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Ewert said, yet the space maintains an open, airy and uncluttered atmosphere. The styles of art in the gallery run the gamut, from paintings, jewelry and fiber arts to Indigenous arts, woodwork and found object assemblage. BOLD also showcases a variety of local musicians.

“There is a very, very high density of incredibly talented people here, but it’s really difficult for an artist to connect with the public,” Holmes said, highlighting that BOLD was designed to offer a suitable space where artists can share their work.

The store’s full custom framing shop was a natural supplement to the gallery, especially as the previous business included a part-time framing service. Additionally, guests often will purchase artworks in hopes of having them framed. Ewert envisioned the coffee stand, hoping that guests would be “walking around, looking at art and drinking coffee,” Ewert said.

“We want people to leave here feeling better about themselves, whether that’s artists or a person purchasing the art,” Ewert said. Since opening, Ewert and Holmes have continued to foster their vision of a community space.

Local groups now hold meetings on the shop’s outdoor patio, which features fire pits, outdoor art installations and a garden area.



Lissa Brewer

BOLD Coffee, Art, and Framing sits along Pacific Avenue in Long Beach, just blocks from the boardwalk.

Handmade greeting cards are on sale inside, with all proceeds going to benefit the South Pacific County Humane Society. Once per month, the gallery opens exclusively for residents of the Golden Sands senior housing community so they can shop, socialize and drink coffee in a safe environment.

As pandemic restrictions subside, Ewert and Holmes hope to integrate live music,

artist receptions and other social events to promote and enrich the arts on the peninsula. They also want to spend more time augmenting their outdoor patio space.

“Being recognized for customer service and excellence in coffee and gallery space, for us it’s feedback that we’re on the right track. We’re connecting with people. The challenge every day is to be better, just to keep upping the bar,” Holmes said.



BOLD Coffee, Art, and Framing hosts a gallery with works by local painters, sculptors, woodworkers and more.



BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing offers delicious baked goods, including many gluten free options, as well as espresso drinks.

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