

Dan Fiske Day of Service



(Photo by Roger Brandt for the *Illinois Valley News*)

Joshua Wallace (left), Rhianna Sandoval and Taylor Hammers-Whitney are staining fence posts at Illinois Valley Forks State Park. These students along with others from I.V. High School spent Friday, Oct. 7 working on projects at the park, library, Siskiyou Field Institute and other locations in the Valley during the school’s annual Community Service Day honoring Dan Fiske.



Ginni Lyles placed 18th out of 26 in the 6,000 pound tractor class and placed 10th in the 5,000 pound class at the 2016 Addison County Fair Field Days in Vermont. Ginni, 28, is the daughter of Randy Lyles of Cave Junction. Ginni Lyles lived in Cave Junction for over 20 years.

Juried art show highlights 5th annual Artoberfest in Kerby

It’s time for the Illinois Valley’s fall Celebration of the Arts, featuring the 5th annual Artoberfest in Kerby and the 9th annual Valley Girls Quilt Show in Cave Junction the weekend of Oct. 14 to 16.

Highlight of the Southern Oregon Guild’s Artoberfest is a juried art show at Artoberfest headquarters on Rogue Community College’s Kerby campus (aka the Belt Building). The fair offers artist’s booths with a wide variety of art and fine crafts, as well as food, live music and a silent auction. Visitors will meander among the artists’ booths along a wandering indoor path that creates a uniquely intimate art show experience.

Artists who juried into the show include Brookings artist, PJ Morgan, whose elegant sandblasted glass pieces range from actual window and door panels to smaller decorative window and tabletop works.

Williams fiber artist Corbin Brashear’s whimsical needle felted sculptures have pushed that fiber art medium into new artistic territory. Her work never fails to bring a smile. Other fiber artists are Jacksonville artist, Dan Barker, whose stunning spiritually inspired banners are the amazing work of a Vietnam veteran reaching for inner peace, and popular Grants Pass artist, Judy Elliott, whose lovely paintings on silk continue a connection with her beloved Hawaii and nature.

A wide selection of jewelry will be found in the juried show at Artoberfest headquarters, as well as at Yanase Jewelers on the north end of Kerby. Juried show artists include Hugh Canny from Klamath Falls, Dorothy Marshall from Brookings, and Jean Robertson from O’Brien. Canny and Marshall both do beautiful wire wrapped pieces but in totally different styles. Robertson’s popular work is based on recycled electronics and continues to grow in complexity and color.

Ceramics, oil and acrylic paintings, sculpture and photography will also be found throughout the juried show. Soups and other culinary delights will be available, and musicians will add to visitors’ pleasure with a variety of musical styles – Pat Mersman’s classical harpsicord, Terry D. Davis on guitar, and David Lollywagon on base on Friday; Pat Mersman, George & Anwyn Leverette’s Celtic music and Terry D. Davis on Saturday; and Pat Mersman, popular duo, Tim Wallace & Michelle Le Comte and David Lollywagon on Sunday.

Also part of Artoberfest in Kerby are It’s a Burl with its fantastic woodwork, Yanase Jewelers with Michael Yanase’s elegant custom jewelry, the Kerbyville Museum with its collection of Southern Oregon and Illinois Valley historical artifacts, and Kerbyville Farm with its fall produce and gift shop. Yanase’s and Kerbyville Farm will be closed on

Sunday, so get there earlier in the weekend. Watch for the Artoberfest logo at participating locations and don’t miss these unique Kerby venues.

In addition to Artoberfest, the Valley Girls will show amazing quilts in the 9th annual Valley Girls Quilt Show Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Senior Center in Cave Junction, and many merchants and the wineries will be open and offering discounts for their food and wine.

The Southern Oregon Guild’s Gallery & Art Center, also located on the RCC Kerby Campus at 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby, will be open for visitors to peruse Guild member’s art and fine crafts and bid at the silent auction.

The Guild’s website is www.southernoregonguild.org and their Facebook page is Southern Oregon Guild of Artists and Artisans. For more information contact Joyce Abrams at 541-659-3858 or Donna Parrish at 541-592-4342.



Klamath Falls jeweler Hugh Canny takes wire wrapping to a new level. This pendant is part of his Ammolite Series.

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