

Art Walk began fairly small, but now hitting its stride

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Pearson. "Each business sponsors or presents an artist or a musician or food."

According to Pearson, the Art Walk started with three businesses playing a role and has grown to encompass an average of 11 businesses.

"We have brochures and posters that we put out in the newspaper, and it lists all the businesses participating and what's going on at each place," said Pearson. "There's even a map in the brochure that helps people decide where to go first."

"The idea of the Art Walk," she said, "is to promote the arts; and it's really a family oriented community event that allows people to explore the literary, visual, epicurean and performing arts of the valley."

In addition, there is usually a hands-on craft activity for kids; and several businesses regularly showcase

youth art projects.

Pearson, who is also the president of IRVAC, said that its mission is to "foster creativity and encourage arts in the valley."

"We're trying to promote the arts in Illinois Valley, because it's one of our strong points," Pearson said. "We try to expose the community and visitors to the arts and support our many talented artists."

Pearson said that the Art Walk has had great community participation and now, "We are now getting people coming from out of the valley specifically for the Art Walk. They're coming from Grants Pass, Rogue River; and as far away as Ashland, Brookings and Crescent City," Pearson said.

Pearson, a crafter herself, said that she moved to the valley eight years ago from Newport, Ore. because it is "beautiful."

Bebe's ART, which she

opened nearly five years ago, features the work of several artists.

"Nothing in here is store-bought," she said. "Everything is hand-crafted by local and regional artisans who put their work on commission here."

Pearson's works range from masks to hand-painted clothing to collages. Her husband of five years, Bob Burt, is a wood worker and his work can be found in their gallery as well.

The Art Walk, Pearson said, is co-sponsored by merchants and organizations of the valley.

"Donations and sponsorships are always being accepted," she said. "Most of the performing artists are volunteers, so we're always looking for sponsors to help support them."

For the final Art Walk of 2004, visitors can expect to find talented artists at 11 locations: Cone Ten Pottery,

Jefferson State Financial Group, Digital Dreams Help Center, Taylor's Country Store, Blue Moon Café, Bagel Junction, Bebe's, Rising Suns, Child's Play, A Creative Space and April's Aroma Home.

Blue holiday strategies due Dec. 13

A program on "Blue Holidays, Grief and Loss Survival Strategies for the Winter Holidays" will be presented Monday, Dec. 13 by Joe Momyer, bereavement counselor, and other bereavement team members for Lovejoy Hospice.

The program will be held at the hospice facility, 939 S.E. Eighth St., Grants Pass from noon until 1 p.m. The meeting is open free of charge to anyone.

Momyer will offer information and suggestions for coping with holiday activities and expectations for those experiencing grief and the loss of a loved one.

Anyone can attend. Family members are especially encouraged to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Beverages and a dessert will be provided. Phone 474-1193 to register and for further information.

"Holidays can be tough times," said Momyer.

"Everyone around you seems so happy and content," he said. "It's hard enough to cope during the routine times, but during holidays it seems that the outside world and our own memories gang up on us."

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Obituaries

Fred McClintick

Fred Page McClintick, 86, a resident of Illinois Valley for 50 years, died Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

A memorial service was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Community Bible Church in Cave Junction with Dr. Donald Blackburn officiating. A private graveside service was held at Eagle Point National Cemetery.

Mr. McClintick was born on Jan. 27, 1918 in Taft, Calif. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served during World War II.

He moved to Illinois Valley a half-century ago from Taft. He was a member of Community Bible Church, and was finance chairman for many years.

In 1939 he married Bonnie Lee in Long Beach, Calif. They had been married 65 years.

He had worked as a school bus driver in Illinois Valley. Mr. McClintick enjoyed deep sea fishing and baseball.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Marlene DeJarnatt, of Tremonton, Utah; a sister, Mary Ellen Woodson, of Laguna Hills, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary McClintick in May 2004; and a brother, Robert McClintick.

Fay Lee Harmon

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 6, 2004 for Selma resident Fay Lee Harmon, 73, who died Friday, Dec. 3 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

The memorial was held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Cave Junction with LeRoy Nelson conducting.

Memorial remembrances can be made to the Gospel Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 190, Grants Pass OR 97528.

Mrs. Harmon was born Sept. 26, 1931 in Denison, Texas. On Nov. 1, 1954 in

Durant, Okla., she married her husband, James, who survives.

She was a member of the Cave Junction Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Besides her husband, James Harmon, of Selma, she is survived by a son, Ron Harmon, of Riverside, Calif.; a daughter, Dianna Rose, of Selma; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stanley Harmon, in 1984.

Southern Oregon Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

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