

# Kerby Art & History

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an artist center and gallery at the Rogue Community College Learning Center/ Belt Building.

During a simple drive through town on Hwy. 199, many opportunities for an artful experience are evident. At the north end is Yanase Jewelers, a purveyor of diamonds, fine gemstones and handmade, custom-designed jewelry. Among the most eye-catching attractions is the It's A Burl gallery, with its fantastical burlwood sculptures, furniture, fine carvings and interior design pieces.

Right across the way, Kaufmann Wood's showroom features durable high-quality furniture made of Douglas fir poles. Next door in the former Masonic building, Work creates hand-crafted fine furnishings and custom woodwork at The Dovetail Joint.

The centrally located Kerbyville Museum features a wealth of exhibits covering the history of the area, from Native American artifacts, mineral and timber industry history, day-to-day activities and wartime memorabilia.

At the corner of Hwy. 199 and Finch Road is Hampton's Rock Shop, where rockhounds Fredrick & Gabrielle Hampton share their

enthusiasm for gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary, and handmade silver jewelry.

Across the highway, the SOG Gallery features work from many guild artists, and new works are installed for each 'Evening of Art & Wine' event. Due to be refurbished in the near future, the expanded facility will add to the dynamic arts scene.

"The facility will have a big impact on the regional artists because the SOG is planning to host events and workshops to bring well-renowned artists or suppliers to come in and share materials and techniques," said Work, who sees the importance of teaching the aspiring artist how to build a reputation and reach distant markets using the Internet and digital technologies.

"A decade out what I'm hoping to see is a certificate program in the business of arts and crafts offered through Rogue Community College, with internships at the SOG gallery," he said.

With such far-reaching vision and a pool of creative and talented artisans, this emerging artists' enclave in a beautiful little corner of Oregon will put itself on everyone's map soon.



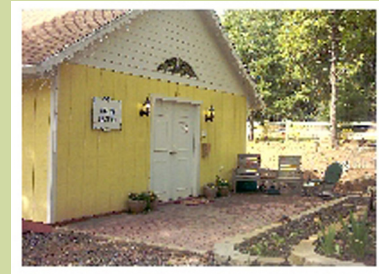
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