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AT STORIED HOME IN PINE ORCHARD

# BACA Holiday Market & Open House this weekend

Inaugural event showcases a 'tapestry of talent in art and culture'

BRANFORD — Want to avoid the malls and still put a dent in your holiday shopping this weekend? How about breathing in the air of sophistication and opulence (and fresh garlands) on the grounds of a storied waterfront property on Branford's Pine Orchard Road at the Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance's (BACA) inaugural Holiday Market and Open House?

The lavish home will host 23 vendors with a variety of locally produced items ranging from soap and candles, to paintings and sculptures, to aprons and pottery. Branford artist Marta Reisman will share her fine art in the form of cards, calendars and prints. One local crafter will offer her stunning Kumihimo jewelry, an ancient Japanese art form that involves braiding stringing material with beads.

That's just one part of a festive atmosphere. The Branford High School Music Makers chorus will perform holiday music selections on Saturday. Joyful Sound, the town's newest choral group, directed by recently retired Branford High School theater legend Cathyann Roding, will take the stage on Sunday.

The market will also feature baked goods from the BHS Culinary Arts Program. Vaiuso Farms will adorn the



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Painting by Marta Reisman.

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interior with poinsettias and garlands. And Shelley's Garden Center will provide front door decor.

It's all part of BACA's mission to “bring arts of all genres to the Branford community,” said volunteer Jeanette Mobeck, a member of the BACA board.

“Branford has such a rich tapestry of talent in both art and culture,” she added. “What better place to celebrate that than in an example

of singular architecture?”

The BACA Holiday Market & Open House will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. at 265 Pine Orchard Road. The Branford High School Music Makers will perform at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. “Joyful Sound,” directed by Cathyann Roding, will premier on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The event is free. All are welcome.

— Submitted press release