

Poem for the holidays

From letters to Santa to New Year's resolutions, December has always been a time for putting pen to paper. And Manzanita's Hoffman



Lana Hechtman Ayers

Center for the Arts is encouraging wordsmiths to do just that in preparation for a poetry contest in January 2020.

Budding poets are invited to submit poems of 30 lines or less, on any subject. Up to three poems will

be accepted in a single submission document. Each submitter must state a clear connection to the North Oregon Coast in the biographical statement that accompanies the submission.

The winning poem will be published on the Hoffman Center website and in the center's newsletter as well as winning its author a \$100 cash prize.

All submissions will be anonymously judged by Lana Ayers, MFA, who has been publishing the Concrete Wolf Poetry Chapbook Series since 2001. In 2010, she created MoonPath Press to publish poetry collections by Pacific Northwest poets. She has authored nine collections of poetry and recently released her first novel.

Submissions will be accepted from January 1 to January 31, and the contest is limited to the first 50 poets who enter. The winner will be notified in March.

There is a \$7 entry fee to enter the contest. All submissions must be made online at hoffmanarts.org.

Worth going; without a shadow of a doubt



A student operating a Javanese shadow puppet at the recent Toy Theatre Workshop

Free arts and crafts will be on offer this weekend in Toledo as the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre and Oregon Coast Children's Center for the Arts celebrates its 30th anniversary.

The annual craft fair gives students and family members the chance to make holiday ornaments, assemblage art gift boxes and greeting cards all free of charge. Donations are accepted.

Guests can also browse the offerings in a holiday gift sale, featuring both new and used items including jewelry, artwork and more.

There will also be special sale items offered from the Olalla Center for Children and Families, including toys, games and furniture items to benefit operations at the educational center. Guests will also be able to volunteer on a community art project for the Olalla Center and help the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre celebrate its 30th anniversary.

The event will run from 2 to 6 pm on Friday, Dec. 20, and from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Flowerree Community Center, located in the old Mary Harrison Elementary School at 321 SE 3rd Street, Toledo.

To donate or for more information, call or text Artistic Director Lawrence Adrian at 503-801-0603 or e-mail oregoncoastchildrenstheatre@gmail.com.

There's Lutz to admire about this show

Newport's Pothole Players will present the perfect old-fashioned treat for the Holiday season this Saturday, Dec. 21, with the Oregon premiere of "The Lutz Radio Theatre Christmas Show (of 1947)."

It's Christmas Eve 1947 and the final radio broadcast for station KMAS in Hollywood, California. After this, they'll be converted to a television studio; and not everyone's happy about it. When the writer throws a fit and the professional actors and musicians don't arrive, the station workers must scramble to save the broadcast — after all, the show must go on.

Based on a play by Alex Golson and the Orange Coast College Repertory Theatre, the show is directed by Cody Larsen and stars Nikki Atkins, Jami Ivory, Jim Erickson, William Derek Webster and Joshua

Lawrence.

Saturday's performance starts at 7 pm at 777 W Olive Street. Tickets, \$15 plus ticketing fees, are available at www.coastarts.org or by calling 541-265-ARTS (2787).

Hosted by the Tequila Mockingbirds, this family-friendly event features Christmas music, live theater, special surprises, hot chocolate and homemade holiday cookies

Each guest who donates two or more nonperishable food items will be entered for a chance to win two tickets to all four show in Red Octopus Theatre Company's 2020 season. The line up includes "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, A Curious Rock Musical" in April, "One Night Delights" in July, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" in October and "The Christmas Show" in December.



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The Tequila Mockingbirds, Coco Divine and Miss Mona Lott