

# Central Oregon Arts Festival



COMICAL LIKENESS—Sue Morelli works intently on a caricature.



OBLIVIOUS BABY—Mark Stevens took a moment to check on baby daughter who was apparently oblivious to ceramic work.



HANDS ON—Keith Baker took a moment to try his hand at glassblowing.

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A nice way to spend a summer afternoon browsing and learning about art and its creators could be termed the theme of the 4th annual Central Oregon Arts Festival. Artists from throughout Oregon set up tables to display their wares during the festival held at the Community Center on August 21.

Featured at the festival was the "Challenge" and it was accepted by the local people and they were not taken in because the people in this area know their "Pepsi." The "Pepsi Challenge" was offered by the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Bend to test taste buds of "cola connoisseurs."

Artists and spectators spend the day enjoying the summer sun. The displays for the festival were set up in the front courtyard area of the Community Center. Various displays of paintings, photographs, frybread, bead work, paper hats, ceramics, scrimshaw and glassblowing art filled the tables for the curious to view and buy.

The artists were selling more than their artwork, they also sold to some of the spectators the idea of trying their hand at a new hobby. The glassblowing display also offered to the curious a chance to "get their hands on" and create a piece of artwork.

The artwork of freelance photographer Chuck Bradwell of Bend drew comments from local people with his picture of the old Smith barn located on the Deschutes River. Bradwell said the lighting in the photo was unusual because he took it following the solar eclipse in February, 1979. It was a subject he had passed often and the finished product explains his interest in the way of a striking photograph.

Local artist Myrna Courtney displayed a selection of colorful cloth colleges of geometric designed quilts and clothing for Barbie dolls.

The annual event is sponsored by the Community Center as a summer event for the artists and the people of Warm Springs.



NIFTY NEEDLEWORK—Myrna Courtney and Tricia Bhogum show just a few of the quilting magic Myrna has created over the past years.