

Seaside hosts Providence Festival of Trees

SEASIDE — The Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation's 19th annual Festival of Trees will take place Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

The festival features Christmas trees and displays decorated by local businesses, florists and other talented North Coast residents.

Trees on display this year will include: a Sgt. Jason Gooding Memorial Tree by Clatsop County law enforcement; a Reach for Hope Tree by Fairweather House & Gallery; a Vegas High Roller Tree by Analeigh Green and Maryanne Smith; It's a Tactical Christmas Tree by Jeremy Mills of State Farm Insurance; Christmas Circus

Tree by Karalee Martin; For the Birds Tree by Necanicum Watershed Council; Sweet Side of Seaside Tree by Seaside Downtown Development Association; Community Garden Tree by Sunset Park & Recreation; and Yuletide Dreams by Yuletide Christmas Shop.

A free Community Open House featuring Santa Claus will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees can stroll among a forest of sparkling trees, visit Santa and enjoy Candy Cane Lane festivities. A photo capturing your visit with Santa will be available for \$5. There is no charge to visit with Santa or take pictures with your own camera.

Candy Cane festivities for

children include story time with Princess Belle, magical wands with the Sugarplum Fairy, crafts, cookie decorating and face painting.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the Gala Dinner and Auction. First comes a champagne reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and the live auction. Attendees will enjoy a buffet dinner and a decadent dessert buffet.

The event will also feature the work of 2016 Signature Artist Paula Blackwell. A signature painting will be available at auction during the gala. Blackwell has been painting for 20 years and uses a combination of pigmented wax and oil on wood panels to create landscapes

that capture an air of mystery and timelessness. Her work is featured in RiverSea Gallery in Astoria, White Bird Gallery in Cannon Beach and Ryan Gallery in Lincoln City.

Reservations are required for the dinner, and tickets cost \$100 per person. For more information or to make reservations, call 503-717-7604 or visit providencefestivaloftrees.org/seaside

Proceeds from this year's event will go toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art 3D tomosynthesis breast mammography machine for Providence Seaside Hospital's diagnostic imaging department. The mammography machine will be the first of its kind on the North Coast and



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The Festival of Trees will take place Saturday, Dec. 3.

will offer residents the opportunity to have their screenings at the coast rather than driving to Portland or make multiple trips for additional scans because the 2D machine

couldn't get a clear enough image. The "Tomo" also supports the earlier detection of breast cancer — sometimes as early as stage zero — saving time and sometimes lives.

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Dancers, including Joe Justice as the Nutcracker Prince and Anita Barbic as Clara, rehearse for the Little Ballet Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker," which will take place Dec. 3 and 4 at Astoria High School.

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