

Santa to visit North Bend's annual tree lighting

NORTH BEND — Santa Claus is coming to town on Dec. 10. He will be arriving at the North Bend Community Center in the famous old fire truck full of colored lights, bells and a siren to let everyone know that he has arrived.

It is a North Bend tradition and Santa will land merry and bright at 6 p.m. to deliver holiday cheer. It all happens just in time to help Mayor Wetherell with the tree lighting ceremony. There are always songs and cheerful giving when Santa arrives.

Along with a candy cane from Santa, this will be the second year that every

child will receive a stocking filled with girl or boy items and a toothbrush. This new tradition was the result of a young boy's wishes while visiting Santa and now a wonderful addition to the celebration.

The stockings will be sewn and graciously donated by the women at Holy Redeemer Church for a second year.

K-Dock Radio Station, Teen Idol contestants and Skyline Children's Choir will all be part of the entertainment singing Christmas songs and doing their part to make this a festive and jovial occasion.

One of the many highlights to enjoy will be the Portland Bagel Co. bringing

their tasty morsels for the community to sample.

Decorations, music, and food — cookies, cider and treats — it's an evening of Christmas magic for big and small alike.

You may be the winner of a sparkling new bicycle as North Bend Sanitation has donated one girl bike and one boy bike. Don't forget to wear your helmets — all donated by a generous community.

Santa's helpers will be collecting ticket stubs for all the children ages 12 and under to enter the give-away.

Your child will also have the opportunity to participate in the Boys and Girls

Club, Arts and Crafts tables with fun activities available for an unforgettable evening.

North Bend Community Center

• 5:45 p.m. — Doors open

• 6 p.m. — Santa arrives

6 to 7 p.m. — Activity table, cookies, coffee and warm cider, bicycle and helmet drawing (Children must be present to win).

Nothing says Christmas time like the lighting of the North Bend Christmas tree.

The smell of the pine, the twinkling of the lights — let the magic of Christmas begin!

LITTLE DICKENS MINIATURE SHOW ANNOUNCES JUROR

FLORENCE — Backstreet Gallery is honored to announce Mary Colgan-Bennetts as the juror for the Little Dickens miniature show held annually in December.

Artists from the community are invited to create their small works in 2D and 3D that will be submitted this month.

A long-time resident of Florence, Colgan-Bennetts is also a strong advocate of the arts. She has worked at the Siuslaw Library since 1997 as the Circulation Manager. She outlined the library's involvement the art community as a presenter at the 2015 Oregon Library Association conference.

Colgan-Bennetts has conceived of and implemented such programs as demArts that took place last month. She is also the liaison to the Art Committee. Each month a different display of community art lining the lobby walls of the library.

November is "Hang It All" the show



COURTESY PHOTO

Florence artist Mary Colgan-Bennetts will juror the annual Little Dickens miniature show at Backstreet Gallery.

that hangs behind her in the photograph. She has assisted in over 200 art hangings.

Colgan-Bennetts says as far back as early childhood, when she lay on the grass with her mother watching the clouds drift overhead, she has been interested in the design aspect of nature. She went on to win her first art award at age seven. Some of her early crafting began with her grandmother who created "upside down dolls" and assemblages before they became popular.

She studied watercolor under the tutelage of Ruth Armitage in Portland. She went on to become a photographer, watercolorist, paper artist and digital artist.

She has also worked in pottery, display and collage. After retirement she plans to explore new mediums.

Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Little Dickens winners will be awarded a show at the gallery in April.

Craig and Terry 'singing loggers' release long-awaited CD

MAPLETON — Logging music favorites Craig and Terry have released a long-awaited set of CDs, the duo's first three albums recorded between 1988 and 1992 and digitally remastered.

With cassette copies of Craig and Terry's albums long worn out, and after countless requests for CDs of their music, fans will be excited to hear just how fresh these digitally remastered versions sound.

Craig and Terry's music put them at the forefront as trailblazers for songs about the logging industry, old and new.

As logging experienced big changes in the 80s and 90s, their roles as musician and storyteller cemented their place in history.

Their first recording, "The Snag Faller's Ball," is a collection of songs about logging in Oregon and Alaska, and

was originally released in 1988.

Craig and Terry returned to the studio with "Endangered Species," which was released less than one year later in 1989. After many requests for an album of their gospel, they recorded "You Hold Me Still" in 1992.

The recordings were digitally remastered at Don Ross Productions in Eugene.

The three CDs are designed as a set but

will be sold individually.

They can be purchased by calling 541-268-6910 or by emailing ctmusicoregon@gmail.com.

Craig Jenkins and Terry McKinnis, aka Craig and Terry, have been entertaining family, friends and audiences from the Oregon coast range to the Rockies, and as far north as Alaska, for nearly 40 years.