

Coast Weekend Road Trip *Manzanita*

Afternoon trip: Enjoy Manzanita's art galleries

BY MORGAN GRINDY

The North Coast's towns have many must-see stops for art enthusiasts. Manzanita is no exception, with its unique assortment of artists and galleries.

From Kathleen Kanas' natural fiber basketry to J. Scott Wilson's dreamy oil paintings of seascapes, art is in the air.



Morgan Grindy

A display of ceramic bowls and vases for sale at Finnesterre in Manzanita.

As you exit U.S. Highway 101 onto Laneda Avenue, you'll come across Amanita Gallery and Hoffman Center for the Arts. Although temporarily closed, the galleries are both delicately decorated with blossoming flowers and lavish gardens. Across the street from the Hoffman Center for the Arts, you'll see the organization's Wonder Garden, which features intricately placed flora and fauna. The center regularly hosts lectures and classes, many of which are being hosted virtually.

The Wonder Garden features several beds of greenery and luminous orange poppies, among the many species displayed. Wooden chairs in the center of the garden provide guests an invitation to relax for a moment.

Head to 4th Street Studio and Gallery to browse Kanas' work, including handmade baskets and ceramics. Kanas has ran her gallery for 26 years. She has created basketry for 55 years.

Inside the studio, view work from local mixed media artist Lori Dillon and

prints of Bill Voxman's black and white photography. The studio is decorated for the ultimate Oregon Coast lover. Landscape paintings of the coast, baskets woven from western red cedar, framed loom work and a glistening glass fish sculpture are all available to see and are worth exploring. More art can also be browsed at the home goods store Finnesterre. From beach-themed pottery to the popular Fussenegger throw blankets, the store has a pleasing display of both art and goods.

BY ALYSSA EVANS

Driving down U.S. Highway 101, it's easy to miss Manzanita. But you'll be better for it if you take the time to visit.

The small coastal town is just off the highway before Nehalem and Wheeler. Turn off the highway into town and you'll immediately be greeted by scenery, art galleries, smiling tourists and a handful of eateries. The town's main street, Laneda Avenue, is lined with many of the town's fun businesses. And best of all, just down the way is the beach.

Whether you only have a few hours or a few days, the town offers activities for all ages to enjoy.

Where to stay

As you drive through town, you'll notice the majority of Manzanita's hotels and inns are close to the beach, either off of Laneda Avenue or

Ocean Road. Most places to stay in town are traditional inns, some of which feature spas and pools.

Individual houses and cabins are also available to rent throughout town. Many are available to rent through airbnb.com or through the properties themselves.

If you're looking for direct views of the beach, possible rentals include the Sunset Surf Motel or The Houses on Manzanita Beach. Sunset Surf features traditional motel rooms with a heated pool, while The Houses offers beachfront houses for rent.

For a more unique experience, consider staying in the Manzanita Schoolhouse, which is situated northeast of Manzanita. The residence features a handful of rooms to stay in, all of which are located in an old schoolhouse. Other unique places to stay include the Coast Cabins and An Eagle's Nest, both of which offer cabins to rent in wooded areas.

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Alyssa Evans

The entrance to Cloud and Leaf Bookstore.



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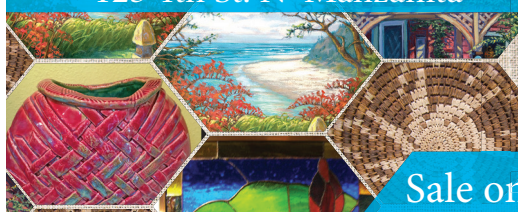
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