

Art Adventure gallery was established in 1986 by a handful of people in a vacant building that had formerly housed a restaurant. As their vision for the community broadened, a new corporation was formed as JeffersonCounty Arts Association and in 2001 501c-3 non-profit status was achieved.

This enabled the organization to survive on gallery sales, memberships and grants secured in furtherance of their mission. That mission is to celebrate the arts, provide a venue for exchange of ideas and self-expression and the opportunity to see the richness found in our cultural diversity, which is primarily Hispanic, Caucasian and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The goal is to educate in the mechanics of making art and to be its staunch advocate in all its many forms.

Surviving 4 decades despite aging and dying volunteers, a rising economy, loss of art in schools, and covid says a lot about the power of art to help communities connect, heal and grow. We have collaborated with the library and schools, continued to host traveling exhibitions like Oregon State Art About Agriculture & Oregon Watercolor Society, received many awards, including the Governor's Volunteer Award in 2007, Beautification Award from the city of Madras, and the "Arty" award from Central Oregon Arts Assoc. The biggest award is the support from our community and artists that have allowed this gallery to survive