

## Encore Dance Studio holds holiday showcase

### Donate a new toy for the Wishing Tree toy drive

SEASIDE — Encore Dance Studio invites the public to its annual Holiday Showcase & Toy Drive at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

The dance showcase will take place at the Seaside Convention Center. Admission is free and open to the public, but there's a suggested donation of a new, unwrapped toy at the door. All toys will be donated to the local Wish-

ing Tree program, which supplies toys to children in need.

Enjoy a fun family evening watching Christmas-themed dance routines showcasing over 200 local dancers ages 2 and up.

The audience will be entertained with routines including "I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas tree."

For more information, contact Encore Dance Studio at [getyouddancing@gmail.com](mailto:getyouddancing@gmail.com) or call the studio at 503-717-1637.

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## Tolovana Arts Colony throws art show, craft bazaar

CANNON BEACH — Why shop for presents online or at the big box stores when you could shower friends and family with one-of-a-kind gifts that represent Cannon Beach and North Coast?

From Friday, Dec. 9 through Sunday, Dec. 11, the Tolovana Arts Colony presents its Holiday Gift Fair, a pop-up art show and craft bazaar featuring locally made items. On offer will be everything from jewelry to paintings, clothing and even soap made from bacon. Indeed, Tolovana Hall will be bursting at the seams with exclusive works from local artisans.

The weekend begins with opening night party that will knock the socks off any traditional gallery opening. There will be food and wintry drinks as well as a DJ and other surprises. Heck, it might just turn into

a post-shopping, late-night dance party. The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. Friday.

But before you boogie, you'll want to take a good gander at the wares.

On hand will be the mysterious and meticulous paintings of Scott Johnson, the intricate weaving work of Deb Carnes, the earthy mixed-media designs of Allyn Cantor, the sleek paintings and sculptures of Rachel Laura, woodblock prints from Thomas William, the award-winning jewelry of Libby Pattison, herbal tonics from DJ Ankendbrandt, handmade clothing from Jen Jenuine, the relaxing watercolors of Amy Carleton and many more.

"There are a number of really fantastic artists in Cannon Beach," says show organizer Deb Carnes. "We want to give them the opportunity to share their talents

with the community."

While this will be the Arts Colony's first Gift Party, it is at the same time a continuation of a long-held tradition. For the last eight years, Carnes has led the Arts Colony's annual pop-up art gallery and filled it with local works.

"When I first moved to Cannon Beach, the Arts Colony gave me a chance to show my work," says Carnes. "It's important to me to continue that and give other artists the same support."

In years past, the pop-up gallery opened in conjunction with the Stormy Weather Arts Festival. Through the years, though, finding temporary spaces to rent in Cannon Beach became increasingly difficult as empty storefronts all but disappeared.

Rather than trying to compete with the festival this year, Carnes felt a holiday-re-

lated event could become a destination in itself.

More than providing exquisite gifts for your loved ones, shopping at the bazaar also provides critical support for local artists, who will reap the lion's share of the sales. As a nonprofit, the Tolovana Arts Colony is able to offer rates of return to artists that are two-times better than traditional galleries.

"Besides just showing their work, the show can be a significant boost to the income of local artists," Carnes says. "It can really make a difference."

After Friday's opening night, the bazaar continues from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tolovana Hall is located at 3779 S. Hemlock St. For more information, call 541-215-4445, email [tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com](mailto:tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com), or visit [tolovanaartscolony.org](http://tolovanaartscolony.org)

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