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Club seeks painters from beginner to pro

Judy Hoyle
IVN Contributing Writer

All ages and abilities are welcomed at the I.V. Fine Artists (IVFA) gathering every Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kerby Belt Building. The group, established in 1969, is the longest running arts organization in the Illinois Valley.

“People forget what’s going on in the community and we wanted to remind them that we’re here,” said Pat Hammer. “Painting together is fun. Everyone works in different media and we enjoy listening to music and spending time together.”

“This is my Monday!” Ginny Knight declared. “I don’t make any other appointments.”

Bea Thompson added, “We’re here for self-fulfillment and to progress as artists. Everyone is very supportive. There’s always someone to talk to or get ideas from.”

The bylaws of the group include rules such as “We respect each other as individuals and enjoy our common interest in painting creatively in all media. We are in a continuous process of art education. We consider each work of art an individual expression.”

The number of members have ebbed and flowed over the past 47 years and the group even opened the Valley’s first Cultural Art Center in Kerby in 1978.

IVFA first formed as an art program within the Illinois Valley Woman’s Club. But within 10 years it had registered with the state as its own organization.

They raised funds from the community for the art center and gallery. The building they wanted was for sale at \$7,000 and the campaign raised over \$10,000 through silent auctions, bakes sales, garage sales and sponsored dinners.

The art center hosted many featured

artists, workshops, demonstrations, shows and classes, but the recession of 1980 forced them to close their doors.

The building was sold for \$45,000 and the club did not meet regularly between 1981 and 1992.

The group routinely donates funds to the Boys and Girls Club, the Kerbyville Museum, Evergreen Elementary, the I.V. branch of Josephine Community Libraries and other worthy causes. They have also offered an art scholarship to a graduating IVHS senior.

The first Monday of each month includes a meeting and an opportunity for critique but the focus of the organization is cooperation, not competition. Experienced and inexperienced painters work together to share idea and techniques. The goal is to maximize the artistic development of each member.

The club members display their work at Valley businesses and banks and they occasionally go on field trips or “paint outs” around the Valley, going as far afield as Crescent City.

Pat Hammer is president of the group and has been for many years. She’s been involved with the organization almost from the beginning and is the first one to arrive Monday morning to set up the coffee and organize the room.

“Pat’s really the one who’s kept this going,” Thompson said. “We enjoy giving back to the community and supporting them the way they supported us all those years ago. We would like to find more members, too.”

Prospective members are welcomed to participate for a week or two to see how they like the activity.

Membership dues are only \$15 a year. Coffee, tea and cookies are provided and donations toward the rental space or refreshments are welcomed. Call Pat at 541-592-6351 or 541-415-5947.

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IVFA’s Alley Smith-King (foreground) and Ginny Knight each work on their art at the Kerby Belt Building.

I.V. Little League annual Bake Sale

Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. Jubilee Park

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

This is to give notice that Monday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon, the Common Council of the City of Cave Junction will meet in a regular session. The agenda may include, but is not limited, to the following:

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) Citizen Requests -Park Use Request (Ford Leadership Project){Kris Wildman} -Request Funding for Valley Pride Project (IVCDO, Illinois Valley Naturally){Jean Ann Miles} Contract Review Board -LSN, Light Speed Networks, Inc (fiber optic provider), Lease Agreement -Verizon Wireless (Wireless Com-

munication Facility), Lease Agreement If I Were Mayor Contest Ordinance 550 – Grant Utility Franchise to Light Speed Networks, Inv {1st Reading} Ordinance 551 – Allow Accessory Dwelling Units {1st Reading} Ordinance 552 – Allow RV as Temporary Residence during Construction {1st Reading} Ordinance 553 – Establishing Fuel Tax, Refer to Voters {1st Reading} Ordinance 554 – Establishing Marijuana Tax, Refer to Voters {1st Reading} Policy Discussion -Sweetened Beverage Tax Concept Comments -General Information -Comments from the Public -Comments from the Council -Comments from the Mayor Adjournment