



By Marie Strong

Harvest & Holidays

Handcrafted goods from across the Pacific Northwest will fill the Yachats Commons this weekend as the Harvest & Holidays Arts & Crafts Festival returns to jump-start the holiday shopping season.

Now in its 22nd year, the juried craft fair sees some 80 exhibitors offering everything from jewelry, wood crafts and metal art to bath and body products; photography and gourmet dog treats.

Recycled and upcycled goods are a major part of this year's festival, with offerings including Fire Song Garden Bells crafted from recyclable fire extinguishers by Jack Thomas from Rogue River; Bling Thing framed wall art and greeting cards created by Linda DeVoy of Newport, using vintage and costume jewelry pieces; Jellyfish Lights crafted from cast off and found objects by Cindy Lippincott of Newport; and shadow boxes by Jennifer Norman of Lincoln City, filled with a collection of interesting trinkets in a variety of styles.

The greatest gifts are often edible and gourmet food producers will be on hand throughout the weekend to offer free samples of their delicious wares. Products include Geez Smoked Cheese with several kinds of cheese and smoked garlic; Dippity Doo Da Dips gourmet dip mixes; Spiritopia liqueurs



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and brandies; Stargazer's Gourmet fudge, chocolates, biscotti, caramels and other treats; Walker Farms Gourmet Foods with canned goods, jams, pickles and sauces, cheeses, frozen meats, sauerkraut and fresh pasta; Oh Honey with Willamette Valley honey and roasted hazelnuts and Celia's Balsamics with aged and flavored vinegars and oils. The Depoe Bakery will offer their delicious and unusual pastries and coffee for sale as well.

Licensed massage therapist Melody Gandy

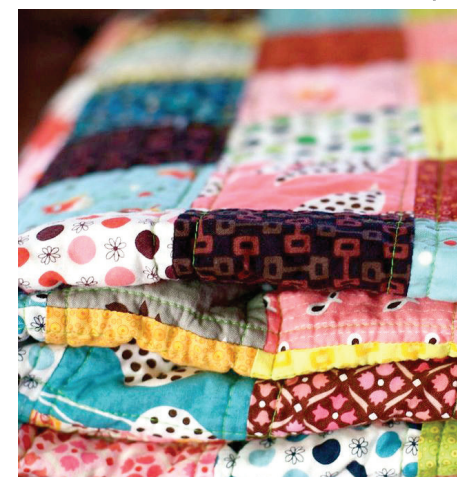


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will be able to soothe any holiday shopping nerves with a relaxing chair massage, while community booths will offer the chance to learn about groups including the Yachats Fire Department and the Yachats Ladies Club, which will be selling crafts alongside raffle tickets for its scholarship fundraiser quilt.

The Harvest & Holidays Arts & Crafts Festival, hosted by Crafts on the Coast, will run from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2 and 3, at the Yachats Commons, 441 Hwy. 101 N.

Admission and parking are free for this family-friendly event. For more information, call 541-547-4738.



Fold this into your weekend

Beautiful quilts and other handmade items will be available this weekend in Lincoln City as St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church hosts its annual Christmas Bazaar.

Running throughout Friday and Saturday, Nov. 1 and 2, the bazaar will also feature a Treasure Room full of jewelry and gifts, a bake sale stocked with home baked goodies, and freshly cracked walnuts from the Yamhill Valley.

Besides the quilts created to sell at the bazaar, the church also send quilts to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the United States and the world. New this year is the Jelly Roll quilt project, which sees volunteers making quilts for homeless students in Lincoln City.

All proceeds from our event go toward the church's mission project, which include local efforts such as My Sisters' Place, hospice, Lincoln City Food Pantry, Neighbors for Kids in Depoe Bay, Backpack Food Program, Family Promise and Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes.

The bazaar is open both days from 10 am to 3 pm, with lunch served in the St. Peter Cafe from 11 am to 2 pm.

The church is located on Highway 101 at SW 14th Street across from Lincoln City Outlets.

For more information, call 541-994-8793.