

FRAA to present 15th annual Artisan Fair



Art creations and products by (from left) Nathalie Picard, Merritt Lavender Farms and Barbara Campbell will be available at the Winter Music Artisan Fair.

The 15th annual Winter Music Artisan Fair will be a two-day event, Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a must-see event for the weekend and admission to the Artisan Fair is free.

This year, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) will be the event committee for the Artisan Fair.

There will be artisans, both local and regional, who will come and demonstrate their creative talents and bring their latest creations. Artisans will vary from wood craft to herbs; knit, crochet and fiber creations to ward off the winter's chill; artwork to stir the imagination and tastings to warm the heart.

Among the artisans attending this year's festival will be:

- Nathalie Picard, member of the turtle clan of the Huron-Wendat tribe in Wendake, Quebec, Canada, creates artisan fine silver jewelry inspired by Iroquoian and Native American Indian culture, and Nature.

Graduated flautist from Quebec City Music Conservatory, and the University of Montreal (BACC in Jazz and pop music interpretation), she also studied jazz and Cuban music in Havana and Florida.

Nathalie moved to the Oregon coast in 2012 and was selected in the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) Artist Leadership Program in 2014.

- Merritt Lavender Farm's Sherri' (shuh-REE) Merritt discovered another way to live upon moving to Bandon. After working in the corporate world and as a small business owner, she became known locally as "the lavender lady" after starting a lavender farm.

As an organic grower, she manufactures a line of natural lavender products and has authored three books in lavender.

Merritt Lavender Farm is located six miles south of Bandon.

For more information, visit www.lavenderladyfarm.com.

- Foggy Bay Studios is a husband and wife business. Brad works in wood, using beautiful grained Oregon woods to create kitchen utensils, serving boards and hair buckles. Ginny is a fiber artist currently specializing in hand felting scarves, hand bags, hats and other items.

- Local artist Barbara Campbell, who has explored stained glass art creations using glass, agates and jewels in free-form creations of her own design as well as following classical designs.

She has created free-standing and hanging pieces as well as branching out to create stained glass inserts for cupboard doors and lantern panels.

Other artisans attending: MeeMee's Goodies, Fruit Spreads by Melissa Buechler, Pat Tellez Beadwork and Porcelain Painting, Original Art by Lisa, Designs by Kathi, Square Designs, Patricia Williams Designs, Simply

Lampwork, Shuttle Creek Weaving, Goldenwood Soap, Rhododendron Quilt Guild, Batty Bats, The King's Herbs, The Herbal Gerbil, J+K Terrariums and more, Rags to Rugs and Stuff, Mudslinger's Pottery, Florence Food

Share, Siuslaw School District Writers, Spiritopia Liqueurs brabby and handcrafted liqueur, and more.

For more information, contact event chair Claudia Brown at 541-902-1933.

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