

Celebrating holidays, at home

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Christmas is almost here, with a handful of events for locals to enjoy.

This weekend will feature both virtual and socially-distanced events. On Friday, Sparrow Dance Co. and the Liberty Theatre will partner to feature a virtual performance from the dance troupe. That same day, and throughout the weekend, the Columbia River Maritime Museum will host four sessions of a unique Christmas tree craft session, where families can gather to build one-

of-a-kind trees using maritime materials.

On Saturday, at the Liberty Theatre, Santa will visit with kids from noon to 3 p.m. He will also be taking photos with kids and hearing about what wish-list items kids have asked for this year. Children who shared their holiday lists at the Flavel House Museum earlier this month will also visit the museum on Saturday to receive personalized stocking stuffers from Santa (who also shared a holiday message for kids at youtu.be/rh7QFdEg8Qc).

On Sunday, the North Coast Chorale will present a virtual holiday sing-along. The Coaster Theatre Playhouse will also make its debut into virtual events, with a virtual production of a spin-off of

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

And for those who haven't finished shopping for their loved ones, or who want to splurge and buy themselves a gift, local shops throughout the North Coast are hosting holiday shopping events. In Astoria, shoppers can enter to win a paid trip to a "McMinnville wine country getaway" by visiting local shops until Dec. 31. In Cannon Beach, on Saturday and Sunday, shoppers can partic-

ipate in Tolovana Arts Colony's annual holiday gift bazaar, which features deals in-person and online at tolovanaartscolony.org.

While this year is unlike no other, it's encouraging to see our coastal community spirit is still present.

Details for these events and others are listed at coastweekend.com, as well as on pages 2, 8, 9 and 15 in this edition.

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One of Coaster Theatre Playhouse's first productions of 'A Christmas Carol' in the 1970s.



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