

# Coffee Creek Quilters

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## Coffee Creek Quilters to Exhibit Quilts in Canby

Wilsonville, OR, July 27, 2011 – Quilts crafted by women incarcerated at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility will be on display throughout the month of August at The Place to Be Cafe in Canby. Quilts made by CCQ instructors will also be exhibited and offered for sale.

“Having their work included in a quilt show is a new experience for women in the Coffee Creek program,” said CCQ President Mary Ann McCammon. “Many of the women have experienced domestic violence, homelessness, substance abuse and mental health issues.” CCQ teaches skills that prepare women for living in the community after release from prison: perseverance when a project seems to take a long time, problem solving when a student makes a mistake, generosity when there's a shortage of equipment or supplies, and working with others when there's an opportunity for joint projects.

While normally closed on Sundays, The Place to Be Cafe will open on August 21<sup>st</sup> for a special event for Coffee Creek Quilters. In addition to the quilt show, CCQ volunteers will be on hand that day to sell raffle tickets for two quilts they've made for fundraising. “We hope to lure sports fans that day because the quilts we're raffling are stadium quilts with Oregon Ducks and Beavers fabrics,” McCammon said.

Coffee Creek Quilters is a dedicated group of volunteers who teach classes at the Oregon women's prison. Each student in the program makes three quilts in weekly two-hour classes. The first two quilts are donated to a variety of organizations that serve seniors in nursing homes, hospitalized children, terminally ill adults, and foster children. Each year approximately 150 quilts are donated to these organizations. Students may keep the third quilt or give it to a loved one.

The CCQ exhibit is part of The Place to Be Cafe's Mission Possible initiative to support local nonprofits. The Cafe is located at 190 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Canby. It's open Mon-Wed, 8am-6pm and Thurs-Sat, 8am to 8pm. Special hours for the August 21<sup>st</sup> event will be 11am to 2pm. On that day, The Place to Be Cafe will donate 40% of sales and all tips to Coffee Creek Quilters.

More information about the CCQ program is available on the organization's web site:  
[www.coffeecreekquilters.org](http://www.coffeecreekquilters.org)

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