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## Gallery display becoming more popular at city hall



Keizer Public Arts Commission members and others look at possible places to display a quilt at the Keizer Civic Center on Aug. 25.

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The gallery at Keizer Civic Center is becoming more popular.

When members of the Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC) started scheduling displays in the gallery last year, finding four shows a year wasn't easy.

Because of that, shows are currently on display for three months at a time. The Colored Pencil Art show went up in July and runs through the end of September, with a display from photographer Mike Hare to be up from the start of October through the end of December.

The MidValley Quilt Guild will have its third annual display from January through March, followed by an April through June youth show featuring work from McNary High School, the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, Boys and Girls club as well as homeschoolers.

After that, displays will be for only two months instead of three, starting with work from the Red Raven Gallery Co-op next July and August.

"We are booked through August of next year," said Lore Christopher, KPAC chair. "Our next available time is next September."

Christopher noted it doesn't matter to her where the group is from.

"The idea is to get art in front of Keizer residents," she said. "They don't need to be from Keizer. The quilters

group is predominantly from Dallas. There are 100,000 people that come through this building annually. The only provision is for hangable art currently."

For the most part, work on display at city hall can be sold. However, the question has been brought up a couple of times how much commission the city should get for that.

"The policy says the rate shall be determined by the city council," said Nate Brown, director of Community Development for Keizer. "We have yet to decide on a specific rate."

Christopher had previously suggested a 25 percent commission, while Rick Day made a motion for a 20 percent commission. Fellow KPAC members agreed with that suggestion.

"That's the recommendation we're making, Nate," Christopher said. "All art will be 20 percent (commission), any public art through KPAC."

Brown pointed out current contracts with committed groups don't have a clause for commission.

"This would be going forward," Christopher responded. In other recent KPAC news:

- There had been some discussion in recent months about a large ring art display going up in front of Boucher's Jewelers. The ring was constructed for May's Iris Festival Parade, but city attorney Shannon Johnson had raised concerns about such a display

being interpreted as advertising, with his fear being other businesses would follow suit and start getting around city sign code rules by using art displays as advertising.

Brown said a compromise had been reached: the ring will be on display in front of Sonic Drive-In, located at 3775 River Road N. Boucher's is located at 4965 River Road N.

"It will be happening soon," Brown said.

- Time is running out to enter the city's inaugural holiday greeting card contest. KPAC members are inviting Keizer residents of all ages to submit art work that expresses the holiday season in Keizer.

The winner will get a \$100 gift card to Michael's Art and Craft, while the design will be used for a holiday card sent out by the city.

The deadline to enter the contest is next Friday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. All submitted entries become property of the city and are expected to be shown in the display case at city hall during the holidays.

Contest rules and an application can be downloaded at [keizer.org](http://keizer.org); they are also available at city hall.

- A large quilt from the old Keizer Merchants Association will soon be on display in the lobby at city hall, above the city hall portion where city employees work.

The Keizer Chamber of Commerce gave the quilt to the city after a recent move to its current location.

KT on vacation



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## He has seen the light



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy

Bob Zielinski, president of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, carries in one of the new Christmas lights to display during Tuesday's Keizer City Council meeting.

## CenturyLink food drive raises more than \$500K

Two weeks in June packed a tremendous punch in the fight against hunger.

From June 1 to 12, during the CenturyLink Backpack Buddies Food Drive, local community members donated \$341,076 and 242,977 pounds of food for Marion-Polk Food Share, which was matched with \$175,496 by CenturyLink. The result is \$516,573 that will help put food on the tables of families in need across Marion and Polk Counties.

"We know that the Mid-Valley is an exceptionally generous community," said Rick Gaupo, president of the Food Share. "But this outpouring of support for hunger relief has blown us away. We are grateful to each person who participated and to CenturyLink for giving us the opportunity to maximize every donation."

CenturyLink, a global communications company which serves the greater Salem area, offers the annual nationwide

food drive as a way to help support the communities it serves and raise awareness of the issue of childhood hunger.

Nationally, 2.23 million pounds of food and \$1.8 million was raised in the Backpack Buddies Food Drive. CenturyLink contributed a \$1 million match to local food bank beneficiaries allocated across its markets.

The local food drive in Marion and Polk Counties was the second most successful in the nation, behind Las Vegas.

Contributions to the food drive came from \$1 bills handed to CenturyLink employees during the Fill the Hard Hat drive, to large food donations from local companies like Norpac and Kettle Brands, to donations from local businesses like Mountain West Investments and Bonaventure Senior Living.

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