

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Little Things Show at Guardino

Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St., presents its annual "Little Things" show for the holidays.

The exhibit opens with two artists receptions, on Black Friday, Nov. 23, and on Last Thursday, Nov. 29, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. both days.

This is the 12th year of the ever-popular December show. Now a tradition, Donna Guardino says it's hard to remember a holiday season at the gallery without it.

The concept is 45 artists were given the assignment of creating "little" artwork. No restrictions, as long as it was 7 inches by 7 inches or under, including frame and stands. The show is geared to holiday sales from local artists.



Holiday Madness Fun Begins

Retailers on Alberta Street celebrate the season with Tannenbaum Madness, a free walking tour of festive window displays, lights, music and carolers, gallery openings, extended hours and a little of the usual holiday madness.

Hosted by Alberta Main Street, the tour kicks off on Friday, Nov. 23 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Festivities will continue through December, including a tree lighting ceremony

on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the courtyard at 18th and Alberta.

The inaugural Tree Lighting on Alberta Street will include the grand "flipping of the switch", holiday music performances, and cookies and hot drinks from Barista

All are welcome to come out and join the fun -- enjoy a hot beverage, get a start on your holiday shopping, and bring the kids for crafty ornament-making with Art on Alberta and Umpqua Bank

at 18th and Alberta.

As part of the third annual Shop Local, Shop Late, many Alberta Street retailers are staying open until 7 p.m. every Friday between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For a complete list of participating businesses, visit albertamainst.org. A map of the Tannenbaum Madness walking tour can also be view online or picked up at participating local retailers.

Holiday Events in Vancouver

The holiday season kicks off in Vancouver with a Thanksgiving weekend full of activities.

Start Thanksgiving Day with the 2012 Turkey Trot at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, at Kline Pond. The race has both a 5k walk/run and 10k run, and will include a polar bear plunge at 10 a.m.

The Vancouver Rotary Foundation's annual Festival of Trees will begin Friday, Nov. 23 and continue all weekend at Pearson Air Museum. Professionally decorated trees will be placed around vintage planes in the mu-

seum. Activities also include a kid's scavenger hunt, flight simulators, the talking tree, local entertainers and Santa Claus.

Downtown Holidazzle will take place at Esther Short Park and the Hilton Vancouver at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23. A special holiday Farmers Market, local high school choir performances and community tree lighting with Santa will occur at Esther Short Park. The Hilton will host the Dixieland Jazz Band, Vancouver Community Concert Band Concert and Vancouver Pops Orchestra Concert.

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