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Artwork by Cada Joshnson will be on display at Kalapuya Books during this month's Cottage Grove Art Walk.

## Take a walk on the 'art' side Friday

The next monthly Cottage Groves Art Walk, one of Southern Lane County's premier arts events, will be this Friday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event is held the last Friday of each month, during which area businesses in historic Down-

town Cottage Grove open their doors with special art exhibitions, performances, live music, treats and more. Many downtown hot spots remain open after 8 p.m. as the Art Walk celebrations continue.

The Art Walk features: Kalapuya Books — Cada

Johnson, paintings, prints and prayer flags; The Crafty Mercantile; David Duckett — Mill Creek Woodworks, wooden pieces with history; The Bank Building — food, tours and music; Five Flying Monkeys — Renee Wright Eccentric Sister Design; Opal

Center — Opening night for "Rise of the Queens," musical fun for the entire family; Ambrose Collectibles; Main Street Vintage; Delight; Bookmine; Apple Pie Antiques; and Seeds & Flint.

## Bank Building to host open house Friday

The public is invited to view the current renovations during the Art Walk

On Friday, Feb. 28, the historic Cottage Grove bank building, 609 Main Street, will host an open house to update the public on the process of the building's complete restoration.

The open house will be from 6 to 8 p.m. to coincide with the community's popular monthly Downtown Art Walk.

Built in 1904, the bank building once housed two of Cottage Grove's first banks, in addition to some of its most recognizable early businesses and fraternal organizations.

In recent years, however, the building had fallen into disrepair, and years of alterations had distorted its historic character.

In 2018, local real estate agent and marketer Len Blackstone and his wife, Deb, decided to help the community they love by purchasing and renovating its "biggest, ugliest building," said Len Blackstone. Their eventual plan — a mix of business and office spaces downstairs and newly renovated apartments upstairs — is in character with the building's historic uses, and it aims to bring professionals downtown to

work, live and help boost the local economy.

At present, half of the building's upstairs apartments have already been rented, and the first tenants following the renovation are set to move in at the beginning of March.

Friday's open house will be the last time for the public to see the apartments before becoming occupied.

Each features 16-foot high cove ceilings; lofts with wrought-iron railings; new kitchens with stainless steel appliances; granite-like countertops and custom cabinets; washer-dryer and pantries; seven-foot windows with deep window sills and children's safety latches; bathrooms with old-fashioned floor tiles and porcelain tub showers, and heat pumps.

Previous open house events at the bank building have hosted more than 400 guests for building tours, and organizers expect this month to be no different.

For more information about the Bank Building and its Open House, email [info@bankbuildingcg.com](mailto:info@bankbuildingcg.com).

# Mark Your Calendars!

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WEEKLY EVENTS VISIT THE CALENDAR CHOICES PAGE NEXT TO THE COMICS PAGE.

**1 - SUNDAY**  
 2 p.m. Rise of the Queens Opal Center 513 East Main Street

**2 - MONDAY**  
 5 p.m. LEGO Club for Big People [ages 13 and up] Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**3 - TUESDAY**  
 4 p.m. Vision Keepers Committee Meeting Reception Hall, Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 East Gibbs Street.  
 5 p.m. History Pub (Partners in History) the Axe & Fiddle 657 E Main Street  
 5 pm Tuesday Teen Hangout Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**4 - WEDNESDAY**  
 8 a.m. The Cottage Grove Community Center is hosting free AARP Tax Help every Wednesday starting February 5<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. To schedule an appointment for this free service, community members are asked to arrive at the Community Center at 8:00 am to sign in for appointments.  
 2:30 p.m. Lego Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 5:30 p.m. Women Filmmakers of the Pacific Northwest Shepherd Room Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**5 - THURSDAY**  
 9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 2:15 p.m. Baby Sign Time Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 3 p.m. Thursday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**6 - FRIDAY**  
 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 4 p.m. Anime Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234

6 p.m. Penny Poker with Magnolia Gardens Resident! Magnolia Gardens 1425 Daugherty Ave  
 7 p.m. Rise of the Queens Opal Center 513 East Main Street

**7 - SATURDAY**  
 10 a.m. Saturday Drop-in Tech Help Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 7 p.m. Rise of the Queens Opal Center 513 East Main Street

**8 - SUNDAY**  
 2 p.m. Rise of the Queens Opal Center 513 East Main Street

**9 - MONDAY**  
 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**10 - TUESDAY**  
 5 pm Tuesday Teen Hangout Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 6:30 p.m. Jazz Jam at The Cottage, The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd

**11 - WEDNESDAY**  
 8 a.m. The Cottage Grove Community Center is hosting free AARP Tax Help every Wednesday starting February 5<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. To schedule an appointment for this free service, community members are asked to arrive at the Community Center at 8:00 am to sign in for appointments.  
 2:30 p.m. Lego Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**12 - THURSDAY**  
 9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave  
 10 a.m. Startup Coffee Meetup Backstage Bakery and Cafe 25 S 7th St  
 2:15 p.m. Baby Sign Time Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 3 pm Thursday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 6 p.m. Exoplanet Lecture with Steve Kilston [Discover Exoplanets] Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**13 - FRIDAY**  
 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 4 p.m. Anime Club Cottage Grove Public

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 5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234  
 6 p.m. Penny Poker with Magnolia Gardens Resident! Magnolia Gardens 1425 Daugherty Ave

**14 - SATURDAY**  
 10 a.m. Saturday Drop-in Tech Help Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**15 - SUNDAY**

**16 - MONDAY**  
 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**17 - TUESDAY**  
 1:30 p.m. Grief Support Group Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 5 pm Tuesday Teen Hangout Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 7:30 p.m. Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books at the Axe & Fiddle Public House 657 E. Main Street

**18 - WEDNESDAY**  
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 2:30 p.m. Lego Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 2:30 p.m. STEAM Cottage Grove Community Center 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**19 - THURSDAY**  
 9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave  
 2:15 p.m. Baby Sign Time Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 3 pm Thursday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 5:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Business Afterhours host by the Lane Community College 1275 S. River Rd

**20 - FRIDAY**  
 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

4 p.m. Anime Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234  
 6 p.m. Penny Poker with Magnolia Gardens Resident! Magnolia Gardens 1425 Daugherty Ave

**21 - SATURDAY**  
 10 a.m. OREGON TRAIL LACEMAKERS meets monthly to make lace by hand, especially but not only bobbin laces. Self-paced classes available. Guests are welcome to drop in on Third Saturdays, at Willamette Oaks Retirement Living (455 Alexander Loop, north of Valley River Center in Eugene) [facebook.com/groups/oregontrailacemakers/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/oregontrailacemakers/).  
 10 a.m. Saturday Drop-in Tech Help Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**22 - SUNDAY**

**23 - MONDAY**  
 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**24 - TUESDAY**  
 5 pm Tuesday Teen Hangout Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 6:30 p.m. Jazz Jam at The Cottage, The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd

**25 - WEDNESDAY**  
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 2:30 p.m. Lego Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 6:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group Magnolia Gardens Senior Living 1425 Daugherty Ave

**26 - THURSDAY**  
 9 a.m. Ukulele Morning Jam Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave  
 2:15 p.m. Baby Sign Time Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 3 pm Thursday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

6 p.m. Wisdom Seekers Exoplanet Discussion [Discover Exoplanets] Cottage Grove Public Library 700 Gibbs Ave

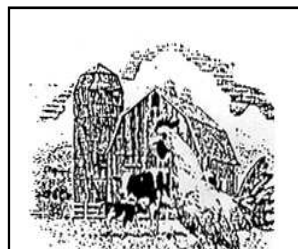
**27 - FRIDAY**  
 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 4 p.m. Anime Club Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 5 p.m. American Legion BINGO! 826 W. Main Street For additional info call Jerry Kerns at 541-942-0234  
 6 p.m. Penny Poker with Magnolia Gardens Resident! Magnolia Gardens 1425 Daugherty Ave  
 6 p.m. Art Walk Historic Downtown Cottage Grove

**28 - SATURDAY**  
 10 a.m. Saturday Drop-in Tech Help Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 1 p.m. Saturday Crafternoon Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**29 - SUNDAY**  
 2 p.m. Bridal Open House The Village Green Resort and Gardens 725 Row River Rd.

**30 - MONDAY**  
 1:30 p.m. Classic Movie Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave  
 6:30 p.m. Bilingual Family Storytime Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave

**31 - TUESDAY**  
 5 pm Tuesday Teen Hangout Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave



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 327 South River Rd. • Cottage Grove  
**541-942-3042**