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- Drinking water testing supplies and water sample drop-off location
- Septic system permitting
- WA State Food Worker Card issuer

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- Support for children with special healthcare needs
- Nurse-Family Partnership for those pregnant with a first child
- WIC Nutrition Program
- Community substance use prevention coalitions in all school districts



Fluorite and prehinite obelisks are some of the specialties at Big Wolf Trading Co., but they've got the classics like clear quartz and rose quartz as well. Leader photo by Derek Firenze

Looking for exactly the right gift can feel like it takes an eternity.

Luckily, the earth has already worked on these beauties for thousands of years.

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rystals, rocks, stones. Whatever you call them, their colors, shapes, and "energy" have beguiled humanity since its beginnings.

For those with someone on their lists that require just the right "vibe," look no further than these three Jefferson County shops.

BIG WOLF TRADING CO.

One of Port Townsend's smallest shops is bursting with personality.

The narrow, almost alley-like space is the perfect place to disappear from the bustle outside while finding a unique

For more than a decade, Hannah Reese and her husband Garv have been running this tucked away trove across the street from the Rose Theatre.

Within its walls is a dizzving array of crafts, most of which Reese and her husband make by hand. One of the standouts are the earrings she creates using carved crows from another artist in Bali.

The stones fit right in with the earthy feel and are displayed throughout the

Obelisks — the tall, tapering structures which are topped with pyramid-like shapes — are one of the specialties of the store and they have them in a variety of sizes, stones, and prices. Expect to spend anywhere from \$18 to \$98 on these polished pillars.

It also doesn't hurt to strike either of the owners up in conversation to learn

about the origins of the objects in the store. Expect a laugh and a smile alongside the prizes inside.

218 Taylor St., Port Townsend

OAK BAY NATURALS

For those willing to go off the beaten path, a wonderland awaits at Oak Bay Naturals in Port Hadlock.

While it's a bit of a drive and open by appointment only, owner Gail Studeman has been collecting stones for more than 40 years and will be more than happy to prove it.



Gale Studeman has spheres in all shapes, sizes, and selections with rock-bottom prices. Leader photo by Derek Firenze

After retiring from a career in healthcare, Studeman decided to share her enthusiasm and collection with the community.

Her shop is filled to bursting with crystals from around the world and she admits she'll never be able to sell it all, so with every purchase she likes to give a little something extra away. Get

something for someone else, and walk out with a little something for yourself.

Her passion goes so deep that she can often tell customers about the mines themselves. These relationships which she's built with suppliers, often the people doing the actual digging, also allows her to cut out the middle man and pass those discounts on to shoppers.

The vast array can be a lot to take in all at once, so go slow and don't be afraid to ask Studeman about anything and everything.

For an appointment, call 360-808-5335.

PHOENIX RISING

No list of local crystal keeps would be complete without Jill Spier at Phoenix

Spier recently celebrated 35 years owning and operating her store on Water Street in Port Townsend, which is the longest of anyone on that downtown thoroughfare.

As soon as you walk in the door, you'll see why.

The vast, open space is decked with spiritual paraphernalia from around the world. Spier keeps an apartment in India where she finds many of the unique treats on offer and has traveled extensively.

This is by far the largest crystal shop on the Olympic Peninsula and people travel from around the state just to come to the store and explore its vast array.

Dishes of small stones in every color of the rainbow are arranged in the center of the shop that make for great stocking stuffers, and lining the windows are the larger pieces for those who've been particularly good this year.

The amethyst and citrine cathedrals soar with shine and are ready to set off any room, ranging in price from \$270 all the way to \$2,200.

Looking for just a little something? Next to the register are gemstone jar necklaces, beloved by young and old. At only \$8.50, these trinkets are an easy way to show a stone-lover a little love.

696 Water St., Port Townsend phoenixrising-pt.com



Like the tiger's eye pictured above, these gemstone jar necklaces make for great stocking stuffers at \$8.50 and come in a range of stones with unique talismans for each. Leader photo by Derek Firenze

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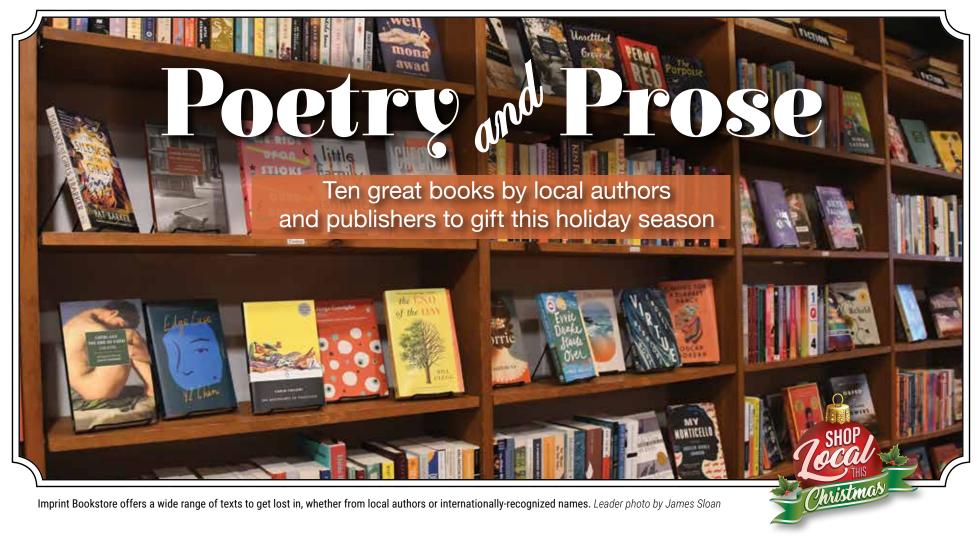
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here's something special about gifting a book to a friend or loved one. Whether it's the tangible feeling of fresh pages to peruse through or that "new book smell," gifting a book can provide anything from a new source of entertainment to a compelling tale to get lost in as the chilly winter months and inky evenings approach.

From captivating children's books to read at bedtime to palatable poetry to ponder to riveting prose to read through, Jefferson County is brimming with plenty of talented poets, publishers, and authors to discover.

By keeping it local, gift-givers can not only provide their loved ones with riveting reads, but support Port Townsend and Jefferson County's local economy.

Better yet, folks can buy each book featured in this story at downtown Port Townsend's Imprint Bookstore on Water Street. Local author, poet, and Imprint Bookstore employee Lauren Davis spoke with The Leader, discussing some great reads to gift this holiday season.

Check out 10 great, local works that would make a great holiday present:

"Saving Nature One Yard at a Time"

David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth (nonfiction)

Port Townsend author David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth present a guide on 100 home projects designed to inspire nature lovers and conservationists to help save native flora and fauna as habitat loss and climate change continue to impact the local, natural ecosystem.

Geared toward saving vulnerable creatures like bees, frogs, and wildflowers, each project meets four crucial criteria: it will make a significant difference to the survival of the species; it has a high likelihood of success; it's easy to imple-

ment; and is family friendly.

"It's a beautiful gift book I believe, because who doesn't want to save the world?" Davis asked.

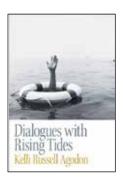
Some of the projects included in the text include building an am-

phibian house for salamanders, raising tadpoles, creating nesting sites for bees, and 97 other ideas.

"Dialogues with Rising Tides" Kelli Russell Agodon (poetry)

Seattle-based poet Kelli Russell Agodon partnered with Port Townsend's Copper Canyon Press for her fourth poetry collection, creating a conversation with the forces that threaten to take us under. The book covers the anxieties and heartbreaks of life, whether through environmental collapse, cruel politics, or the persistent specter of suicide, she melds those tough subjects with





vulnerability and darkly sparkling humor.

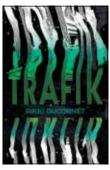
"This was a finalist for the Washington State Book Awards, and printed by Copper Canyon Press," Davis said. "It's a gorgeous, gorgeous book; very heart-

breaking and containing a lot of hope also."

"Trafik"

Rikki Ducornet (fiction)

Transdisciplinary artist Rikki Ducornet's latest work in the writing medium explores human experiences of passion, loss, and identity through "Trafik," a story of a buoyant voyage through outer space and inner longing. The science-fiction novel follows Quiver, a mostly-hu-



man astronaut that finds escapism from the monotony of astroid mining through a virtual reality called the Lights. Quiver and her high-strung robot partner, Mic, surf the records of the obliterated planet Earth. But when an accident

destroys their cargo, Quiver and Mic go rogue, setting off on a madcap journey through the final frontier to the idyllic planet Trafik.

"Perfectly Imperfect Mira" Faith Pray (children)

Local author-illustrator Faith Pray's latest children's book, "Perfectly Imperfect Mira," follows a young girl named Mira and her battle with perseverance



and imperfection. Mira wants to be perfect at everything she tries. Everyone around her is good at something, but Mira's not sure if she'll ever find a thing

of her own. One day, Mira decides to try, and because of that one simple act, everything changes.

"Everybody loves that book, because it's so joyful and inviting and it's just gorgeously illustrated," Davis said. Pray's text offers inspiring words and whimsical illustrations encouraging all to never be afraid of a second, third, or fifteenth try.

"All My Love: A Story of War and Hope"

Diane Urbani de la Paz (nonfiction)

Port Townsend-based author and journalist Diane Urbani de la Paz's text pro-



vides hope for the future as it proves the power of letter-writing, and expressing love and hope in the darkest of times. The book begins with the discovery of WWII Sgt. Donavon Lusk's letters to his wife, Anne, while on the battlefields of

Luxembourg and France.

The text has drawn many readers in with it's themes of romance during war and optimism, David said.

"When I Drowned"

Lauren Davis (poetry)

Lauren Davis' latest poetry piece involves three parts, exploring the individual against nature, the self, and history. It delves into ancient goddess spirituality, Christianity, natural disasters, and the afterlife, incorporating Davis' experiences during Hurricane Floyd and the myths and tall tales surrounding



Crescent Lake, located in Olympic National Park.

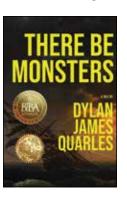
"The poems in the beginning are Lake Crescent poems that were originally published as a chat book through Winter Texts, which is a local Port Townsend press," Davis

said. "They end with poems about myself losing my home to Hurricane Floyd years ago."

"There Be Monsters"

Dylan James Quarles (fiction)

Local author Dylan James Quarles presents a nautical horror novel with "There Be Monsters," with the story following a crew of adventurers as they set sail for the New World in 1520. Jonah Munday and his crew of adventurers are on a quest to find a mysteri-



ous island and a lost city of gold. Unbeknownst to them, government scientists in the year 1985 are about to conduct an outlandish experiment which will tear the fabric of space-time and unleash unspeakable terrors upon Jonah and

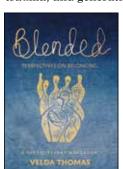
his crew. In the ensuing fallout, survivors, both past and future, must face the monsters of their own making in a battle to undo the damage of the experiment and set right what once went wrong.

The award-winning text was published by local press, Winter Texts, in Port Townsend, Davis said.

"Blended"

Velda Thomas (nonfiction)

Port Townsend-based author Velda Thomas provides a participatory notebook as she draws the reader through explorations of race, family, identity, trauma, and generational healing with



truly honest vulnerability and insight. Peppered with questions and blank pages to invite the reader to process and reflect as collaborator with the text, "Blended" challenges, invites depth, and inspires intercon-

nectedness with the human condition.

"Blended' is a book that invites you to participate and invites you to heal and also look at yourself deeper, and has [Thomas'] journey in there also," Davis said.

"We Are the Middle of Forever"

Dahr Jamail and Stan Rushworth (nonfiction)

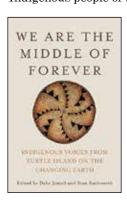
Local author Dahr Jamail and Stan Rushworth teamed up for "We Are the Middle of Forever: Idigenous Voices from Turtle Island on the Changing Earth," as the text places Indigenous voices at the forefront in discussions on today's environmental crisis.

Although for a great many people,



Imprint Bookstore carries children's books to read at bedtime. Leader photo by James Sloan

the human impact on the Earth was not apparent until recently, this is not the case for all people or cultures. For the Indigenous people of the world, radical



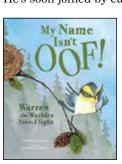
alteration of the planet, and of life itself, is a story that is many generations long. They have had to adapt, to persevere, and to be courageous and resourceful in the face of genocide — and destruction — and their experience has

given them a unique understanding of civilizational devastation.

"Dahr Jamail is a local treasure," Davis said of the co-author.

"My Name Isn't Oof!" Mike Galligan (children)

Port Townsend-based author Mike Galligan's book follows Warren, a fledgling whose first attempt to fly lands him on the ground with a resounding oof! He's soon joined by curious four-legged



forest animals who gather to give him tips on flying, though they've never flown themselves. As they go through the motions with humorous results, Warren gets inspired to give flying another

try. The inspiring book introduces young readers to the Townsend's Warbler bird, also providing sound advice on what to do if you encounter a young bird on the ground.

35th Annual Chimacum Arts & Crafts Fair,

Saturday, December 10th 9am to 4pm Sunday, December 11th **10**AM **to 3**PM

Come for the fun, shop for the holidays, and support your neighbors

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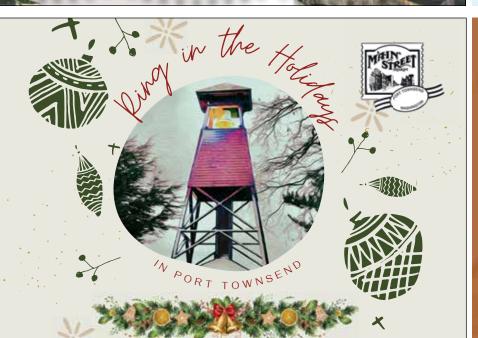








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Nov. 26th - Small Business Saturday & -Free Swag-making Workshop at Tyler Plaza Dec. 3rd - Community Treelighting & Santa Visit -Kids' Ornament-making at Tyler Plaza Dec. 10th - Gift Wrapping Under the Tent at Tyler Plaza *Uptown Gingerbread Contest at Carnegie Library *Shopping * Dining * Caroling * Holiday Lights

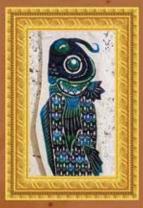
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Day of Care & Gratitude



Saturday November 26th





COMMUNITY BOWLS & SOUP SHARE

Free soup & community fundraiser with local pottery.

HARVEST CRAFT FAIR

11 vendors, local art & gifts

Community Bowls co-sponsored by PT Sunrise Rotary and 7 Cedars Casino.

Info at: FINNRIVER. COM/COMMUNITYBOWLS

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Christmas for Children Toy Drive Through Dec. 15

Christmas for Children is supported by the generous contributions received from the community organizations of Rotary and Kiwanis, together with financial support from local businesses and individuals. Through Kiwanis, they have developed strong partnerships with the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program, where they have access to the toys they collect and then distribute them on their behalf. There are "Giving Trees" located around the county at local area businesses, where you can get a tag, purchase the gift and make a child's dream of having a gift for Christmas come true. Chose a tag(s), purchase new gifts (\$40 limit), return unwrapped gifts to tree host locations with tags attached by Dec. 15. Christmas4Children.com

Port Townsend Farmers Market Every Saturday through Dec. 17

Located in the heart of uptown Port Townsend on the 600 block of Tyler Street between Lawrence and Clay streets, the market offers a wide variety of seasonal produce, pasture-raised meat, hard cider, honey, artisan cheese, bread and pastries, prepared food, as well as fine arts and crafts from Jefferson and neighboring counties jcfmarkets.org

28th Annual Gingerbread Contest at the Port Townsend Public Library, Dec. 1–11

Enter your edible architectural wonder. Prizes will be awarded in five categories: Children 12 and under, Most Creative, Most Literary, People's Choice, and Housing for All. Provide your project with a family-friendly name and contact details. Your "house" footprint (size) should be limited to 18 inches by 18 inches (no height limit.) All "houses" must be made from entirely edible pieces. Drop off your Gingerbread House at the Carnegie Library during library hours at 1220 Lawrence St. Judging will take place Dec. 12-19, by local artist Max Grover. Winners

announced on Dec. 22. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Port Townsend Library, you can pick up free Gingerbread House Kits to get started at the Carnegie Library from Nov. 21–30 (while supplies last). ptpubliclibrary.org

Homes for the Holidays:

Virtual Gingerbread House Contest, Nov. 28-Dec. 7

Bakers and crafters of all ages and abilities are invited to design and build their own edible creations. Patrons will be given the opportunity to vote for their favorites. Winners will be announced at the library's annual Holiday Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Structures may be built out of anything that can be eaten. Use whatever you like, as long as it's edible.

Need supplies? Register for a supply kit Supply kit includes graham crackers, candy, and frosting mix, and will be available for pickup between Nov. 16–30. Supply kits are limited, one supply kit per household, please. (Registration is for supply kits only and is optional. Feel free to use your own supplies.)

Online entries will be accepted from Nov. 28–Dec. 7.

Optional: You may also bring your entry to the library for our display; 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock.

Voting will be online and open to the public from 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9 until 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15.

There will be one winner per category: kids (under 18), adults (18 and older), and families (all ages). For more information: jclibrary.info

Magic of Christmas

at Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Dec. 8-13 and Dec. 24, 4-8 p.m.

Experience the magic of Christmas, beginning Dec. 8 with a car parade "torch ceremony" followed by the lighting of what is believed to be the second-largest Christmas tree in

the state. The event features three living, breathing, pet-able reindeer. Activities are scheduled nightly from Dec. 8–13 and Dec. 24.

The exterior lighting of the fairgrounds buildings will be on display nightly, including a section of large, lit sculptures to be driven through for those who prefer the warmth of their cars.

Highlights of the festival include a sing-a-long version of the movie "Elf" (co-produced with PT Film Festival) with full on audience participation and much syrup; a community pajama reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by county community leaders with each child receiving a free book gifted by Kiwanis; live reindeer available for petting and maximum magic; arts-and-craft projects brought by East Jefferson Professional Firefighters and others; an indoor village with Mrs. Claus' kitchen; and an elf-staffed mailroom for letters to Santa.

Additionally, there will be a market run by kids to sell their homemade items and a curated Christmas focused pop-up market of vendors.

This free festival of lights and magic is an effort of goodwill to the community and visitors at large; a family-friendly extravaganza of lights and spectacular amazement has one simple purpose — to unlock the feelings of wonder and magic inside us all. Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 4907 Landes St., Port Townsend. This free event is co-produced by the Jefferson County Fair Association and TLK Productions. For more information: jeffcofairgrounds.com

Holiday Soirées at the Historic Pettygrove Mansion

Friday, Dec. 9, 2-4 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10, 11-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 11, noon-2 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 14, noon-2 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16, 2 - 4 p.m.

Join the Port Townsend Heritage Association for this first annual fundraiser and get exclusive access inside this historic home which has not been available to the public for many years. Guides in Victorian dress will help you step back in time as you experience a true Victorian Holiday Soirée. Tour the home and see the legendary third-floor ballroom, noted as the first Victorian home in Port Townsend with such a space.

The mansion will delight with decorations evocative of a middle-class Victorian family Christmas including fresh holiday greenery, candlelight (flameless, of course) and a grand Christmas tree.

Presentations on the home's history, the history of the "Happy Valley" in which the home sits and other notable Port Townsend Victorian anecdotes will be given.

Local harpist Barbara McColgan, will play live 30-minute performances in the drawing room during each of the soirées.

Volunteers will lead authentic parlor games, such as "The Minister's Cat" during your time in the house. Due to its age the mansion is not ADA-accessible.

Details: 1000 G St., Port Townsend; admission is \$50 per person, 12 years and older. The PTHA is a registered nonprofit.

PortTownsendHeritage@gmail.com, phone 360-344-8434, PTHeritage.org

Coldwell Best Homes Free Gift Wrapping

Port Ludlow Wednesdays, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21. noon-4 p.m. 9522 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow

Port Townsend Dec. 5-23, Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. 234 Taylor St., Port Townsend

Saturday, Nov. 26

Night Market at the Castle

Saturday, Nov. 26. A family-friendly marketplace that celebrates locally made items and brings the people of our community together. Grab a drink and leisurely stroll the castle grounds to discover local



artists, craftsmen, makers and more. Support your local artists and makers this Small Business Saturday.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

Details: Manresa Castle, 651 Cleveland St., Port Townsend. thecastleinpt.com

Ring in the Holidays Small Business Saturday

Saturday, Nov. 26. Get a jump on holiday shopping, then join in a free swag-making activity from 2-4 p.m. with Main Street elves under the heated tent at Tyler Street Plaza. Check out the new overhead lighting extending the use of the plaza in the darker winter months, take a selfie with the holiday cartoon cut-outs and enjoy caroling in the streets with the Wild Rose Chorale. ptmainstreet.org

Holiday Faire at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-

4 p.m. Sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League, this event will feature artwork from local artists, including jewelry, watercolors, acrylics, photographs, collages, woodworking, ceramics, books, cards, and baskets. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. portludlowresort.com

Finnriver Harvest Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 26, noon-

5:30 p.m. On Small Business Saturday, support locals by attending the annual Finnriver Harvest Craft Fair, where visitors can find unique holiday gifts made by local artisans and makers including pottery, textile artists, jewelry, print art, local teas, handmade lamps, herbal products and more.

The Finnriver Haybarn will be filled with 11 creative local crafters, artists, and makers, set up to showcase and sell their goods.

Vendors include Trees of Light Lamps, Azure Designs jewelry, Erika Harada, Sun Colour Kids, Saltwater Seeds, Ramble Botanicals, Kira Mardikes, Center Valley Pottery, Jaiden Dokken Art, Felted Fleece, and Erika Wurm. The Haybarn is an unheated space so come bundled up.

Details: 124 Center Road, Chimacum. finnriver.com

Community Bowls & Soup Share

Nov. 26-27, noon-5:30 p.m. Finnriver Farm & Cidery in Chimacum will host the third annual 'Community Bowls & Soup Share' as well as the annual Finnriver Harvest Craft Fair.

Free soup prepared by the Castle restaurant and sponsored by the nonprofit Roots of Resilience Project will be available first-come, first-served, with the optional add-on of breadsticks locally baked by Crusty Crumb.

Community members will also have an opportunity to take home a beautiful locally-made ceramic bowl with a \$30 donation to Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary Club to support Olympic Neighbors, the Goosefoot Food access project, the Longhouse for the People project and a S'Klallam community project. Community members will be able to select their bowl from a varied selection handcrafted by local potters at LaughinGnome Pottery, Center Valley Pottery, Millbrook Clayworks and Jaiden Dokken Art.

Details: 124 Center Road, Chimacum. finnriver.com

Sunday, Nov. 27

Community Bowls & Soup Share noon-5:30 p.m. (see description

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Giving Tuesday – Main Street Association

Tuesday, Nov. 29. - Giving Tuesday. From May through September, the Port Townsend Main Street Program works with our local garden center and businesses to beautify the historic districts by caring for 75 to 100 hanging flower baskets which are pretty as a picture. Labor, fuel and equipment costs have been rising steadily and our nonprofit has been underwriting this project to keep the program going. Help keep Port Townsend blooming beautifully and donate through Giving Tuesday to support the Port Townsend Main Street Flower Basket Program. Loved by locals and visitors alike, the baskets provide seasonal color and countless photo opps. mainstreet.org

Friday, Dec. 2

Holiday Bazaar

Friday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. At Brigid's Loft, Above Bazaar Girls, there will be a gathering of crafty friends upstairs at Bazaar Girls for a very special Holiday Bazaar; 25 local artists and craftspeople, greenery, food and holiday cheer.

Details: 280 Quincy St., Port Townsend. bazaargirls.com

Saturday, Dec. 3

Ring in the Holidays and Tree **Lighting in Port Townsend**

Saturday, Dec. 3. The festivities begin at Tyler Plaza under the tent at 2 p.m. There will be appearances and photo opps with Santa. Wild Rose Chorale will be out and about singing merry tunes and PT Artscape will be helping with kids' ornament-making under the tent at Tyler Plaza. At 4 p.m., Santa will leave on the Kiwanis Choo Choo and head over to the Haller Fountain to light the Community Tree. PT Main Street Events. ptmainstreet.org

Salish Sea Makers

Saturday, Dec. 3, noon - 6 p.m. Holiday Mini Market. at 821 Washington St., Port Townsend

Sips of the Season

Saturday, Dec. 3, 3 - 5 p.m. Join us for a wine and cider tasting during those golden sunset hours on the Port Townsend Bay. Port Townsend Vineyards, Finnriver, and Propolis will pour tastings. Enjoy local music, small bites, raffle, silent auction, and craft non-alcoholic beverages for those non-drinkers. All event proceeds go to support the Benji Project's youth programs in Jefferson County. Northwest Maritime Center, 431 Water St., Port Townsend. thebenjiproject.org

Secret Gardens Northwest

Saturdays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10, **4-6 p.m.** Folks can come walk the gardens. Hot drinks and yummy

treats will be provided. This is the second year of the event, and by popular demand, there will be two nights this year. Located at 13570 Airport Cutoff Road, Port Townsend. Secretgardensnurservinc.com

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-**5 p.m.** At Brigid's Loft, Above Bazaar Girls, see Friday, Dec. 2 for more information)

Sunday, Dec. 4

Secret Gardens Northwest

4-6 p.m. (see description above)

Thursday, Dec. 8

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo **Fairgrounds**

4 - 8 p.m. (see description above), plus real live reindeer.

Friday, Dec. 9

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo Fairgrounds

4-8 p.m. (see description above)

Holiday Soirees at the Historic Pettygrove Mansion

2 - 4 p.m. (see description above)

Saturday, Dec. 10

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo Fairgrounds

4 - 8 p.m. (see description above) plus Mistletoe Craft Market & Santa's Helper Craft Market.

Holiday Soirees at the Historic Pettygrove Mansion

11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. (see description above)

Secret Gardens Northwest

4-6 p.m. (see description above)

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

Saturday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is excited and delighted to present the 35th Annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair. Be sure to mark your calendars for the second weekend in December for this iconic Chimacum event. The fair features vendors, both local and from around the state, with unique hand-crafted items. Santa always stops by for picture-taking with all those who were not naughty.

The entry fee is \$4 for adults, which allows access to the fair on both days. High school students with an ASB and children are admitted free. Those attending Saturday should be sure to get a hand stamp for a return on Sunday. Drop-off donations are not being taken for the food bank, but there will be a jar at the entry table should fair participants choose to make a cash donation.

Details: Chimacum Jr./Sr. High School Campus. chimacumarts.com

Christmas Carol Singalong

Saturday, Dec. 10, 4 p.m. The 16th annual Christmas Carol Singalong will take place at be hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend and take place at 1111 Franklin St.

The special Christmas Orchestra will lead the singing of favorite Christmas carols and songs. Children are welcome. Masking is by personal discretion. This event is free.

Questions, call Walter Vaux at 360-344-3337.

Chuck Easton Quartet -Holiday Jazz at Fiinnriver

Saturday, Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Chuck Easton Quartet features Chuck on guitar, flute, saxophone, chromatic harmonica, and some vocals. George Radebaugh plays keyboard and chromatic harmonica, with Ted Enderle on bass and Tom Svornich on drums. This group brings together some of the most experienced jazz players in the greater Olympic Peninsula area. They have all played many different styles. The quartet plays originals by George and Chuck as well as jazz standards, old and new, mostly straight-ahead, but also some funkier tunes as well. For this event, expect to hear a nice variety of holiday standards mixed in.

Details: Finnriver Cider Garden, Cidery Taproom & Orchard 124 Center Road, Chimacum. finnriver.com



The Nutcracker -**Port Townsend Ballet**

Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Port Townsend Ballet presents its second annual production of "The Nutcracker."

Details: Artistic director, Anna Tallarico. Port Townsend High School Auditorium 1500 Van Ness St., Port Townsend.

Porttownsendballet.com

Sunday, Dec. 11

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo **Fairgrounds**

4 - 8 p.m. (see description above) plus Mistletoe Craft Market & Santa's Helper Craft Market.

Holiday Soirees at the Historic Pettygrove Mansion

noon - 2 p.m. (see description above)

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (see description above)

Monday, Dec. 12

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo **Fairgrounds**

4 - 8 p.m. (see description above)

Tuesday, Dec. 13

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo **Fairgrounds**

4-8 p.m. (see description above) Plus "Elf," the movie and singalong (Santa visits from 4 to 6 p.m.).

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Holiday Soirées at the Historic **Pettygrove Mansion**

noon - 2 p.m. (see description above)

Thursday, Dec. 15

2022 Holiday Open House

Thursday, Dec. 15, 4-7 p.m. Celebrate the season at the Jefferson County Library's annual Holiday Open House. Enjoy music and refreshments in the main library, then visit the Humphrey Room, where all ages can create festive, seasonal crafts. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Jefferson County Library.

Details: Jefferson County Library 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock. For more information: jclibrary.info

Friday, Dec. 16

Holiday Soirees at the Historic Pettygrove Mansion

2 - 4 p.m. (see description above)

Saturday, Dec. 24

Magic of Christmas at JeffCo Fairgrounds

4 - 8 p.m. Visit Santa's village, see the lights. 6 p.m. Come for a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and "Feel the Magic of Christmas."

Saturday, Dec. 31

First Night New Year's Eve Extravaganza

Saturday, Dec. 31–Sunday,
Jan. 1. First Night is an all-ages
New Year's Eve extravaganza, celebrating light, music, and movement.
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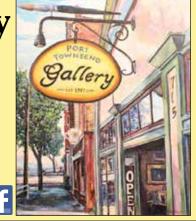


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Eat Local First For The Holidays and support local food and farms

This year, consider spreading the joy of the holidays by shopping at a local farm, farmers' market or food business. Whether you're planning a family feast or looking for the perfect gift, the best of the season is at your fingertips and ready to be shared.

The WA Food and Farm Finder on Eat Local First makes it easier than ever to buy direct from Washington farms, fishers, farmers markets, and local grocers.

Now through Dec. 31, visit the Holiday Food and Farm Finder to find a handy shopping list of farmfresh foods, holiday must-haves, plus where to find locally grown holiday trees, wreaths and seasonal decor and additional resources for a happy,

locally sourced season of feasting and gift giving.

The campaign is also giving away more than \$1,200 worth of local, farm-fresh gifts to Washington state residents, specially curated from local farms, markets, and restaurants. The deadline to enter is midnight Jan. 1. Winners will be notified in early January.

"Vibrant winter squash, crunchy Brussels sprouts, rainbows of root vegetables, and more are being harvested by our community's hardworking farmers just in time to be featured in your holiday meals. Shopping at the farmers market is the most efficient and convenient way to let local produce take center stage at your holiday gatherings this season," said Emma Jane Garcia with the Sequim Farmers & Artisans Market.

Prioritizing local shopping — especially through the coziest time of year — is the best way to put your community first. Purchasing local food empowers local families and strengthens our local economy. It's a gift you can give that comes right back around. Locally grown produce is as fresh as it gets, meaning more dynamic flavor and nutrition in every dish you prepare for your holiday meals.

Holiday income for small producers is often vital for them to make investments in the upcoming year. Spending money with small, local producers makes a massive difference in their lives and keeps income in our local economies — it strengthens the community and local food system for everyone. In 2021, Washington State Farmers Market Association member markets reported nearly \$60 million in sales to hundreds of farms and very small businesses throughout the state

Now in its third year, the Eat Local First for the Holidays campaign is supported by the Eat Local First Collaborative, a collective of food system organizations working to facilitate connections between consumers and farm and food business statewide. In 2020, the collaborative launched the Washington Food & Farm Finder; the

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comprehensive online tool connects consumers to more than 1,800 farmers, growers, producers, and businesses (like restaurants, grocers, and wholesalers) across the state.

Members of the Collaborative include The Local Food Trust, Pierce County Fresh, Sustainable Connections, Tilth Alliance, Washington State University Food Systems, and Washington State University Regional Small Farms Program (serving Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties) with anticipated future participation from additional partners.





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rom the hors d'oeuvre to the main course and all the way through dessert, creating a full holiday menu doesn't have to be hard. The key to a successful feast is focusing on dishes that can please loved ones of all ages and palates, such as a festive salad before the turkey or ham main dish, which can be accompanied by complementary sides like au gratin potatoes. Finally, top off the celebration with a divine dessert featuring classic cranberry flavor.

To find more holiday recipe inspiration, visit Culinary.net.

A full, festive menu for Holiday Celebrations

Start Holiday Celebrations with a Salad

With a bed of tender, leafy green spinach and pops of red cranberries, a salad lends itself perfectly to the colors and flavors of the holiday season. Plus, as a lighter bite ahead of the big meal, it makes for a delicious introduction to festive dinner parties, family gatherings and get-togethers.

This Spinach Christmas Tree Salad offers a fresh, festive option that adds a seasonal presentation to the table while inviting guests to take a bite. Harvested at the peak of flavor, tender Fresh Express Baby Spinach has a mild and delicate taste that makes it an ideal addition to recipes throughout the holidays.

Find more ways to freshen up your holiday menu at FreshExpress.com.

Spinach Christmas Tree Salad

Servings: 6

2 packages (5 ounces each) Fresh Express Baby Spinach

1/2 cup dried cranberries, divided

1/3 cup pistachios, divided

1/2 cup feta cheese, divided

1 red pepper, cored, cut into thin strips

1 large apple, thinly sliced, cut into star shapes

Dressing:

- 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- 3 tablespoons cranberry juice
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In large bowl, toss baby spinach with 1/4 cup dried cranberries, 1/6 cup pistachios and 1/4 cup feta cheese. Transfer to Christmas tree cake mold. Neatly arrange spinach leaves to create smooth surface.

Arrange red pepper strips, trimming as needed, to create garland. Arrange remaining dried cranberries, remaining pistachios and remaining feta cheese as "ornaments" on top of spinach. Create tree topper with one apple star; place remaining apple stars around "tree."

To make dressing: In blender, process cranberry sauce, cranberry juice, balsamic vinegar, honey, olive oil, brown sugar and salt until smooth.



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Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes with Kale and Gruvère

Recipe courtesy of Wisconsin Potatoes

- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- cloves garlic, smashed
- sprigs fresh thyme
- tablespoons butter
- cloves shallots, diced
- large kale leaves, finely chopped (discard stems) pounds red potatoes, sliced 1/8 inch
- ounces gruyère cheese, grated
- ounce Parmesan cheese, grated

Heat oven to 325 F.

In small saucepan over medium heat, combine cream, salt, black pepper, garlic and thyme; stir constantly, until cream starts to bubble, 4-6 minutes. When bubbling, remove from heat and stir until slightly cooled. Let cream sit.

Heat large (12-inch) oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add butter. When butter melts, add shallots and kale leaves. Saute until kale is tender and bright green, about 4 minutes. Turn off burner.

Add sliced potatoes to skillet, fanning over top of kale.

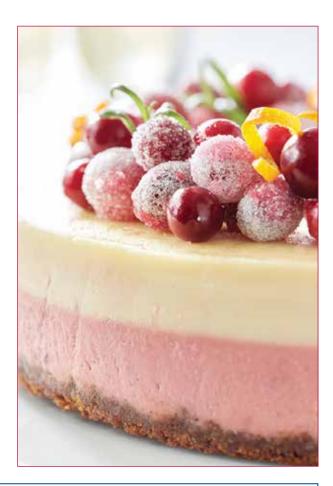
Use slotted spoon to remove garlic and thyme from heavy cream. Pour heavy cream over potatoes.

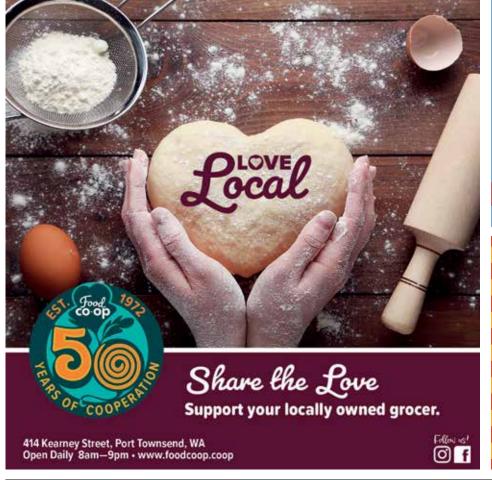
Cover skillet tightly with foil and bake until potatoes are tender, 75-85 minutes.

Remove skillet from oven and turn on broiler. Discard foil.

Sprinkle gruyere and Parmesan cheeses over potatoes, tucking some cheese between potato slices.

Return skillet to oven and broil until top is golden brown,









Cranberry Cheesecake

Prep time: 45 minutes Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Cranberry Compote:

- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 1 cup C&H Light Brown Sugar
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

Crust:

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons C&H Light Brown Sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cheesecake:

- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups C&H Organic Raw Cane Sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sour cream, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup cranberry compote

fresh cranberries & sugared cranberries rosemary sprigs whipped cream

To make cranberry compote: In medium saucepan, bring cranberries, brown sugar, orange juice and orange zest to boil. Lower heat and simmer 10-15 minutes, or until most cranberries burst. Remove from heat. Cool

completely at room temperature then transfer to bowl; refrigerate.

To make crust: Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter 8-inch springform pan and line bottom with parchment paper. Set aside.

In medium bowl, mix cracker crumbs, butter, brown sugar and salt. Press crumb mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 325 F.

To make cheesecake: In bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat cream cheese at medium speed until smooth. Add cane sugar and beat 2-3 minutes. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add flour, vanilla and salt. Beat 1 minute until incorporated.

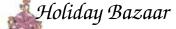
Add one egg at a time, mixing until incorporated. Add sour cream and mix 1 minute. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. In medium bowl, mix half of cheesecake batter with 1/2 cup cranberry compote.

Wrap springform pan with aluminum foil and place in large roasting pan. Pour cream cheese and cranberry mixture into prepared pan. Top with remaining cream cheese batter. Place roasting pan in oven and add hot water to 1-inch of springform pan. Bake 1 hour, 15 minutes, or until cake looks set in center. Remove from oven and rest 1 hour. Refrigerate in pan overnight.

Decorate cake with fresh and sugared cranberries, rosemary springs and whipped cream.







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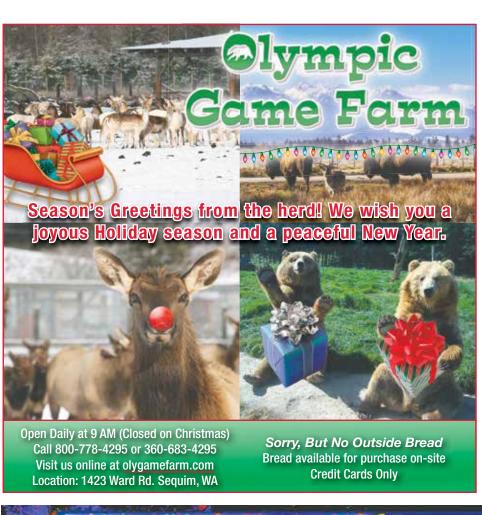
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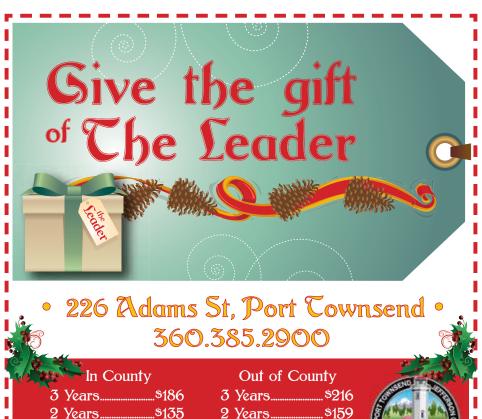
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