now taking applications for vendors at the upcoming festival (Sept. 29-30) to be held at the Florence Events Center. This event, a fast growing venue for writers, editors and readers, will feature Words on the Coast Writers Symposium teachers on its Friday afternoon panel.

\$100,000, a Mural and a School of Salmon!



The Reedsport Main Street Program has been awarded a \$100,000 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant! The grant's purpose is to support downtown revitalization efforts in communities participating in the Oregon Main Street Network. As part of the revitalization efforts, the Main Street Program is moving

forward with a large mural on the Rainbow Plaza levee wall. They have raised a little over half of the funds required. They will also be presenting individuals and businesses the opportunity to sponsor large (6ft x 12ft) individual salmon with historical scenes painted within them.

Information about the program and the arts efforts is available through Erik Hesselning, Program Coordinator, 541-271-3603 Ext:6 or <mainstreet@cityoffreedsport.org>.

Here's to an enjoyable, and artful summer!

Respectfully Submitted, Ellen Traylor (Regional Liaison)