

SCOTTS VALLEY

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Dawn Teall moves art objects into the new Scotts Valley Artisans site that used to be the Scotts Valley library.

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SV Artisans to open at new much-larger site Friday on Mount Hermon

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SCOTTS VALLEY — By the end of the week, paintings and photographs will adorn walls once covered with bookshelves, and hushed conversations carried out over tabletops will be supplanted by lively chatter around art displays.

It didn't take long for Scotts Valley Artisans to outgrow its digs on Mount Hermon Road, where it opened in March, and move to the site formerly occupied by the Scotts Valley library,

which is three times as large.

The new space is slated to open Friday, with a grand opening scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Feb. 4, when the public can view the artwork and chat with artists while enjoying food, wine and live music.

Co-owners Dawn Teall and her mother, Pam Nielson, are busy setting up a schedule of art classes and searching for artists-in-residence to put their creative process on public display.

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SCOTTS VALLEY ARTISANS

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday; extended night hours planned

Thursday-Saturday in the spring.

Grand opening 6-9 p.m. Feb. 4

LOCATION: 230 Mount Hermon Road, Suite D, Scotts Valley

INFORMATION: 439-9094 or www.scottsvallyartisans.com

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multi-faceted art center for the community that includes music and community events," such as game nights and book clubs, Teall said Tuesday amid displays of aprons and bags, woodwork, jewelry, soaps, creams, bird houses, and mosaics.

All the artwork is created by county residents who pay a \$48 fee to rent the retail space each month. Seated on the floor, soap maker Laura Horn and jewelry maker Leanna Simmons quietly worked at their stations, carefully placing their wares on wooden displays.

"It's great to have a permanent place to refer people to," said Horn, owner of Soaps LaLu.

Within months of the store's original opening,

Teall said the site was completely full.

With the goal of establishing a creative gathering place for community members to take classes, learn from local artists, and maybe even take in one of Nielson's country line-dancing classes, mother and daughter closed the store Dec. 24 and have spent the last 10 days getting the new location in shape.

Meanwhile, Teall's Regional Artisans Association — doing business as Scotts Valley Artisans — recently received nonprofit status. Teall plans to apply for grants and launch other fundraising efforts to help subsidize the cost of classes, bring down monthly fees and other ventures.

"We want the whole county to see this as their art center and think of this as a model for centers that could open in other parts of the county," she said.