

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- **19:** “Christmas in November” organ concert, 7 p.m., Lutheran Church of the Cross, Nisswa
- **19:** Central Lakes Community Performing Arts: Tonic Sol-Fa, the Shake Up Christmas Tour, 7 p.m., Gichi-Ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd High School
- **20:** Holiday Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Northland Arboretum, Brainerd
- **21:** Legacy Chorale: “Gabriel Faure Requiem/Opus 48”, 7 p.m., Gichi-

- ziibi Center for the Arts, Brainerd High School
- **26:** Nisswa City of Lights Festival
- **26:** Sertoma Winter Wonderland opens, 5:30 p.m., Northland Arboretum, Brainerd
- **29-30:** Pequot Lakes Community Theatre auditions for “Recommended Reading for Girls,” 7-8:30 p.m., high school auditorium
- **30:** Pequot Lakes splash pad fundraising kickstarter party, 5:30 p.m., Lucky’s Tavern

LOCAL BRIEFS

Kid’s Christmas Party set Dec. 5 at Nisswa Legion

The Nisswa American Legion’s annual Kid’s Christmas Party is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Legion for kids up to age 10.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will hand out Christmas stockings. New this year will be a presentation of “The Polar Express.”

Parents should ensure their child has written a letter to Santa, as he will be looking for Christmas requests.

The Legion Auxiliary will serve ice cream with the trimmings.

Crossing Arts Alliance hosting Kringle Market

Crossing Arts Alliance is hosting its annual Kringle Market now through Dec. 24.

Customers may shop the gallery and gift shop with a selection of local artist created art and fine crafts, art supplies, holiday gifts and more.

Kringle Market will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, with exception of hours from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 24.

For more information, contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416 or info@crossingarts.org. Crossing Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in downtown Brainerd at 711 Laurel St.

Area artist’s work featured at Brainerd Public Library

Local artist Lyn Carner has a debut exhibit on display at the Brainerd Public Library. The exhibit includes 11 pieces featuring various natural subjects and scenes in a variety of mediums.

Carner’s inspirations for her work include scenes from her travels, nature, hiking and experimenting with different mediums.

Carner began her journey as an artist when she took a painting class with Dorothy Dent in the early 1980s. She had always been interested in art and the class helped expand her knowledge of materials, brushes and working with oil.

The mediums used in Carner’s artwork on display at the library range from oil to acrylic, watercolor, pastel, and mixed medium.

Carner often paints with Sister Mary Zirbes at St. Francis in Little Falls. The painting on display, “Winter Sanctuary,” was done from a sketch that Sister Mary had provided and Carner has said she will gift a portion of the sale of that painting to the sisters.

A photo from a friend, taken in Bayfield, Minnesota, was used to do a study in different mediums, with Carner using watercolor for “Spring Path” and acrylic in “Summer Path,” to paint the scene from the

same photo.

When starting a piece, Carner will first sketch out the image on a piece of paper. Once she has it how she wants, then she will transfer it to a canvas prior to painting. The mixed medium piece, “Free Spirit,” would be great for viewing with another, she said, as its abstract quality lends to the ability for each viewer to notice something different.

Some have told Carner they see a woman dancing, others a ship, and still more details are described. The “Cascade Trail” painting, of one of the artists favorite hiking trails, has an almost three-dimensional aspect, as if you could step onto the trail yourself.

Visitors can enjoy Carner’s artwork at the library through December. The exhibit is free of charge and is coordinated by the Brainerd Area Art Guild and the Brainerd Public Library. For more information, contact the library at 218-829-5574.

Nisswa Women’s Club starts new fundraising tradition

The Nisswa Women’s Club has a 101-year tradition of supporting the community, and the club’s annual fashion show typically raises the necessary funds - more than \$20,000 each May - to fund charitable gifts.

The COVID-19 pandemic put an end to that big event, but it hasn’t dampened the club’s enthusiasm for fulfilling their mission. President-elect Ann Swanson has helped her committee completely revamp the fundraising focus by moving to smaller and more frequent opportunities.

Club members Elaine Bercher and Eunice Wiebolt emceed a mini fashion show at the Northland Arboretum in August. In September, Mary Ann and Don Bennett offered a popup concert in their home.

This month, members and guests will celebrate the season of gratitude and giving with a Dollars for Scholars luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at Cragun’s Legacy. Members and guests will have the opportunity to



Contributed / Nisswa Women’s Club
Vicki Smith, right, puts the final touches on a “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” basket with Jan Weiss and Char Knopik for the Nisswa Women’s Club’s fundraising event Nov. 18 at Cragun’s Legacy.

bid on everything from a four-night weekend at the apple festival in Bayfield, Wisconsin, to a holiday smorgasbord for eight guaranteed to “warm your heart.”

Raffle baskets and medallion games will add to the fun. It’s truly a labor of love for club members.

“Especially important in this time of pandemic uncertainty, the Nisswa Women’s Club membership has been generous with their time and resources in order to support our high

school and college scholars. I am proud to be a member of such a vital and committed organization,” Swanson said in a news release.

Cragun’s wait staff will not be masked. Vaccination and face masks are recommended for club members and guests. The lunch charge is \$20, and guests are always welcome. Go to www.nisswawomensclub.org for more information.

REMINDERS

► A “Christmas in November” organ concert presented by Cathy Taylor and Laura Raedeke will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, in the sanctuary of Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa. A free will offering will benefit the sanctuary remodel project.

► Ruby’s Pantry will sell food shares from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, at New Life Community Church in Pine River. Turn off Highway 371 onto Cass County Road 42 at the fairgrounds.



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