

C O M M U N I T Y

Festival wins grant for scholarships

This year Sisters Folk Festival's Americana Arts Outreach Scholarship (APAOS) fund received over \$15,000 in grant awards. The fund provides arts-related scholarships for children in Sisters Country. Funding came from foundations, businesses and individual donors, all helping to expand the program and reach more children.

Sisters Folk Festival Inc. (SFF) and Family Access Network (FAN) formed a partnership in 2011, and the fund has grown steadily.

Last month, two large grants were awarded to SFF. The Cow Creek Umpqua

Indian Foundation provided \$5,000 for low-income children to have access to the arts in Sisters. Also in December, Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts provided an Arts Build Communities grant of \$4,050.

"We're nearing our goal of doubling the dollar amount in the fund and the number of children we can serve," said SFF Development Director Katy Yoder.

FAN advocate Theresa Slavkovsky attended the Sisters Dance Academy

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PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

Sisters singers get into the spirit. The High Desert Chorale's director Irene Liden (back to camera), gets the best out of everyone.

Voting begins for art awards

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Voting began Wednesday, January 14, for the People's Choice Awards in the Friends of the Sisters Library (FOSL) 10th annual art exhibit at the library.

Ballots are available in the library's community room and votes may be cast for up to three works of art. The art is on display throughout the library, so be sure to browse all the rooms.

The final opportunity for voting and announcement of the three winners will take place at the artists' reception

on Friday, January 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served as the public meets the artists and views their work. The exhibit will be on display until February 26. Some 40 to 50 artists are exhibiting artwork in many different media, including sculpture, fiber art, all types of painting, jewelry, collage, woodworking and photography.

Last year's opening reception was very well attended, with many votes cast for the eventual three People's Choice winners: Mark

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High Desert Chorale forming up

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

Sisters Country singers have a chance to have a lot of fun and share their talents at the same time. Irene Liden is preparing to begin rehearsals for the High Desert Chorale's free May 22 and 24 performances at Sisters Community Church.

Prospective singers are invited to come to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Sisters at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 26, sit down with the section they want to sing in, and have at it. No auditions and no musical background is necessary; the chorale is open to sopranos, altos, tenors, basses — and contraltos, counter tenors, and bassos.

Neither are there any age

restrictions. There are a lot of gray-haired singers in the chorale, but they may have more time on their hands than "youngsters." If you're a frustrated alto with three beautiful children — and you really want to sing — call grandma and grandpa and ask them to share their talents with the kids on Monday nights so you can share yours with the chorale.

This season's repertoire is going to contain a variety of pieces. There will be a Memorial Day medley with such numbers as "This is My Country," and maybe "Yankee-Doodle Dandy," plus a variety of musical theater pieces such as "Phantom of the Opera." Over the years the chorale has been performing in Sisters, spiritual and gospel music has

become a favorite, so there'll be a few numbers in that area as well.

Paul Bennett, well-known local artist and wonderful tenor, has been singing with the chorale for two years and feels this way about how he shares his talent: "Choir members come from a wide range of musical backgrounds. What we have most in common, however, is that we hold music close to our hearts. Singing together is an expression of that love and, though it takes work to learn all the parts, once it all comes together it can be a deeply satisfying experience. Irene is fun to work with and brings a rich musical background to share. We're quite fortunate to have such talent in our little town of Sisters."

SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

ALANON Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Black Butte Macintosh Users Group 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild 1st Monday. 541-610-9022.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. Public is welcome. 541-977-8285.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Just bring scissors! 503-880-5832.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-6933.

Military Parents of Sisters 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-647-7483.

Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

Sisters Cribbage Club Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. All are welcome. 541-923-1632.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-389-9554.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board Meeting 2nd Thursday, 8 to 9:30 a.m., The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Bronco Billy's Ranch. 541-480-8638.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 3rd Monday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-595-6967.

VFW 8138 & American Legion 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Service officer available. 541-903-1123 or 541-480-8638.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., SPRD building. The public is welcome. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at www.cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Revolution office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wednesday per month at the School District Administration Building. See schedule online at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

