

# Arts & Entertainment

## Stiles Featured Artist for Art Walk Friday, Aug. 8

By JUDY HOYLE  
Karen Stiles, the Featured Artist for the Aug. 8 Second Friday Art Walk in Cave Junction, has lived most of her life in Southwestern Oregon.



Karen Stiles

She grew up near Medford, and met her future husband who was working at a different Chevron station than the one where she worked.

Karen married Jeff Stiles, and they transferred to new jobs in Seattle, only to learn that the Oregon Caves Chevron station in Cave Junction was for sale. They immediately jumped at the chance to move back home with the added opportunity of running their own business.

As Karen puts it, "We knew this was where we wanted to live and raise our children – we just didn't know it would be five children!"

"We love the Illinois Valley, its people and its beauty. Our first four kids successfully attended our excellent schools including Dome School, and all three public schools."

She smiled and then said, "I've been so fortunate to home-school our youngest. We take the best field trips ever." Karen and Jeff's oldest daughter, Angela, has just made them proud grandparents for the first time. Their other children are Anthony, Shane, Miranda and Kiana.

As we discussed her paintings, the self-taught artist explained that she only started experimenting with watercolor approximately 15 years ago. She doesn't recall what inspired her to try this medium, or why she continued painting after her first few attempts didn't turn out as well as she'd hoped.

Karen and her family love outdoor activities, especially hiking and biking. Currently, due to the many demands for her time, she only paints a few pieces a year.

"It's always a challenge to see if I can paint a particular subject," she explained. "I plan the entire scene before I start drawing. I want to know what I'm going to be doing on every square inch of the painting before I begin, but that doesn't mean there won't be happy surprises that come up during the process. Each painting always comes out a little different than I picture it in my mind."

She sometimes tries a new color, but almost exclusively paints with the three primary colors, which lend a depth and richness to each of her beautiful "still lifes." Karen showed me the paintings she plans to exhibit during Second Friday Art Walk as she went on to describe her technique.

"I just mix the colors I need," she said. "My paintings look more cohesive to me that way, plus I know just how those paints respond to each other and how to get what I want from them."

Karen chooses her subjects for the challenge of the new, or what she would like to see on her wall, but she occasionally branches out. She's participated in charity fund-raisers organized by Evergreen Federal Bank.

She painted a dog house to raise money for the Josephine County Sheriff's Office K-9 Team, as well as decorating two Fiberglass bears for Grants Pass Bear Fest.

Visitors to the Oregon Caves Chateau Gift Gallery are greeted by Karen's own Cave Bear, decorated with paintings of the Chateau, surroundings and a portrait of Elijah Davidson, discoverer of the caves. Barbara Fields won this bear at auction, and then donated it in memory of her husband, Lewis "Babe" Fields, who was a friend of Davidson.

Karen's work has been displayed extensively in the region, as well as in competitions for the Northwest Watercolor Society, and the Watercolor Society of Oregon. Her work will be featured at Changes Art Gallery, 144 S. Redwood Hwy., beginning Friday, Aug. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. and throughout August.

For further information on Second Friday Art Walk, sponsored by the Illinois River Valley Arts Council, visit [www.irvac.com](http://www.irvac.com).



Entries for the 'Walk a Mile in My Shoe' show and silent auction include *There Was an Old Lady* decorated by Meg Kelsey, art instructor at Illinois Valley Senior Center. (Photo provided)

## 'Walk a Mile in My Shoe' event up and running for Berry Fest

The public can participate in the annual "Walk a Mile in My Shoe" decorated shoe show and silent auction, a fund-raiser for Second Friday Art Walk during Blackberry Festival weekend beginning Aug. 8.

"This is a chance for adults and kids alike to decorate one or two shoes to celebrate summer and the act of creativity itself in a fun way," said Gabriella Salas-Groth, originator of the idea four years ago.

Shoes can be submitted anytime between Monday, Aug. 4 and 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 at Embroidered Adaptations, 136 S. Redwood Hwy. Phone 592-3102 for more information. The shoes will be displayed at Embroidered Adaptations during Art Walk, 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 8.

The display will move to the Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC) booth at Jubilee Park for Blackberry Festival. The "Walk a Mile" silent auction will end at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, and winners will be notified.

IRVAC continues to sell raffle tickets for a dinner for two and one night's stay at Seven Feathers Resort & Casino. Raffle tickets will be available at the Josephine County Bldg. during Art Walk, and at the IRVAC booth in Jubilee Park on Saturday. The drawing also will be held on Aug. 9 at 5 p.m. The winner doesn't need to be present to win.

Also, in recognition of the date, a special "Crazy 8's" promotion is slated for Second Friday Art Walk. At participating Art Walk businesses, any purchase of \$8 or more on 8/8/08 will include a coupon for a free Umpqua ice cream bar redeemable at the county building from 5 to 8 p.m. while supplies last. The bars will also be on sale.

## Bake Sale

**Nifty & Gifty Thrift**  
**Saturday, Aug. 2**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Immanuel United Methodist Church**  
**200 W. Watkins, C.J.**

## Country Breakfast

**I.V. Senior Center**  
**520 E. River St.**  
**Saturday, Aug. 2**  
**8 to 11 a.m.**

\* Biscuits & Gravy \* Pancakes  
\* Eggs \* Bacon \* Sausage  
\* Coffee, Milk, Juice

Adults - \$6  
Children 12  
& under - \$3



## Folk for Freedom Concert and DINNER

**Saturday, Aug. 9**  
**6 pm to Midnight**

at the

**Takilma Community Center**  
**Dome School - 9367 Takilma Road**

Join  
**Patrick Dodd,**  
**David Rovics, and**  
**Prisoners of**  
**Conscious**  
**to spank G.W. Bush**  
**with an evening of**  
**acoustic rock for a**  
**crumbling empire**



**Organic Dinner and**  
**Desserts by *Dessert First***  
**will be available**

**Admission**  
**\$10 - \$20**  
**sliding scale**

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 cheer
- 4 Send
- 8 First Chin. dynasty
- 12 Or best offer (abbr.)
- 13 Revelry cry
- 14 Italic (abbr.)
- 15 Indo-Chin. language
- 16 Equal
- 17 Malay canoe
- 18 Golden oriole
- 20 Polynesian cloth
- 22 Physician (pref.)
- 25 River through Orleans
- 28 Hindu sacred writings
- 31 Indigo dye
- 33 Harden

DOWN

- 34 Here (Fr.)
- 35 Silly
- 36 Alas
- 37 Exclamations of delight
- 38 Hodgepodge
- 39 Pronoun contraction
- 40 Buddhist monk in nirvana
- 42 Gr. wine container
- 44 Son of Ruth
- 46 Scot. island
- 50 Blue Nile
- 52 Down with (Fr., 2 words)
- 55 Edible root
- 56 Political union
- 57 Levy
- 58 Exclamations of delight
- 59 Medical fluids
- 60 River into the North Sea
- 61 Goddess (Lat.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAB CACO TOLA  
CPA HSIA OLEA  
AAL ASAFETIDA  
DANE LEDA  
ERNST PRAM  
LUES LOUT PLO  
MRS RASSE LEG  
OUS IDEA TAUR  
ACER DANCE  
CARE HART  
GUMARABIC PEIA  
ERIC BARI ORB  
ODEA UREA DAB

- 6 River rapids
- 7 Cult
- 8 Horse (pref.)
- 9 Neat
- 10 Honey-eater bird
- 11 According to (2 words)
- 19 Tumor (suf.)
- 21 Unite
- 23 Irish assembly
- 24 Indian (Sp.)
- 26 Spin
- 27 Jewish month
- 28 Musical instrument (string)
- 29 Lover of Narcissus
- 30 Shame
- 32 Pagan god
- 35 Dispelled
- 39 Non-forming (suf.)
- 41 Manila hemp
- 43 Not in style
- 45 Carplike fish
- 47 Way
- 48 Pain
- 49 Nat'l

- Aeronautics and Space Admin. (abbr.)
- 50 Tablespoon (abbr.)
- 51 Malt liquor
- 53 Ten decibels
- 54 Asbestos

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## EVENTS CALENDAR



**Wednesday, July 30**

- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

**Thursday, July 31**

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**Friday, Aug. 1**

- Bruce and Tony Hanson, singing brothers, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store

- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

- DJ "Dance Night", 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**Saturday, Aug. 2**

- Out of the Ordinary Oregon with Connie Battaille, 1:30 p.m., FREE at the Selma Center (Chautauqua program presented by Selma Community & Education Center)

- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

**Sunday, Aug. 3**

- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

**Monday, Aug. 4**

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**Tuesday, Aug. 5**

- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

**COMING SOON: Saturday, August 9**

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Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and the less the artist does the better.

~ Andre Gide ~