



Caring Is Sharing

Give the gifts that keep on giving this holiday season
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Get on your rain gear, get out your wallet, and support local charities. Here's a list to get you going with some holiday cheer.

Holiday on Fire and Ice

Royalty is fabulous and fun, and we just don't get enough of it outside the United Kingdom! Ring in the holidays at the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's Investitures 2006, where the new Emperor and Empress bestow their titles for the coming year. The ball starts 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at Embers, 110 N.W. Broadway. The \$12 cover benefits the court's general fund.

The court is the oldest gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender non-profit, volunteer-run organization that is dedicated to having fun while raising money for charities within the sexual minorities community. The group has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for various charities, such as the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, Esther's Pantry, Our House of Portland, Pride of the Rose Scholarship, Audria M. Edwards Scholarship, Shepherd Legal Scholarship, numerous breast cancer research funds, Camp Starlight and Outside In.

At this "Fire and Ice" ball, Rose Prince and Princess Craig Hollywood Foxx and Fiona Flash Foxx will be stepping down. Drag performances will follow, then Rose Emperor Don Hood and Rose Empress Dawna Creation will announce the new titleholders.

How Bazaar!

The Season of Peace Sale is from 2 to 5 p.m. Dec. 3 at Friends Meetinghouse, 4312 S.E. Stark St.

Purchase green, local and recycled treasures, goods and services



The SCRAP Holiday Bazaar is guaranteed to be more fun and cheaper than the mall.

with artistic and international flair, as well as antique and vintage items. Proceeds from the sale benefit the education and community programs of the Quaker Meeting.

Mindful Gifts Bazaar

Bridgeport United Church of Christ will host the fifth annual Mindful Gifts Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 9 at 621 N.E. 76th Ave.

You'll find creative and affordable gifts from dozens of local nonprofits, which "sell" portions of their projects and activities. You'll receive certificates or unique gift tokens (photographs, river rocks and seed packets, for example) representing some service or project, which you can wrap up and give to loved ones.

With each purchase, you will support the work of organizations including Pear, Watota Wa Dunia and Portland Habitat for Humanity. The event is wheelchair-accessible, and free parking is available.

The Mindful Gifts Bazaar, which launched in 2001, enables participating organizations to raise money and spread the word about their work. Bridgeport United Church of Christ is a congregation of progressive political people exploring and celebrating the Christian faith. About 90 percent of the adults of the congregation work for nonprofits or human services.

Bazaar and Bake Sale

The School and Community Reuse Action Project (SCRAP) is hosting its fifth annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake sale from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at 3901A N. Williams Ave.

This unique and cozy holiday bazaar features 15 local artisans who transform normally unwanted materials into cool, creative gifts perfect for your friends and loved ones! All items are made from a minimum of 75 percent reused materials. Artisans include Suzanne Keolker of Mugwump, Jenn Hill of Robot Candy, Marc Willwerth of Perfect Children and April Alden of Rosewebs.

Other items for sale include jewelry, mirrors, clocks, wall hangings, bowls, books and scarves. Most items range from \$5 to \$50 to ensure public access to affordable art.

SCRAP is a nonprofit with the mission to promote creative reuse and environmentally sustainable behavior by providing educational programs and affordable materials to the community. This year it diverted more than 53,700 pounds of reusable materials from the waste stream and into the hands of teachers, families and artists. In 2005 its Education Outreach Program provided free inspirational art and environmental curriculum and interactive workshops to more than 8,500 third- through eighth-grade students and teachers.

It's Crafty

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 9 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 10, find the perfect unique gift at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth St.

The Holiday Craft Bazaar will feature handmade crafts at affordable prices, including knit scarves, gift cards and multiethnic baked goods. Proceeds benefit Radical Women and the Freedom Socialist Party.

Holiday Growl

This year's Oregon Bears Community Holiday Show is titled "Woof, Wigs and Whips!"

The show starts 7 p.m. Dec. 10 at Darcelle XV Showplace, 208 N.W. Third Ave. It will feature performances by the Oregon Bears Dancers, Laurel Hurst, Stan Cass, Joel Park, Mr. and Ms. Oregon State Leather and others.



Santa Bears strut in briefs at last year's Oregon Bears Community Holiday Show.



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