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St. John's 6th Annual Cultural Bizarre Bazaar Set For Dec. 8

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ST. JOHN -- The 6th Annual Coral Bay Bizarre Bazaar -- which this year includes shopping, food, a silent auction, live music, 50/50 raffle and Santa -- takes place Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pickles in Paradise, according to a release issued Monday.

This year's event will benefit the Coral Bay Community Council (C.B.C.C.), a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a 15-year history of service to the St. John community.

The Bizarre Bazaar is the largest holiday shopping fair in Coral Bay with more than two dozen island artists and local vendors selling their wares, including Ital Delroy Anthony, Sloop Jones, St. John Organics, Wayfarer Gifts, and more, the release said. Eventgoers will be able to find one-of-a-kind gifts, handmade art, and local goods.

Bazaar attendees can also win big this year with a 50/50 raffle (50 percent of the proceeds going to the C.B.C.C. and 50 percent to the winner's pocket), and a silent auction with over \$11,000 in prizes, according to the release.

Virgin Islands companies and the extended St. John community gave generously to the auction to help kick off the 2019 season, the release said

Prizes donated include jewelry, scuba packages, retail and restaurant gift certificates, handmade art, concert tickets, sailing expeditions, parasailing tickets, and villa stays including a 7-day stay in Orlando.

Lauren & Bo, who host Open Mic Night Thursdays at Pickles, will be taking the stage during Bizarre Bazaar with Accordion Rob from the Tuesday Night Jam Sessions at Pizza Bar in Paradise, according to the release. Throughout the day they will welcome other guest musicians to the stage in a holiday- style open mic performance.

Santa comes to town after noon ready to hear the Christmas wishes of St. John's children and children-at-heart. And there will be food and beverages served all day by Pickles in Paradise, the Tap Room, Lucky Chops and Irie Pops. C.B.C.C. grill hotdogs and hamburgers.