

Thrift shop provided artistic inspiration



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PENDLETON — This summer, the community was invited to inspire their creativity by purchasing items at the Community Thrift Shop and turn those finds into art.

The results are now on display at the shop, 138 SE Court Ave., which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This recycled art show is a collaboration between Pendleton Center for the Arts and the Community Thrift Shop, which supports Heritage Station Museum.

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This "thrift shop challenge" started in 2017 when the store was known as the Bargain Counter and supported the Pendleton Hospital Auxiliary. Now that the shop is in a new location and operated by the museum, the project came back in 2022.

"We wanted to revive it and make it an annual event," Lavadour said.

Entries in the challenge can be seen at

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the shop through Aug. 31.

"It's a really nice display," said Jonie Mills, Community Thrift Shop manager.

The hope of this project, Lavadour said, was to encourage people to be inspired by finds at the thrift shop — and support the museum at the same time.

"All artists are inspired by an object or person or a story, and things evolve from there," she said.

CHALLENGE DETAILS

For this challenge, anyone 13 and older was invited to create a work of art featuring materials purchased at the Community Thrift Shop.

Techniques could be sculpture, two-dimensional, assemblages, textiles, wearable art or mixed media.



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