Keizer Art honors moms with Tea by the Sea at Civic Center

The Keizer Art Association honored mothers with a tea-themed tea on Saturday, May 19, at the Keizer Civic Center.

"The people who give their time in the Keizer Cultural Center do so as a labor of love," said board chair Chris Melquist. "Without the dedication of our volunteers, this center would not exist. It also gives me great pleasure to honor those who volunteer to support the arts in our community." So, the group held its annual Volunteer Recognition event and honored its Volunteers of the Year.

The Keizer Cultural Center, owned and operated by the Keizer Heritage Foundation, has already this year; the second will open on May 4 and run the first three weekends in May.

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The Fox on the Fairway,” KHT will present for the day was a full dress rehearsal for the theatre taking over the event space at other venues in recent years.

Keizer Heritage Foundation will lose the revenue from renting the room for meetings and social events, which required paying for an event coordinator and a building manager, which ate into revenue.

The theatre will have seating for 75. Keizer Homegrown Theatre will make the space available for other performance groups when not in use for a play.

The move into the Keizer Cultural Center will help the theatre financially which has had to pay thousands of dollars to rent space at other venues in recent years. After the current production of “The Fox on the Fairway,” KHT will present a sea-themed tea on Saturday, May 19, at the Keizer Civic Center.

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