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## **GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE BOB HENRY BABER VISITS SUTTON'S TOWN SQUARE CAFÉ**

SUTTON WV: If you've ever wanted to meet a celebrity and ask them, well – anything you want – this is your opportunity. Mountain/Green Party candidate for Governor, environmentalist, accomplished author and artist – Dr. Bob Henry Baber will be visiting the Town Square Café in downtown Sutton from 5:30 p.m. to closing on Saturday, Aug. 27.

“I plan to float around and talk with everyone about whatever is important to them,” explains Dr. Baber. “And, I'll speak for short periods through the evening about political issues, Appalachian poetry and read a few excerpts from my books.”

The event will open Dr. Baber's modern mosaic's art show, “Town Square Café Memories,” where his work in mosaic memory pieces will be displayed. He will also have a limited number of advance copies of his newest book, *Pure Orange Sunshine* available for signing. Town Square Café is committed to promoting local artisans and regularly hosts public art shows featuring the work of both established and beginning artisans.

“We are very pleased to display the work of such an accomplished West Virginia artisan as Dr. Baber,” said Tamara Cicogna. She and her husband, Bob Pirrung, are the Town Square Café's owners. “We invite everyone to come have dinner and meet Dr. Baber. You'll enjoy seeing his mosaic art, listening to his interesting stories and hearing his ideas of how to change our state's direction.”

In the corner of an historic 1900 building, the café feels like an art gallery. As a restaurant, Town Square Café serves wholesome fresh sandwich, salad and pasta dishes. Special treats include soft-serve ice cream, root beer floats, tasty desserts and Starbucks coffees. “We like to serve fun dishes that people don't eat everyday,” explains Ms. Cicogna. “And we keep the pricing and atmosphere family friendly.” The menu is online at [www.TownSquareMarket.net](http://www.TownSquareMarket.net).

In addition to Dr. Baber's personal appearance and art show, the couple's sister business Controlled Excentrics will be hosting T-shirt tie-dyeing activities inside the café. Guests may select and tie-dye a T-shirt for a \$10 fee, which includes a new T-shirt and all supplies.

Just upstairs from the café, Controlled Excentrics is a crafter's playground where “no artist is left behind.” It's a wholesale art supply and an open format public workshop. People – no experience required – are invited to experiment with a variety of crafts including pottery, stoneware, beading, soap making, glass fusing, porcelain, gallery glass, lamp shades, doll making, candles, mosaics and painting. Use of specialized equipment (such as kilns, clamps, art tools, etc.) is free. Crafters only pay for the supplies they use in their projects.

“We have one rule,” said Ms. Cicogna. “People aren’t allowed to interfere with the art of others. Each person’s art comes from within.” The couple has opened a retail art supply store on the ground floor of the historic building. To learn more, consult their website at [www.ControlledExcentrics.com](http://www.ControlledExcentrics.com).

Dr. Baber currently works as a Major Gifts Officer for the Glenville State College Foundation. He is a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow, recipient of the 2007 National Hero Award of the National Wilderness Society, former Mayor of the City of Richwood, Poet Laureate of the City of Richwood, and an award-winning author, poet and artist. He created the “Adoption” of Yeager Airport Project, where the 10 thousandth tree was planted on Earth Day 2011. The replanting project at the airport is the first official Earth Day Network partnership in the state’s history.

*Pure Orange Sunshine* is poet Bob Henry Baber’s first novel. The true-ish story is based on notes smuggled out of prison, where he landed after being shot with a 38 and accused of the attempted murder of a police officer during an Easter 1971 “Love-In” riot allegedly instigated by the L.A.P.D. The book’s psychedelic cover art is by renowned artist, Deborah Dorland of Richwood, West Virginia, and the author’s photograph is by Mark Romano of Cowen, West Virginia.

#### PHOTO CAPTIONS



West Virginia celebrity, Dr. Bob Henry Baber, will make a personal appearance at Town Square Cafe Saturday, Aug. 27 for the opening of his modern mosaics art show.



Entitled *African Giraffes*, this modern mosaic by Dr. Baber features glass beads and metal giraffe sculptures set into a metal frame.



Dr. Baber commemorates his *Memories of Glenville* by composing a modern mosaic of everyday objects.



These sisters from Virginia are making tie-dyed T-shirts at Controled Excentrics Studio during a visit to the Town of Sutton.