

Herbalists to host 12th annual wreathmaking event

Come join the fun at the Florence Herb Enthusiasts' 12th annual holiday wreath-making event.

Wreaths are easy to make from common greens found right outside your door. For years, creative herbalists have fashioned festive and aromatic wreaths by using fresh and fragrant pine, evergreen, cedar, fir, holly and other woody treasures.

Other greens suitable for wreaths are ferns (dried and fresh), huckleberry, hydrangea, lavender (dried), heather, bay leaves, baby's breath, ornamental grass and even sea shells.

There are endless combinations of colors, aromas and textures that can be combined to make a unique wreath.

Wreathmakers from past workshops often bring their own embellishments to individualize their creations and have a lot of fun in the process.

This annual aromatic event is open to everyone and will take place Thursday, Nov. 12, starting at 11 a.m. Gate opens at 10:30 a.m.



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Wreaths like this and others will be created at this year's annual wreathmaking event.

The event will be held in the recreation hall at Greentrees East. Follow the arrows and drive past the clubhouse to the parking lot behind the tennis courts.

Greenery, glue guns, glue sticks, wire, wire cutters, ribbon, as well as some embellishments will be provided.

Participants should bring their own scissors, cutters, aprons and their own specific

decorations if they plan on making a particular themed

wreath.

Cost of a wreath base and greenery is \$10. For those bringing their own wreath base, the cost is \$5 to use the greenery, glue and embellishments.

Participants are encouraged to bring cookies or snacks to share so everyone will have energy for the task which, promises to be fun whether you are a novice or a returning wreathmaker.

Reservations are highly encouraged in order to ensure there are plenty of wreaths and supplies on hand to accommodate everyone.

An email can be sent to www.florenceherbenthusiasts.com or call Mary Vander Weit at 602-565-7870 to reserve a spot.

Call to artists for Little Dickens art show

Backstreet Gallery is hosting its annual Little Dickens juried miniature art show, Dec. 5 through Jan. 3.

The exhibit will include 2D and 3D art that are very small in size but great in artistic accomplishment.

Applications with information, rules and size requirements are available at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay

St. Everyone is invited to get an application, which are also available at www.backstreetgallery.org.

Entry forms are due by Nov. 23 and delivered Nov. 28-30.

All media is welcome.

Best of Show in 2D and 3D art pieces will win a show of three or more pieces in April 2016.

FRAA offering holiday art show, gift-buying

The Holiday Arts Festival is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for the coming Holiday Season.

The Holiday Arts Festival show will be presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and opens Friday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., and continues Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local craftsmen and artists will display their unique works of art in many genres.

Come meet the artists who will be showing their latest creations: Annette Bignami, Tami Platisha, Maria Cruz, Karen Souza, Debbie Kiturkes, Guy Lundy, Ralph and Vicki Martin, Claudia Ignatieff, Ron Hildenbrand, Bonnie Wilson, Julie Ellington, Vicki Sieber-Benson, Cindi Covert, Norma Burkett, Karen Sculley, Heather Burnem, Tina Shoys, Nancy Fullmer, Peggy Goodrow, Francine Derus, Sylvia Christmas, Charlee Hendricksen, Claudia Brown and Paula Becker.

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