

# COMMUNITY

## Artists invited to take on themes from novel

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

The Friends of the Sisters Library Art Committee is inviting all Sisters Country artists to submit artwork of any kind that reflects the theme(s) of this year's Novel Idea selection, "A Tale for the Time Being," by Ruth Ozeki.

The book presents the diary of a friendly, funny and strong-willed 16-year-old girl named Nao. Nao spent her formative years in California, but her family has returned to Japan, and when the book begins, she's living in Tokyo. Nao tells readers right up front that her

diary will be a log of her last few days on earth.

Author Ozeki explains that she had finished her first draft of her novel in 2011 and then everything changed.

"The earthquake in Japan happened, followed by the tsunami and followed by the meltdown at Fukushima," Ozeki said. "And suddenly when I was watching all of that unfold, I realized that Japan certainly would never be the same and that the book that I had written was no longer relevant."

So Ozeki altered the novel. In the final version, the diary

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Doug Roberts celebrated Tracy Curtis' award of a scholarship for vocational training.

## Students gain insight into troubled history

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Imagine standing on a bridge. The day is warm and humid. A lazy river makes its way beneath you. People stand in front of you, behind you, to the side. You are all united by one purpose: the right to vote. And less than a hundred yards from you is another group fully armed with not just night sticks and tear gas, but hate. Hate so vivid and vile it would drive them to kill someone for no crime other than having more melanin in their skin. This is the reality of the civil rights movement, a time

in history every Sisters High School (SHS) student was able to experience last week.

On Wednesday, January 28, the students of Sisters High School were given an exceptional opportunity. Thanks to an anonymous donor, students had the privilege of seeing the movie "Selma" at Sisters Movie House.

"Selma," which is directed by Ava DuVernay, records one slice of the 1960s civil rights movement in rural Selma, Alabama. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (David Oyelowo) and his compatriots protest

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## Kiwanis awards scholarship to Curtis

Sisters Kiwanis awards scholarships to Sisters-area adults who are seeking a career change. This program, known as the Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund (COF) assists adults (25 or older) who are financially unable to return to school or retrain for a career change.

Tracy Curtis, a Sisters resident, was recently awarded an OCF scholarship that allow her to be certified as a professional floral designer, specializing in wedding floral design. Tracy will attend classes at the Floral Design Institute in Portland.

Currently, Tracy cleans houses and operates a home-based business called Ballokai. She crafts fashion accessories from recycled materials, but the business doesn't provide a livable

income. After professional training she will be certified as a floral designer and will start a Sisters-based business that will provide her a livable income.

When she was presented with the COF award, Curtis was asked about her choice of new careers. Tracy said her goal was to work as a wedding floral designer, a profession that will provide a sustainable income and also the time to continue working as an artist and business owner. She also emphasized that without financial support from Kiwanis it would be unfeasible for her to pursue the floral design training.

The Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund provides assistance to start, augment or complete a career that may include vocational, technical, artistic or general

fields of study. Funds are available to qualified residents within the Sisters area regardless of age, gender, disability, marital status, race or current occupation. Kiwanis does not set limitations on potential use of the award. Since its inception, the fund has awarded more than \$26,000 in assistance to help 18 Sisters-area residents reach their dreams.

COF applications are available on the Kiwanis web site: ([sisterskiwanis.org/about-us/career-opportunity-fund](http://sisterskiwanis.org/about-us/career-opportunity-fund)), at the Sisters Habitat for Humanity office, from Family Access Network or by calling 541-588-6441.

To donate to the COF, make checks payable to Sisters Kiwanis COF and post to Sisters Kiwanis, P.O. Box 1296, Sisters, OR, 97759.

### 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, Stitches 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](http://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](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

