

2ND SATURDAY GALLERY TOUR EXPLORES THE ARTS

Enjoy Florence's 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour on, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. This self-guided tour inspires locals and visiting tourists alike and reinforces Florence as an ever-evolving arts destination. Enjoy great local art, interactions with fellow patrons and artists, receptions, refreshments, live entertainment and community. The tour begins at any of the participating locations. For more information, visit 2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com.

BACKSTREET GALLERY

The Christmas Show at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., includes great appetizers, drinks and music during this festive exhibition.

The driftwood tree is loaded with unique, handmade ornaments and the gallery's walls, cases and windows are decorated with the members' entries into this holiday show. Using watercolor, oil, acrylic, clay, fabric, wood, metal, collage and handmade cards, the members have created a "Merry Christmas" atmosphere for holiday shoppers and perfect gifts as well.

GALLERY ABOVE THE SILVER LININGS BOUTIQUE

Florence artists Janey DiMuro and Rhonda Butler will be showing their work at the annual Christmas show at the Gallery Above the Silver Lining Boutique.

DiMuro has been showing at the gallery every December for the last seven years. She works with natural fabrics to make unusual



Backstreet Gallery is featuring holiday art and gifts in December



Silver Linings is showing two artists in its December show.

pillows and wall hangings.

"I have been combining ethnic fabrics such as Chinese silks and Guatemalan handwoven cottons. The contrasts work well together in unconventional ways," she said.

Butler will be showing sculptural and visual art pieces made of locally found and downed wood from a pri-

vate replanted forest she and her partner bought a few years ago.

"It's not about me — it's about the trees in the forest," she said. "Once I find something that looks interesting, I clean and sand and often slice the piece, doing the minimum necessary to finish it to a form that shows off its amazing qualities and visual patterns. Nobody does patterns better than nature."

The show is also a holiday event. All works are for sale, and people may purchase any of the pieces and take them home with them. The pillows, sculptural works and a wide variety of visual pieces make beautiful gifts for family and friends.

The Silver Lining Boutique is at 2217 Highway 101 in Florence. Come for good food, good wine and good holiday cheer.



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