

Hello, this is Diane Urbani de la Paz with What's Out There, ways to connect with art and culture while staying close to home, for the week going forward from December 4, 2020.

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A lot is going on, so bear with me as I go at breakneck speed.

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*Nutcracker: The Movie*, starring a cast of 65 local dancers, will light up the big screen at the Wheel-In Motor Movie this Saturday and Sunday. The Ballet Workshop and the Juan de Fuca Foundation for the Arts are bringing this one-hour production to Port Townsend at 5:30 and at 8 o'clock both nights. Ticket information awaits at <https://jffa.org/>.

The Jefferson County Historical Society's AHA auction – in which A-H-A stands for art, history and adventure – is happening now. Packages include a tour of the Western Flyer at the Port Townsend Boat Haven, original art by a passel of local painters and sculptors, and tours of the Port Townsend Foundry, Alpenfire cidery, and the schooner Adventuress. You can take a look at all the goodies at the historical society's website, [JCHSMuseum.org](http://JCHSMuseum.org). The AHA bidding closes at high noon Sunday.

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Weave It Together is the name of the next auction I want to tell you about. This one belongs to Northwind Art, the new organization formed by the merger of the Port Townsend School of the Arts and the Northwind Arts Center. This one has a mandolin and a lesson from David Grisman, a portrait of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg painted by Tracy Bigelow Grisman, wildly flowered umbrellas by silk artist Karen Sistek, and oh so many other works of art. Bidding on most of them continues through Sunday, but then comes the live auction gala, at 5:30 Sunday night. The site for connecting with it all is [Northwindarts.org](http://Northwindarts.org).

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Homes for the Holidays is the name of the kitchen construction contest put on by the Jefferson County Library. This is a free event, in which you're invited to build a gingerbread, or other edible material house, and enter it in the contest. Supply kits, with candy, graham crackers and edible-mortar frosting mix are available, but to get one of those you need to sign up on the library website [JCLibrary.info](http://JCLibrary.info) by the end of Saturday. Otherwise, you can use your own goodies, as long as they're edible. That's the only rule in this competition. When you finish your structure, you can take a photo, send that in to the library by the December 13 deadline. Next comes the people's choice voting, from December 15 through 20. Winners in the youth, adult and family divisions, will enjoy no cash prizes, but instead the pride of building award-winning edible housing.

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And that is the story for What's Out There. I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz, here for you on KPTZ. Thanks for listening.