

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters Science Fair set for next month

The fourth annual Sisters Science Fair, scheduled Saturday, February 21, from noon until 4 p.m. at Sisters High School, is shaping up to be the best one yet, according to organizers.

From paper airplane contests and rocket launches to robots and inventions, science is the theme and it is expected to appeal to everyone from 9 to 90.

“We have an extensive variety of exciting experiments and displays from all three Sisters schools, community businesses, universities and statewide organizations,” said Cal Allen, director of the Sisters Science Fair. “The

Science Fair has grown every year along with our recognition and attendance. Everyone who attends is amazed at the diversity, and there always seems to be something that appeals to every attendee.”

This year there will be an array of experiments from electricity, chemistry, biology and engineering. Healthy living and green energy programs will have displays from greenhouse gardening to organic vegetables in the Science Club’s Seed-To-Table program. The planetarium will be set up and students, teachers,

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Gary Albertson’s work will be featured in the Diane Jacobsen Speakers Series at Sisters Library.

Sisters students to see ‘Selma’

Sisters students will gather at Sisters Movie House on Wednesday, January 28, for special screenings of the movie “Selma,” which depicts a critical moment in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s.

“I was contacted Tuesday afternoon by an individual who wishes to remain anonymous about funding students to see ‘Selma,’” said movie house owner Lisa Clausen. “This person was moved by the film and the historical accuracy with which the events are documented.”

The donor paid for tickets for all high school students to see the film. They will be accompanied by staff, so that the viewing can generate classroom discussion.

According to Clausen, the donor would like to see the event serve as a catalyst for more discussion of such topics.

“This individual would also like to see a history club in the region that can lead to rich discussions about the subject matter – in this case civil rights and potentially race in the U.S.,” Clausen said.

Photos featured in speaker series

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Gary Albertson, local professional fine art photographer, will be the featured speaker at the Diane Jacobsen Speakers Series at the Sisters Library on Sunday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m.

A resident of Camp Sherman since 1999, Albertson has shot artistic photographs of local landscapes throughout Central Oregon, and especially in the Metolius Basin. For years, his Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop on Hood Avenue has featured

many of his beautiful large-scale photographs, which are available for purchase.

At the library presentation Albertson will take the audience inside his journey into blindness and explain how he is able to continue to capture extraordinary images despite his increasing loss of eyesight. The center of his vision in both eyes is gone. In one eye he has fuzzy peripheral vision around the outside of his vision field and in the other he only has vision around the inside edge.

The loss of vision is the result of pigment dispersion

glaucoma, which was diagnosed in 1996 when he was being prepped to undergo liver transplant surgery. Because of fear, he did not have the recommended surgery and his sight loss has been slow and gradual since then. He wants to encourage people not to fear glaucoma surgery as he did.

Albertson describes his vision as being able to see the way Monet painted — everything vague. He contends that going blind later in life is better than as a young person

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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.

