

There's still time to browse a holiday bazaar or market



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Local bazaars offer a place to find handcrafted items and artwork.

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Still looking for the perfect gifts? Shopping locally for gifts becomes a lot easier when crafters, artists, bakers and more set up their offerings at holiday bazaars across Eastern Oregon.

Here's a look at the events we've found. If you have more to add, send an email to editor@goeasternoregon.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11

Artifactory Holiday Bazaar

- 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Gilliam-Bisbee Building, 106 E. May St., Heppner

Our Lady of Angels Christmas Bazaar

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston

Handmade with a Heart Christmas Craft Bazaar

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Grande Ronde Academy, 507 Palmer Ave., La Grande

All proceeds go to support GRA, a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian private school.

Holiday Artisan Market

- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Stein Distillery, 604 N. Main St., Joseph

Hosted by the Willowa County Farmers Market and Stein Distillery. This is a chance to reconnect with vendors from the WC Farmers Market and try a specially crafted cocktail from Stein Distillery.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DEC. 17-18

Last Chance Holiday Bazaar

- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Baker City Church of the Nazarene, Family Life Center, 1250 Hughes Lane

ART SHOWS

The Art of the Gift

Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., is featuring work by artists and craftspeople through Dec. 31.

"It is designed to provide access to gifts that are out of the ordinary, and many of the featured items are one-of-a-kind," said Roberta Lavadour, executive director.

PCA is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from noon-4 p.m. More information is available by calling 541-278-9201 or online at pendletonarts.org.

The Gift of Art

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave. in Baker City, has the annual December show "The Gift of Art" open through Dec. 24. In addition, visitors can check out the Ornament Expo, featuring locally made ornaments. Crossroads is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, call 541-523-5369 or visit www.crossroads-arts.org.

COVID-19 Vaccine

Other vaccine events offered in December:

Location: Center for Human Development

Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm every Friday with the exception of New Year's Eve in addition to Christmas Eve.

Additional options: Scheduled appointments available throughout the week.

Vaccines offered: 1st dose, 2nd dose, 3rd doses and booster vaccines. All Covid vaccine configurations will be available including pediatric vaccination. Other pediatric and adult immunizations also available at CHD.

CDC General Vaccine Info:

COVID-19 vaccines are effective

COVID 19-vaccines are effective and can reduce the risk of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Learn more about the different COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccines also help children and adults from getting seriously ill even if they do get COVID-19.

While COVID-19 tends to be milder in children than adults, it can make children very sick, require hospitalization, and some children have even died. Children with underlying medical conditions are more at risk for severe illness compared to children without underlying medical conditions.

Getting children ages 5 years and older vaccinated can help protect them from serious short- and long-term complications.

Getting everyone ages 5 years and older vaccinated can protect families and communities, including friends and family who are not eligible for vaccination and people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Booster Information from CDC:

Fast Facts Everyone age 18 and older is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine booster beginning Nov. 20, 2021. Some people are strongly advised get a booster dose to protect themselves and others. You can choose which vaccine to get. The COVID-19 vaccines are extraordinarily effective at preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death. That said, we are seeing immunity drop over time, especially in people over age 50 and those with compromised immune systems who are more likely to experience severe disease, hospitalization and death. For these people, another dose boosts their immunity, sometimes greater than what was achieved after the primary, two-dose series. Health experts strongly recommend people over age 50, people over 18 who live in long-term care facilities, and anyone who received one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine get a booster dose. Younger, healthy people may also get a booster dose to protect themselves and others. A booster will re-build neutralizing antibodies that strengthen the body's ability to fight getting a breakthrough case. Even if you're not at high risk, you could be infected and then pass it on to others, such as children too young to be vaccinated, the elderly, or people who are immunocompromised. Booster doses help people maintain strong immunity to disease longer. The first vaccine series built up the immune system to make the antibodies needed to fight the disease. Over time, the immune response weakens. A booster dose stimulates the initial response and tends to result in higher antibody levels that help people maintain their immunity longer. Boosters take about two weeks to bring up the immune response. This continues to be studied, but we can reliably say it takes two weeks to bring the immune response up to or better than that after the primary series.

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