Vision Quilt of Ashland will mark National Gun Violence Awareness Day from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at the Ashland Plaza.

Friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a Chicago honor student, started the day to remember victims of gun violence after Pendleton was murdered. Participants are asked to wear orange to mark the day because that is the color hunters wear to protect themselves from being shot accidentally.

The Ashland event will feature a performance by the Rogue Valley Peace Choir and community speakers. Vision Quilt panels will be on display and participants will be invited to add ribbons to a panel for Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Vision Quilt is an Ashland-based national grassroots organization that “believes inclusive, compassionate dialog can transform a polarized culture, generate solutions to gun violence and ensure collective peace and safety.”

For more information, go to www.visionquilt.org or email visionquilt@gmail.com.

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