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COMMUNITY

Prepping for the holidays



Tamara Harvada/Registrar-Pajaronian

Gunilla Lavitt creates brass buttons at Creator Haven on Hangar Way in Watsonville Monday in preparation for the upcoming Holiday Factory Sale.

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Holiday Factory Sale

Creator Haven is a tiny place, yet it is packed with workbenches and tables, brimming with art tools and bustling with activity.

The year-old business, which will be part of the Holiday Factory Sale on Saturday, was the brainchild of jewelry maker and teacher Pat Evans, who spent her career amassing tools of the trade. This includes small tools such as pliers and hammers, and big ones such as a rolling mill and a hydraulic press.

Evans created Creator Haven as a place where members can use the tools to create their art, with such media as metal etching, chain making, glasswork and jewelry making.

Perhaps more importantly, it is a place where artists can learn from each other, Evans said.

In addition, local and nationally known artists come to offer classes, she said.

"It really comes down to the community," she said. "I'm in tears of joy when we're full of people doing work and helping each other out, and I see the power of people working together."

Member Himani Natu said she picks up tips on soldering, while she offers her own skills on metalworking.



Courtesy of Mas Hashimoto

Watsonville Taiko performs at a previous Watsonville Multicultural Celebration.

"I love working here," she said. "We all help each other."

For the Holiday Factory Sale, Creator Haven members will sell their wares, including jewelry, fused glass and Christmas ornaments.

It is located at 41-B Hangar Way. For information, visit creatorhaven.com or call (408) 781-5183.

Creator Haven will join nine other businesses for the annual Factory Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event features local businesses offering Christmas gifts at deep discounts. Participating

merchants this year are La Selva Designs, American Hatmakers, El Pajaro CDC Commercial Kitchen, Martinelli's Company Store, Annieglass, Smith & Vandery, fused glass and Christmas ornaments.

For information, visit www.watsonvillefactorysale.com.

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Aptos Holiday Tree Lighting and Craft Fair

Community members will gather underneath the Aptos

Village Tree on the corner of Soquel Drive and Aptos Creek Road Saturday for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Craft Fair from 2-5 p.m.

Arts and crafts will be available for purchase, and live music will be performed throughout the afternoon. Manuel's Mexican Restaurant will serve hot chocolate.

Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck at 2:30 p.m.

The rain check date is scheduled for Dec. 9.

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