

ABOVE: BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing in Long Beach takes an eclectic approach to a community gathering spot, offering coffee, baked goods and locally made art.

RIGHT: Owners Greg Holmes and Daneka Ewert of BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing.

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A gathering space in Long Beach

BOLD, Coffee, Art and Framing brings together local artists, espresso and baked goods

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When Daneka Ewert and Greg Holmes established BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing in Long Beach, Washington, the couple had a clear vision of creating a "third place," a community space for people to gather and enjoy themselves outside of home or work.

A year and a half later, despite challenges brought about by the pandemic, the couple has achieved that goal. They originally established BOLD as a way "to give something to the community" Holmes said.

"This is where we want to spend the rest of our life" Holmes added, "We wanted to do something that would have an impact here."

BOLD is the winner for Best Art Gallery and Best Gift Shop and was a runner up for Best Customer Service and Best Coffee in the 2021 Readers' Choice Awards.

The space on Pacific Avenue formerly housed The Picture Attic, another local art space. After the gallery owner retired, Ewert and Holmes purchased the building in March 2020, completed an extensive remodel, and opened their new shop in the fall. They worked with Sue Svendsen, co-owner of the Peninsula Arts Center and a Long Beach city councilor, to design the interior gallery displays.

"It was a big unknown in the beginning, to take on something like this at the start of the pandemic," Holmes said. "It's been very satisfying and rewarding" he added.

BOLD hosts the work of more than 60 artists and artisans from the Long Beach Peninsula. "We're bursting at the seams"