



## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS in Cannon Beach



The Cannon Beach holiday tree.

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**T**olovana Hall transformed into a festive pop-up art show and craft bazaar for the Tolovana Arts Colony's first-ever Holiday Gift Party, an opportunity for community members to "shop small" and support local artisans.

On Friday, Dec. 9, North Coast residents gathered to enjoy food and drinks and peruse locally made gifts of all kinds beneath colorful disco lights.

Local artist and Tolovana Arts Colony board member Debra Carnes organized the event to "bring in local art."

Originally from Michigan, Carnes has created handmade woven art for 30 years. Though she learned how to weave baskets from a friend, she is primarily self-taught.

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Santa Claus paid a visit to Cannon Beach.

## Affordable housing plan gets green light

Park models, code changes could come

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The Cannon Beach City Council has voted unanimously to adopt the city's affordable housing task force report.

The plan — which aims to encourage and facilitate the creation of long-term workforce rentals for year-round residents — recommends placing park model homes within the city-owned RV Resort and amending municipal code.

"Most, if not all, of the initiatives end up coming back before you in a more detailed form as a fleshed-out proposal," City Planner Mark Barnes said Tuesday, Dec. 6, to the council, which reviewed the report in November. "If you do adopt this, some of this you'll see very soon."

Each proposal requires additional action by the City Council, Planning Commission or Design Review Board. Barnes will present implementation measures at the council work session in January.

### Workforce housing

Up to 10 spots in the RV Resort should be dedicated to park model homes, the report stated. The customizable homes, about 400 square feet, can be installed in the RV spaces and hooked up to existing water and electrical systems. The program could start with three to eight park models and potentially grow to 25.

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## Cannabis in Cannon Beach vaults last hurdle

City Council enacts ordinance change

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A hurdle to opening a retail cannabis shop in Cannon Beach was overcome at the December City Council meeting.

After November's vote denying retail cannabis sale prohibition in Cannon Beach, the city addressed business licenses for recreational producers and retailers by amending the city's business license ordinance. Councilors approved a code section change regarding illegal businesses to make an exception for marijuana businesses.

The city will be able to approve applications for recreational marijuana businesses after the ordinance changes go into effect on Jan. 6. At that time, marijuana businesses will be able to obtain a city business license and the city can receive licensing fees.

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## Local arts groups are winners at cultural awards

Grants recognize history, heritage, culture

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And the winners are: Jane Brumfield received \$600 for Cannon Beach Arts Association "Artists Talk."

Andrew Tonry accepted \$500 on behalf of the Tolovana Arts Colony's upcoming Cannon Beach Comedy Festival.

Katherine Lacaze accepted a grant of \$1,055 Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Clatsop Community College's South Campus on behalf of the Sunset Park and Recreation District for the Children's Theater Summer Workshop presentation of "Alice in Wonderland."

They were among 10 local organizations to benefit from \$11,240 in Clatsop County Cultural Coalition grants funded by the Oregon Cultural Trust and from a small arts and culture grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

Edward James left Astoria "a zillion years ago" to pursue his theatrical passion in New York, the Midwest and eventually Portland.

"I came here about 10 years ago to retire, and I discovered something significantly different than when I

left," James said. "There were few artistic galleries in the '70s. When I came back, 'Cabaret' was on the front page, there was music in every bar, there were community music organizations developing. It was vastly different. The cultural coalition can take a little credit for that."

James, a director, was in attendance to accept \$1,235 for "All in the Timing," a live production at the Performing Arts Center. The play will be staged in January and features a cast of North Coast actors.

"It's smart theater," James said. "PAC is providing us a place to do that."

James, like other award recipients, shared not only the passion for their own organizations, but passion for the arts in the community.

"Our grants are awarded to project that support, maintain, preserve and protect cultural projects in the arts, heritage and humanity in Clatsop County," Charlene Larsen, the co-chairwoman of the coalition, said.

Liberty Theater Executive Director Jennifer Crockett accepted a grant for \$1,000 to fund a workshop and performance for kids, "Rhythm Takes Three."

Seaside's library director Esther Moberg received



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Nettie Lee-Calog, Tita Montero, Daniel Keesler, Carol Lambert, Edward James, Jennifer Crockett, Andrew Tonry, Katherine Lacaze, Esther Moberg and Jane Brumfield, recipients of Clatsop County Cultural Coalition grants.

\$2,000 on behalf of a summer reading program for children in communities underserved by public libraries.

Nettie-Lee Calog, site manager of the Warrenton

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