

# MERRYMAKING MANIACS

## Carruthers Holiday Bazaar goes down Dec. 17 and 18

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**T**is the season for bustling and grinch-ing, baking and wrapping and all manner of merrymaking. It's a busy time of year.

So when I see people doing "extra" in December, I'm amazed ... more amazed if that person has at least one child — *super-amazed* if the task requires an organizational feat.

Misty Czillinger, a six-year Astoria resident, is organizing Carruthers Holiday Bazaar, held at the restaurant 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and 3 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18.

Live music will be provided by Darc Moore and his trio, as well as Joshua Esterline's dark acoustic rock from Southern Oregon known as "Acousta Noir." Music starts 2 p.m. Sunday. The Carruthers bar will be open, and cocktails will be available for purchase both days.

My first question for Czillinger: What on earth possessed her to organize a two-day holiday bazaar during the most nutso time of the year? "I'm a maniac," she said.



Dennis Thomas' Elk six-pack

You may know Czillinger if you've ever eaten at Astoria Coffee House & Bistro or shopped at Cargo.

"These two chicks I know used to do little craft fairs in Portland out of their houses, and there'd be live music and a potluck and tables were cheap," Czillinger remembered. These women's efforts snowballed into "Crafty Wonderland," a biannual arts-and-crafts fair at the Oregon Convention Center.

Czillinger decided to organize the Carruthers bazaar, she said, because "I wanted to be inspired to make things."



Sophia Anderson's "Crow," a sumi ink piece

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# COAST WEEKEND Photo Contest

### Official Rules:

#### Who can enter?

- Photographers of all ages; must be residents of Oregon or Washington state.

#### What photographs are eligible?

- All subjects are welcome.
- Digital entries: Digital photographs may be color or black-and-white and must be JPEGs, maximum of 5MB, 300 dpi resolution and at least 5"x7" in image size.

#### Submission deadline:

- Entries will be accepted Friday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017

#### Results:

- Top 10 photographs will be published in the Coast Weekend print edition on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.
- Top 25 photographs will be published online at CoastWeekend.com on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.
- Gift cards will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place winners, plus a People's Choice winner voted for online Dec. 18 to Dec. 24.

#### Other contest rules:

- All photographs entered may be used in future publications by the EO Media Group
- Each entry must include the entrant's name, home address, age, a description of the photograph and email address.

Submit all photos online at:

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