

# Valley Girls ready for year 9

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Carol Dickson is featured artist for the ninth annual Valley Girls Quilt Show, slated for this weekend at the I.V. Senior Center.

Dickson, an I.V. High School (IVHS) alumni and current Valley resident is one of the founders of the quilt show and has played an integral part in the Valley Girls' development.

This year's show offers 100 never-before shown quilts along with a country store of handmade items and quilts for sale.

Valley Girls will also sell raffle tickets for the chance to win "Mountain Valley Vistas," this year's Opportunity Quilt, with an abstract design that suggests Shaker and American Indian influences.

The drawing is scheduled for the end of the show.

Several of Dickson's quilts will be hung in a special display, among them, the debut of "The Water Gatherer," an art quilt that was achieved with fabric paint, fabric ink, appliqué and "thread painting."

Dickson will compete to have this art quilt travel the national quilt show circuit later in the year. One of her quilts was accepted into last year's national show.

She started quilting about 10 years ago and ever since quilting has become both an avocation and a business for Dickson, who helps other quilters by using a long arm sewing machine to complete their quilts, stitching together the various layers.

She does different quilt tasks at different times of the day, hand stitching at night while she watches television.

When asked which quilt is her favorite, she responds, "The last one I finished is always my favorite until I finish the next

one. I make all kinds of quilts." She then admitted her favorites are the art quilts, "I make about one a year."

The Valley Girls raise funds for youth oriented organizations. Last year they donated a total of \$3,500, divided among three nonprofits.

"The I.V. Boys and Girls Club is the core group we donate to. We raffle off a quilt every year, we make comfort quilts for kids in need and we make quilts for the Chateau at the Oregon Caves as a legacy that will go beyond us," Dickson said.

The other two selected nonprofits this year are IVHS baseball and Evergreen Elementary School Life Skills training.

When the check was presented last year Dickson said, "In eight years we've given out \$25,000. As a nonprofit, we don't keep any money. Our funds are

managed by the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization. We also partner with Valley businesses who give discounts around town during the quilt show weekend. By them offering this, people stay around town a little longer and maybe get to see the good side of our community. Everything we do is through partnerships."

This added bonus for quilt show attendees is "percentage off" specials at Carlos Restaurant, Dairy Queen, and Taylors' Country Store among others. Foris Vineyards Winery will also honor proof of Quilt Show attendance.

Valley Girls Quilt Show will take place at I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River St., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21 and then 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

Admission is \$3. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase from the Senior Center kitchen.

The Southern Oregon Guild presents the Sixth Annual **Artoberfest An Art Fair** in Kerby, OR  
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The Southern Oregon Guild's sixth annual Artoberfest runs from Friday, Oct. 20 to Sunday, Oct. 22. Friday and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Highlight of Artoberfest is a juried indoor art show where visitors will meander among the artists' booths along a wandering path that creates a uniquely intimate art show. Food, live music, a silent auction, and a separate gallery add to the experience.

Artists in the juried show include Wolf Creek artist Ronald Hanson, who reminds us of our close relationship to our natural surroundings with his paintings while Grants Pass woodworker, Brandon Woodward transforms what nature produces into stunning multi-media pieces.

Crescent City fiber artists, Glenna Kimball and Joyce Tuby perform a different kind of transformation, making pieces of discarded knitwear into elegant new garments. In addition, Williams fiber artist, Corbin Brashear, will offer her whimsical needle felted sculptures that have pushed that fiber art medium into new artistic territory. Her work never fails to bring a smile.

Ceramics, oil and acrylic paintings, jewelry, other fiber arts, and photography will also be found throughout the juried show. One very special booth will be dedicated in Memoriam to Jacksonville artist, Dan Barker, who was part of Artoberfest from the beginning. His stunning spiritually inspired banners are the amazing work of a Viet Nam veteran reaching for inner peace.

Throughout the weekend, soups and other culinary delights will be available, and musicians will add to visitors' pleasure with a variety of musical styles. Harpist Phoebe Knowles will play on Friday. George & Anwyn Leverette's Celtic music and Terry D. Davis's guitar

will be the musical background on Saturday, and Davis and Sue Norman-Jones on guitar and Alan Eisner on keyboard will perform on Sunday.

Visits to It's a Burl and Yanase Jewelers are also a must. To see what wonderfully beautiful and unusual Jewelry designs come out of Michael Yanase's skilled hands and imagination, ask to see his photo collection of custom work. His work may inspire a special gift. At It's a Burl, find the wooden bicycle in a world full of whimsy. Watch for the Artoberfest logo at participating locations and don't miss these special Kerby venues.

The Southern Oregon Guild's Gallery & Art Center is also located on the RCC Kerby Campus at 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby. It will be open for visitors to peruse Guild member's art and fine crafts and to bid at the Silent Auction.

The Guild's Website is [www.southernoregonguild.org](http://www.southernoregonguild.org) Facebook page is Southern Oregon Guild of Artists and Artisans. For more information, contact Joyce Abrams at 541-659-3858.

2017 9th Annual **Valley Girls** Quilt Show  
**October 20, 21 & 22nd**  
**Friday & Saturday** 10:00 am to 4 pm  
**Sunday** 10:00 am to 3 pm  
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 520 E. River Street  
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Of the 1,000 informal complaints, only 252 entries both have an address listed and are located in Rural Residential (RR) zones. Furthermore, 39 of those 252 entries are addresses in which more than one informal complaint was levied, bringing the total amount of unique locations down to 213 for the entirety of Josephine County. Although the exact amount of medical cannabis grow sites is currently unknown, it's estimated that there are at least a few thousand.

The second document, entitled Open Violation Cases, contains some 729 entries which date back over the last 10-15 years with one unresolved case dating back all the way to 1996. The document, though it does notarize what the violation pertains to, does not list the case's address nor does it include what type of zone the violation is located in.

Of the 729 open cases, 2017 has 203. Of those 203, 59 specifically mention that there's either "MJ" or a "grow" on the premises. Twenty-three cases that were opened in 2017 have been closed but only one specifically mentioned that there was "MJ" on the property. Schmelzer said that the reason why so few of the violations are specifically associated with a grow site was done in the interest of time and that they're more concerned about code violations than the grow itself.

Defending the county's stance, Commissioner Lily Morgan rebutted. "We've been labeled prohibitionists and I would counter that, if it were true, this would have been a simple ban with no exceptions whatsoever and it would have been done months ago. We see how this is affecting lives on both sides. We are trying to listen to both sides."

In an interview with NBC KOB 5, County Commissioner Dan DeYoung said that he'd received an estimated seven informal complaints on the morning of the interview and also had a sizable stack of complaints "in writing." Although Hall said that he's made a request to review the written complaints in DeYoung's possession, he has yet to hear back from him.

"Measure 17-81 was founded on the false premise to the voters that OLCC commercial farms were a problem," Hall concluded, citing the county's admission that complaints against OLCC farms are virtually nonexistent. "Now the issue has arisen that declarations of 1,000 'marijuana related' complaints on the record at public hearings may also be just as misrepresented as the ballot question..."

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