

Cannon Beach American Legion holds craft bazaar

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach American Legion Auxiliary will hold its annual craft bazaar and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30.

This event is the Auxiliary's biggest fundraiser for veterans in Oregon's four VA hospitals. Proceeds directly benefit veterans, not hospital administrators.

As usual, the fair will be held both inside and outside of the American Legion Hall, which is located at 1216 S. Hemlock St. in midtown Cannon Beach.

The indoors will focus on vendors with varied crafts plus a huge bake sale.

Last year's bake sale — which highlighted pies, pies and more pies, plus cookies, breads, bars and more — raised more than \$1,000 for veterans' hospital funds.

A ring of craft vendor tents — again, with a variety of hand-crafted products — will circle the American Legion building outside, so that shoppers can stroll around and shop.

Crafts include jewelry, birdhouses, elaborate wooden toys, fused glass, quilted products, Chinese bonsai trees, hats and purses, cook books for men, shell wreaths and much more.

Trail's End Art Association to feature watercolors by Linda Gebhart Aug. 6

GEARHART — Trail's End Art Association will present a show by Linda Gebhart opening Aug. 6. A reception and opportunity to meet the artist will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. as part of the Aug. 6 Gearhart Art Walk. Trail's End is located at 656 A St. The public is invited to view the show, which will also include the work of other Trail's End members.

Gebhart's small watercolors capture the viewer with their magical details. At a recent TEAA show, an admirer said, "Look at the

tiny features on the birds on the beach! That's just the way they look."

"Because I like to work on small pieces, my favorite part is being able to see the fruits of my labor in as little as 15 minutes," Gebhart says. "The seascapes continue to call me as I live near the ocean and am able to work in the open, plein air, or from my many photos taken on beach walks."

Gebhart creates matts from cardboard and end pieces and is glad to participate in recycling in her craft.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
A framed watercolor of Cannon Beach by Linda Gebhart.

A career as a high school math teacher demanded most of Gebhart's time and energy. As

retirement approached, she started to imagine what it could be. Given her passion for decorating and design, she decided to try watercolor as a medium. After a few classes, she fell in love with it.

"Clean up was a breeze, and I could come and go as I pleased. It's great for a multi-tasker like me!" She says. Her advice to aspiring artists is to take up the brush and jump right in. "Whether you paint to sell or paint for the sheer pleasure, it's a wonderful creative process."

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