



Art in its various forms -- some raucous, meditative or soothing in the medium of music; some vibrant or provocative in painting and sculpture using many materials -- abounds in what is becoming a haven for artisans.

From O'Brien on the south to Selma on the north, with its other environs here and there and in-between, Southwestern Oregon's Illinois Valley contains a major vein of artists and craftsmen of many stripes.

Some of the valley's art appears in the form of music. For example, the 2008 Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival, sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce at Lake Selmac in Selma, will feature six groups well-known for their pickin' and kickin' Bluegrass tunes.

This event includes food, soft drinks, beer and wine available from vendors.

Then there's the annual chamber-sponsored Concerts in the Park summer series. It generally runs weekly from June through July; the schedule is announced in *Illinois*



Valley News, the weekly newspaper that primarily covers the valley. The schedule also is available from the chamber office in the I.V. Visitor Center.

Offering varied types of music, the concerts are held in Jubilee Park in the city of Cave Junction.

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If all your friends were swinging from trees ... would you?



Internationally acclaimed Out 'N' About Treesort offers "a playground as big as all outdoors." Kids young and old can learn what it takes to climb towering Douglas fir trees in a supervised ropes course. Once you reach the top, take to the air, harnessed to more than a mile of high-flying zip line. Sail through the forest canopy or across open meadow, at speeds approaching 30 mph. Or buckle in for an exhilarating 50-foot drop on the Tarzan rope swing.

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