

**2016 4th QUARTERLY REPORT: Western Lane Regional Liaison  
Late September-December, 2016**



**FRAA headquarters – 120 Maple – Florence, Oregon**

Florence Regional Arts Alliance headquarters in Old Town Florence is done up like a Christmas card, as FRAA celebrates its fourth year supporting the holiday arts on the Oregon Coast, and its second year from this lovely facility.

Fall and holiday arts flourish in the classes, shows and events held here, and sponsored throughout the community, by the FRAA membership.

**In 2016, Cooperation has been the Growing Theme Among  
Arts Groups and Public Agencies on the Coast**

One of the primary goals and visions of the Florence Regional Arts Alliance, since its inception, has been the fostering of cooperation among artists and arts groups in the “creative triangle” of Western Lane county and other counties of the central Oregon Coast. As 2016 draws to a close, this dream is increasingly fulfilled. As this is happening, public agencies are lending their support to the cause.



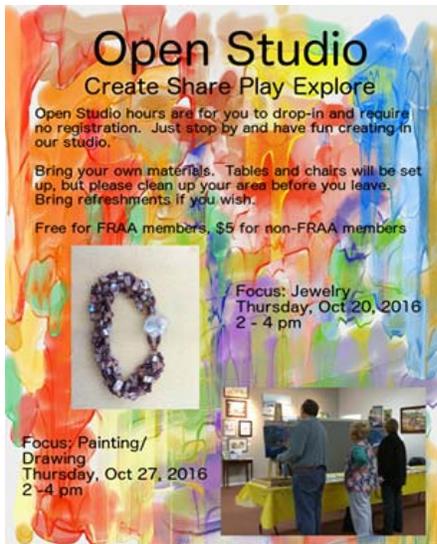
**Florence Events Center and FRAA** hosted the Holiday Arts Festival, helping shoppers get a head start on their holiday shopping while also supporting our talented coastal artists!

**Lane Arts** put out a call to artists for a unique opportunity to blend visual and musical arts .

“Does your artwork capture the beauty and excitement of chamber music? Submit your artwork to be featured on Chamber Music Amici’s 2017-2018 posters and programs. Two-dimensional media, Photography, and digital art accepted. Artwork will be on display at the Emerald Art Center in Feb 2017, with up to five winners announced at Amici’s concert on February 27, 2017. Learn more about this opportunity and find more Call to Artists news on our website: <http://lanearts.org/call-artists/>.”



*Chamber Music Amici Inaugural Concert*



One of the benefits of having a **“working” headquarters** for the coastal arts community is the chance for artists to work together in a welcoming environment.

Incoming FRAA board president, Kristin Anderson, says of the Open Studio concept, “Our goal is to create an artists’ community where people can gather and work on their art together with friends and fellow artists.”

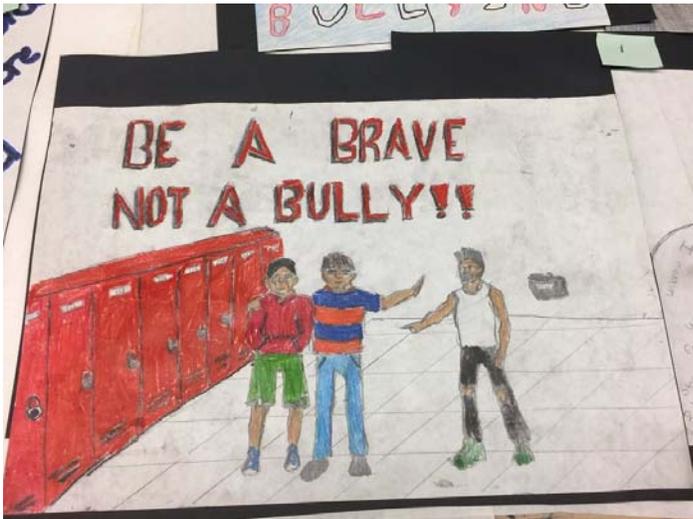


**Looking to the future of the coastal arts community!**

FRAA has installed a new feature in its gallery: a **YOUTH WALL!** Hoping to encourage the aspirations of young local artists, the display will give them an opportunity to grow in their arts and crafts, and maybe even make some money from their developing work!

First featured artist is Florence creative, Ben Cahoon (right), with 2D and 3D art.

**CDABA Joins Forces with Kids Against Bullying**



**Coastal Douglas Arts and Business Alliance (CDABA)** recently found a very practical way to encourage young artists while addressing a growing problem in the schools: bullying.

Students at Reedsport Community Charter School participated in an anti-bullying campaign by creating posters. CDABA presented prizes to the top three posters, which were judged on the message, type of font, and colorfulness.

## Coast Becoming Literary Mecca!

### 6th Annual Florence Festival of Books Best Yet!

About 400 attendees came from all over the northwest to visit the sixth annual Florence book festival, September 24, at the events center.



Phillip Margolin

FRAA president, Harlen Springer (right), visits with participating author.

Port Hole Authors Tom Cheronis and Ned Hickson are interviewed by local radio. (right bottom)

Nearly 90 authors and publishers filled the vendor hall, and the festival featured bestseller **Phillip Margolin** (left) as keynoter.



**OREGON AUTHOR DAY!**

**OCT 8<sup>TH</sup>! 10-3PM**

**Guest Speaker: Phillip Margolin**

Join us at the Coos History Museum for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oregon Author Day! There will be many local authors ready to share their latest books! Our interim director, and author, George Wright will speak followed by our special guest, Phillip Margolin!

From 1972 until 1996, he was in private practice in Portland, specializing in criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels. *Hearstone* was his first novel, which was nominated for an Edgar for best original paperback mystery of 1978. His second novel, *The Last Innocent Man*, was made into an HBO movie. His most recent novels are *Woman with a Gun*, and *Violent Crimes*. He worked for 30 years in writing his only historical novel, *Worthy Brown's Daughter*, which is a compelling historical drama, set in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Oregon, that combines a heartbreaking story of slavery and murder.

Co-sponsored by:

**Speakers:**

George Wright  
11:00am

Phillip Margolin  
1:00pm

Buy from many local Authors!

See their latest titles and have your copies signed!

**COOS HISTORY MUSEUM**  
1210 N. Front St.  
Coos Bay, OR 97420  
[www.cooshistory.org](http://www.cooshistory.org)  
Tues-Sun.  
10-6pm

### Coos History Museum Features Local Writers

Nearly in tandem with the Florence Festival of Books was the Coos History Museum Oregon Author Day, October 8, also featuring Phillip Margolin, and many other regional authors.

The museum, located in Coos Bay, invited regional writers to share their works with the public.

### ARTS GROUPS JOIN FORCES TO CREATE COASTAL WRITERS' CONFERENCE!

Following up on an earlier effort on the part of local writers to create a coastal writers' conference, energetic groups are joining forces to succeed in the endeavor. In January, **FRAA, the Florence Festival of Books, Friends of the Florence Events Center and Port Hole Publishing** will be meeting with representatives from Reedsport, Gardiner and other coastal communities to discuss plans for such a conference. Results will be announced in the next newsletter.



## Local Bookstore to Host Annual Evening of Holiday Readings



As part of the literary movement on the coast, and in honor of the season, **Port Hole Books and Publishing** will host its annual Evening of Holiday Readings, Dec. 21, in Old Town Florence. In its tenth year, this happy event invites local participants, published or not, to read from their favorite holiday writings. These can be works of their own or others' creation.

Event is free and refreshments will be served. For information, call 541-999-5725.

## National Arts and Humanities Month Feated by Local Government and Library



### LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS ARTS

In an unprecedented show of community support for the arts, Florence Mayor Joe Henry gave a proclamation for National Arts & Humanities Month at the October 3 city council meeting. Local artists were invited to bring small works of art for display, and the council passed out buttons to all attendees, celebrating October as National Arts and Humanities Month.



### SIUSLAW PUBLIC LIBRARY INVITES CREATIVES

Local artists were featured at a day-long celebration of Arts and Humanities Month, as they demonstrated their various crafts and arts genres for the public.

In a show of support for community arts, the library declared October a month of arts appreciation.



**Celebrate Arts & Humanities @ the Siuslaw Public Library during OCTOBER**

<p>10am-12pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heggie Begon: Fiber Arts</li> <li>Beverly Fraser: Altered Journals</li> <li>Bill Johnson: Assemblages</li> <li>John McManan: 3d Printing</li> <li>Patricia Vossler: Altered Journals</li> <li>Friends of the Library: Library Art Project *</li> </ul>	<p><b>2016 demARTS</b> A Demonstration of Creativity &amp; Art @ Siuslaw Public Library</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10-4:30</b></p> <p>Watch as artists and crafters <b>create!</b></p> <p>*Create a word tile and be part of a Library work of art!</p>	<p><b>LOBBY DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE SIUSLAW FIBER ARTS GUILD</b></p> <p><b>Drawings!!!</b> <b>Giveaway's!!!!</b> <b>Make &amp; Takes!!!!</b></p>
<p>12:15-2:15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John Lesure: Oil</li> <li>Florence Area Readers: Reading</li> <li>Lori Festa: Calligraphy</li> <li>Kathy Effers: Felting</li> <li>Rae Hill: Zentangle</li> <li>Friends of the Library: Library Art Project *</li> </ul>		<p><b>1pm-in the Library</b> <b>The Last Pirate Takes</b> from <b>A Review of THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE</b></p>
<p>2:30-4:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Norma Burtlett: Anthropomorphic Dolls</li> <li>Kat Cunningham: Memorial Jewelry</li> <li>Terry Dewey: Paper Arts</li> <li>Carole Hillberry: Watercolor</li> <li>Meg Spencer: Button Making</li> <li>Friends of the Library: Library Art Project *</li> </ul>		



## FRAA APPOINTS 2017 BOARD

The arts community of Florence and the central coast wishes to thank FRAA board president Harlen Springer and the many who have served with him, for their selfless work during their tenure. New president Kristin Anderson will take the reins in January. Several new members have stepped forward to fill vacated board positions. Ellen Traylor, an adjunct to the FRAA and Lane Arts boards, will remain as Regional Liaison.

Here are particulars from the Siuslaw News.

### FRAA announces appointment of new board for 2017

<p>Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) members elected new board members at their recent annual meeting.</p>	<p>The new board also selected officers for the 2017 term. Serving as FRAA president is Kristin Anderson.</p>	<p>Other officers are: Vice-president Ronald Hildenbrand; secretary Bev Hildenbrand and treasurer John Leasure.</p>
<p>Board members chairing various committees include: Caroline Mesman, staffing; Ellen Huntingdon, media; Meg Spencer, membership; Claudia Ignatieff, publicity; Ken McDougal, photography; and Bill Johnson, member-at-large.</p>		
<p>Completing their terms as board members are Harlen Springer and Claudia Brown who have given countless hours of their time to make FRAA a success.</p>		
<p>FRAA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote all the art forms in Florence and surrounding areas, with the goal of making Florence an arts destination.</p>		
<p>FRAA's Art Center and Gallery is located at 120 Maple St., where a variety of classes are offered. In addition, gallery space is available for members to exhibit their art.</p>		
<p>The gallery is completely staffed by volunteers and the organization is supported by memberships and sponsors.</p>		
<p>For more information on the outreach of FRAA, membership benefits, classes, the open studio, Second Saturday Gallery Tours, upcoming Festivals and events or how to join FRAA, visit <a href="http://www.fraa.oregon.org">www.fraa.oregon.org</a>.</p>		
<p>The FRAA Art Center is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>		

**Happy Holidays and May Your New Year be Blessed!**

*Respectfully Submitted, Ellen Traylor (Regional Liaison)*

### FRAA to Host Artisan Fair, Jazz Fest

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Music Artisan Fair will be held at the Florence Events Center, Jan. 14-15, hosted by FRAA. Local and regional artisans will demonstrate their talents and bring their latest creations. For information call 541-902-1933.

A Jazz, Art and Wine Fest is in the planning stages for March. Be watching for info on [FRAAoregon.org](http://FRAAoregon.org). and Facebook.