

# Get in the holiday spirit in downtown Cannon Beach

Haystack Holidays continues with Lamp Lighting, Holiday Tea, more

CANNON BEACH — Haystack Holidays, Cannon Beach's own series of festive holiday events, kicked off after Thanksgiving and continue this weekend.

Get creative at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The chamber will host a holiday wreath making event. Get tips from the instructor and make a holiday wreath while enjoying refreshments and holiday music.

After your wreath is finished, get cozy at the Cannon Beach Library's annual Holiday Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Enjoy home baked cookies, tea and cider. During the event, library staff will draw the winner of the annual quilt drawing; you do not have to be present to win. For more information, call 503-436-1391.

Then, from the library head to Sandpiper Square for the Lamp Lighting Ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday, a beloved Cannon Beach holiday tradition. Attendees will find treats and refreshments after the ceremony as well. For more information, call 503-436-2618.

You can also have fun any time now through Dec. 17 with Cannon Beach in Lights and the Name That Tune Window Display Contest. Cannon Beach's picturesque downtown sparkles with festive holiday lighting displays the entire month of December as businesses compete



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Wreath making at the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce is one of many Haystack Holiday events.

for awards. You can vote for your favorite online at [www.cannonbeach.org](http://www.cannonbeach.org) through Dec. 16. Awards will be announced at the Coaster Theatre play on the Dec. 17. For more information, contact the chamber at 503-436-2623.

Downtown businesses are also competing in a window display contest; each window display is patterned after a well-known holiday song. Pick up a Name That Tune playing card at participating businesses, fill them out and submit them for the chance to win a holiday gift basket.



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The Lamp Lighting Ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.



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North Coast Land Conservancy Stewardship Director Melissa Reich looks over a stand of noble firs on Boneyard Ridge. NCLC has thinned some of the trees and will sell them Dec. 4.

## Have the greenest Christmas ever with a tree from Boneyard Ridge

SEASIDE — Buy your Christmas tree from North Coast Land Conservancy in a special one-day sale Dec. 4, and you'll be contributing — in multiple ways — to the restoration of two habitat reserves on Tillamook Head.

NCLC is thinning a stand of young fir trees high on Boneyard Ridge Habitat Reserve, overlooking Seaside, to create a healthy future forest. The trees just happen to be the perfect size and shape for Christmas trees.

Purchase your tree from NCLC and contribute to the restoration of Boneyard Ridge and Circle Creek habitat reserves.

On Sunday, Dec. 4, come to the barn at NCLC's Circle Creek Conservation Center to choose your tree and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa.

"The trees look really beautiful," the conservancy's Stewardship Director Melis-

sa Reich said. "It will be a cool opportunity for people who want to feel good about where their trees come from this holiday season."

Most of the trees are noble firs, with sturdy branches and an airy structure just right for hanging ornaments. There may be a few grand firs as well. The trees range upward from about 5 feet in height. The trees will be cut the previous afternoon, so they will be extremely fresh.

Boneyard Ridge, acquired by NCLC in July, is a former commercial tree farm. "They planted to maximize timber production," Reich said. "Our goal is to create an old-growth forest in the future. We need to thin the trees down so that they will grow faster and not compete with each other."

NCLC is asking a donation of \$100 for each tree, regardless of size; your

donation will be put to work helping to restore the forest on Boneyard Ridge.

When the holidays are over, return your Boneyard Ridge tree to Circle Creek Conservation Center. Staff and volunteers will place it in a waterway on Boneyard Ridge or adjacent Circle Creek Habitat Reserve, where it will provide refuge for juvenile coho salmon and contribute to the food chain serving those fish and a variety of other wildlife.

Sales start at 11 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. or until trees run out. Come early for best selection. Circle Creek Conservation Center is at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside; look for it on the west side of U.S. Highway 101, 0.7 mile north of the junction with U.S. 26. Follow the road west and north a short distance to where the road ends in front of the barn.