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Mountain Heirloom Quilt Fair is as warm and comforting as it sounds, but you have to watch your waistline, too.

Members showcase myriad quilts

Island Faire Luau

WHEN: 1 to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Utica Park, off Highway 49, Angels Camp

TICKETS: \$20 for ages 12 and up and \$15 for those ages 60 and older at 223-3015

and throws and even some other needlecrafts during the show. The exhibits are incredible and you get to vote for your favorite. The Boutique is akin to a pre-holiday shopping mall, complete with all manner of sewn goodies – quilts, table linens, holiday decorations – perfect for giving as the upcoming season demands. But for me, the Country Store is a downfall, my demise, my most favorite, yet most dreaded place to visit. You see, this devilishly divine store stocks baked goods that are wrapped on dishes. The dishes are pieces of art unto themselves – and you get to keep them – but the homemade treats stacked on them are ridiculously delicious.

This show is like visiting the largest grandma's house in the county – and that is not an ageist dig at the talented stitchers who create the quilts, it's a compliment in the high-

est order. Comforts abound and the seamstresses are happy to share their tricks. Demonstrations are conducted all weekend and be sure to purchase some tickets for the drawing that promises even more comfort. The Scholarship Quilt is the grand prize, but there are 10 other treasures to be had.

The group contributes more comfort to the Calaveras Crisis Center and Child Protective Services, area youths with catastrophic illnesses, Shriner's Hospital, area schools, parks, libraries and other community organizations. Members present scholarships to Bret Harte High School graduates, too. There's a lot of love spread by this group!

So if the strife in Washington, D.C., has you down, step into a

Mountain Heirloom Quilt Fair

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

WHERE: Ironstone Vineyards, 1894 Six Mile Road, outside Murphys

TICKETS: \$7 at the door

MORE INFO: independencehallquilters.com



The Scholarship Quilt is given away Sunday.

weekend of warmth, compassion and care as we tell our representatives that their jobs aren't done. We'll be cuddled up under the quilts

and they can sleep outside.

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Tuolumne Talk

Patricia Harrelson

Young players need some helping hands

tickets for Sierra Repertory Theater, Stage 3 and the former Columbia Actors Repertory Theater. I never miss the Shakespearean productions by Murphys Creek

Theatre in the summer and I've been to productions by Connections Academy and Sonora High School.

But here's the thing: Until August, I'd never heard of MYACT, or Mountain Youth and Community Theater, and that's a problem, according to Kyla Meyer, the executive director, "Because we've been

around for 10 years."

As a nonprofit organization, MYACT relies on community support to realize its goal to "foster educational opportunities for youth and

adults in performing arts."

We all know how hard nonprofits work to get volunteers and secure financial assistance. I'd say that more than half of the articles I write

for "Tuolumne Talk" are about fantastic, imaginative events and activities created by nonprofits as

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'm a tried-and-true live theater fan. I've been to shows on and off-Broadway, to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland and to the Orpheum, ACT and Theater Rhinoceros. But I don't have to travel far afield to get liberal doses of live theater, because there is plenty going on right here. I've held season

to productions by Connections Academy and Sonora High School.

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