

City to award \$20,000 in grants

The City of Sisters is seeking to award grants to non-profit community groups and other entities for the 2015-16 fiscal year, beginning July 1.

The City will award up to a total of \$20,000 in grants for Sisters community projects or programs that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Provide assistance for essential food, clothing or shelter;
- Provide educational or recreational opportunities for children or seniors;
- Generate or support economic activity in Sisters.

Interested organizations should submit a community grant application (available on the City's website or at City Hall) and letter of interest by July 17, attention Kathy Nelson, city recorder.

For more information contact Nelson at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave., by phone at 541-323-5213, or by email at knelson@ci.sisters.or.us.

BBR bistro features massive painting

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

When staff and art committee members were looking for the perfect painting to be featured in a large space in the new Lakeside Bistro at Black Butte Ranch (BBR), they knew where to turn.

They wanted a horse on the wall, so they sought out artist, equestrienne, and horse trainer Kimry Jelen, whose work is renowned from Sisters Country to France.

The architect had called out an eight-foot-tall and six-foot-wide painting.

"It's definitely the largest painting I've painted," Jelen told *The Nugget*.

The portrait is a combination of two horses, Jelen said — a mustang she trains named Whiskey and her own Holsteiner Thoroughbred.

"It's a combination of Whiskey and my horse Max — 'cause he gives the cutest look ever," Jelen said.

The artist found the room and the Ranch inspiring, and the colors and light in the painting are devised to pick up on copper accents in the

bistro and the colors of the sunset that seep in through a large window, along with the colors of BBR's ponderosa pines.

"It was such a fun project," Jelen said. "I was completely inspired by the space and Black Butte in general."

The size of the painting made for some tricky logistics.

"We hauled it over to BBR in a two-horse trailer," Jelen said. "Cleanest and most well-behaved horse that was ever hauled!"

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— Kimry Jelen

The artist was deeply gratified to have been tapped for the project.

"It was pretty fantastic," she said. "An amazing opportunity, and I can't believe it just came my way."

The new bistro is located at the Lakeside Recreation Center at Black Butte Ranch.



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Kimry Jelen with the largest painting she's ever done, hanging at Black Butte Ranch's new bistro.

The project was approved by homeowners and is now open by Black Butte Ranch (see related story, page 4).

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