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# Ruch Holiday Pop-Up Market planned for Thanksgiving weekend

BY ALLIE PARKIN AND WESTI HAUGHEY

This Thanksgiving weekend will mark the third annual Ruch Holiday Pop-Up Market. In 2020 this event started in the workshop and driveway of Twin Pear Farm after all of their holiday events were canceled.

"Selling our goat milk soap and lotion is a critical piece of our farm's annual income," said Westi Haughey, co-owner of Twin Pear Farm. "Holiday markets are our only source of revenue during the winter months, and we typically have around 25 goats to feed, in addition to animal healthcare, insurance and payroll."

In 2020, Haughey and her husband, Mike, began brainstorming alternate ways to sell their products when all of the major holiday markets were canceled due to COVID. "We are well connected with our customer base, so I suggested we create our own event at the farm and invite other local crafters to sell their goods."

The first Ruch Holiday Pop-Up Shop was small, but a great success featuring pottery by Allie Parkin, of Squirrel Medicine Pottery, earrings from Madrone Moon, wax candles from Wildrose Farm, beaded necklaces by Magical Madrone, and others.

"I was blown away by how quickly my ceramic mugs and dishes were snapped

up, I almost completely sold out of inventory," said Allie. "It was such a success I asked Westi if she would be hosting another holiday market in 2021."

When Westi said she couldn't fit it into their farm schedule that year, Allie got to work coordinating the Ruch Holiday Pop-Up Market at the parking lot of Ryan's Outpost with 16 vendors. "We were lucky that the weather held, and we had a little taste of everything, from succulents to one-of-a-kind cutting boards."

This year Allie and Westi are teaming up for the largest Ruch Holiday Pop-Up Market to date. Scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend, November 26 and 27 (11 am - 4 pm), this year's market will feature more than 20 artisans all nestled in the community building of the Applegate Fire Station at 1095 Upper Applegate Road.

"We will have plenty of space, parking, and a great weekend, rain or shine," said Allie. Within 24 hours of announcing the event, more than half of the vendor spaces were filled. "There will truly be something for everyone," said Westi.



Offerings at the Ruch Holiday Pop-Up Market over Thanksgiving weekend will include such crafted items such as goat milk soap from Twin Pear Farm in the Upper Applegate.

In addition to Allie's pottery and Twin Pear Farm's soaps and lotions, attendees will find resin crafts and jewelry by Becca Feldman, hemp clothing from Blessed Lotus, wooden rings by Brandon Knott, suncatchers and jewelry by Madrone Moon, body care by Freeda of Oregon, grain and gluten-free pastries from Paulazzo Pasticceria, jewelry and crafts by Jewelbible, and much more.

"We love being a part of the Ruch and Applegate communities," said Westi. "This event is an opportunity to meet, shop with, and support our neighbors."

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