

Art comes to First Wednesday with Something Red Art Walk

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Full text: Despite chilly weather last night, community members stepped out for the 11th annual Something Red Art Walk organized by Artists in Action.

The event, which coincided with First Wednesday activities, is a juried art exhibit taking place at 21 businesses around downtown Salem.

At Dave Wilson Designer Goldsmith, artist Autumn Breitwieser discussed creating her stately mosaic deer head which took about six months to complete.

When she started, she did not have the Something Red event in mind; the technique was just something she really wanted to try, she said.

"This show came up so I busted out two more things to submit," Breitwieser said.

A few doors down, sewing machines hummed at Greenbaum's Quilted Forest, as customers created a "Make and Take 10-minute Table Runner." Did it really only take 10 minutes?

"It was easy," participant Jan Davis said, "about 15 minutes, but I don't sew."

At DIY Studio, reuse artists Lou Jean Fobert, Lori Robinett, and Jodi Thomas chatted about their process, materials, and techniques during "Meet the Makers."

Something Red youth submissions are on display on the lower level in the Salem Arts Building in Calusa Studios.

Sawyer Hemstreet, a freshman at Blanchet Catholic School, participated in the event at the urging of his art teacher, Mary Heintzman. He won "Youth Third Place" for his art "Georgia O'Keefe Red Canvas."

Something Red continues until December 31. Pick up a map card at any of the participating merchant.

Participating merchants include: Art Dept, Inc., Calusa Studio, Create A Memory, Dave Wilson Designer Goldsmith, DIY Studio, Elsinore Framing & Fine Art, French Unicorn, Frozation Nation, Grand Vines, Greenbaum's Quilted Forest, The Abbey Studio, Ladd & Bush US Bank, MaValise, Partnership in Community Living, Red Raven Gallery, Roy John Designer Goldsmith, The Arbor, Uptown Insurance, Umpqua Bank, Where the Sidewalk Begins, and Wild Pear.

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