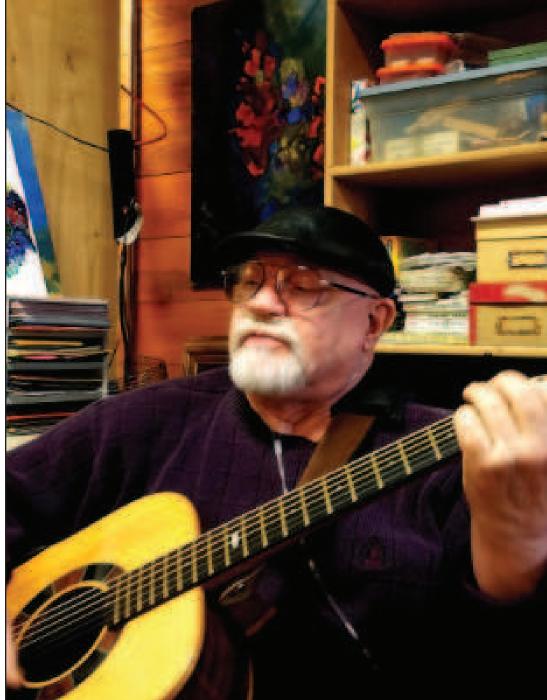
First Art Walk of the summer season hits Main St.







Above, Terry Paxton plays guitar, left top, a couple enjoys the view of Main St. Left bottom, artwork by Tanya Scott. Photos by Lucas Davey.

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conversations with people you didn't know... You get people from out of town coming and visiting other people, having something to do in town, to go out as a family or go out as a couple."

Gary Schweitzer, who regularly attends the art walks with his wife, said, "I think just look around and you can see that it's a fun event. People have got a little glass of wine, they're having appetizers, buying stuff, looking around - it's fun."

Of course, pastels, paints, ink, and graphite aren't the only forms of art. Another very popular attraction for the art walk is live music. There are performers inside establishments and outside lining

the streets, but they all come together for the same reason: to make these nights the best they can be. Live performer Terry Paxton says, "Well, there's so many interesting things in downtown Cottage

Grove, such a historic place. People really try hard to do a good job down here and it's nice to support them." Paxton has been honing his skills at guitar and singing for 55 years and still chooses to spend his time helping the community. He performs at the art walks whenever they need him, or when it calls to him.

The Cottage Grove Art Walk is unique, and so are the people you see there. It is full of fun, food, music, creativity, passion, and joy. If you check it out yourself, you might just make a fond memory or two. Even better, you may find the same inspiration the artists found.



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