

Annual art ‘Extravaganza’ to be held at Silver Lining

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the 9th Annual Janey DiMuro and Rhonda Butler Christmas Holiday Extravaganza, which will be a champagne and treats art reception at Silver Lining Boutique on Saturday, Dec. 8, between 3 and 5 p.m.

“We want to ring in the holidays with kindness towards others, health and happiness for all while filling people’s eyes with beautiful local artistic creations,” said Silver Lining owner Kimberly Fleenor. “This cornucopia of creativity by these fascinating Florence artists will not only delight the eyes but possibly inspire hidden terrific talents inside others in this amazing town.”

DiMuro is known for a variety of artistic endeavors and will have a new array of her well-known handmade pillows of exquis-ite fabrics

from around the world. Her trademark intricate stitching and attention to detail sets the cozy cushions apart from the rest. Each is one-of-a-kind and extraordinarily handcrafted, said Fleenor.

DiMuro is also well known for her topical current events collages that inspire and evoke conversations. “We always have a crowd that engages in comments, laughter, tears and solutions,” Fleenor said. “There is never a dull moment when this reception is in full gear.”

Butler is also well known for her continuous contributions and participation with Florence Food Share. In addition, her woodworks are unique in scope, style and sophistication, with a variety of woods collected from her own property and chiseled, poked, prodded, carved, sanded, glazed, oiled and mounted



ed for the maximum display factor.

“Many of us are guilty of continually walking by many woods without realizing their innate and extreme beauty, colors and intricate grains that are inherent to their nature,” said Fleenor. “Rhonda has the complex abilities to bring out the various beauties that Mother Nature has provided them with — but which we seldom notice. Rhonda capitalizes each kind of wood’s unique qualities to create incredible art.”

Butler uses wood combinations to create sculptures, sushi boards, bowls, collages and completely natural compositions.

The Christmas Holiday Champagne Extravaganza will take place during December’s Second Saturday Artwalk.

“I guarantee anyone who attends will be amazed, inspired and filled with wonderment while surrounded by good friends and great holiday cheer,” Fleenor said.



Far left: Wood art by Rhonda Butler; artist Jane DiMuro and Silver Lining owner Kimberly Fleenor (above).

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Annual Festival of Trees set to sparkle Nov. 24 at FEC

The annual family-fun Festival of Trees will take place Saturday, Nov. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Oregon Coast Military Museum and held at the Florence Events Center.

In addition to offering more than 80 holiday themed wreaths and festively decorated table-top trees for purchase, the young and young-at-heart are invited to participate in the following family friendly activities throughout the day:

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Rock

painting all day long

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- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Face painting

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Dasher and Dancer, the “reindeer” basset hounds from Houndful Hearts, a local rescue for American Bas-

set Hounds, will be making a special appearance for photo opportunities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All are invited to bring their own cameras to take memorable holiday photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their tail-wagging entourage.

Admission is free all day, with plenty of parking available at the FEC.

Also on display will be a collection of larger, exquisitely designed trees spon-

sored by local businesses that will be sold at Sunday evening’s “Gala of Giving,” a catered dinner and oral auction for ticket holders and invited guests.

All proceeds from the Festival of Trees will go to support the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

The Oregon Coast Military Museum is located at 2145 Kingwood Street in Florence, and open to the public Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, visit www.oregoncoastmilitary-museum.com.

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