

Gallery owner to read from her novel, "Right of Way"

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When you step into Cha for the Finest art gallery on Hood Avenue, it's like stepping into the past ... 20,000 years into the past. You immediately become immersed in a wonderland of what life might have been like back in pre-historic times as told by modern-day artisans and crafters.

Cha is an artisan and author. She is inviting the public to the gallery on Saturday, February 21, at 10 a.m. to listen to a reading from her novel "Right of Way."

"Right of Way" is the first in a series of books she has been writing about the ancients, and how they survived and adapted to the climate changes in the Alaskan territories where there had been a land bridge of ice.

In 1974, Cha moved from New Mexico to Alaska where she learned to create gold-nugget jewelry, but moved on to carving after she found a wealth of raw materials available all around her. She became an ivory carver and specialized in fossilized walrus tusks, teeth, and prehistoric bones from extinct animals including woolly mammoths, saber-toothed tigers,

cave bears and bison.

As she carved, she developed a deep connection to the spirits of the people who had collected the fossils, as they told her their life stories.

Cha used her family members as the characters in the book, which she wrote with a great deal of help from her late mother. She renamed some of her favorite face carvings to portray the characters. She brings these ancient people back to life to tell their stories of love and hardship, feast and famine, as they struggled through their short lives.

Book 11 is in progress, and four books are currently in print. Cha used a Shingledecker print for each book cover and, inside, readers will find color photos of the hand-carved artifacts named for the characters.

"If you love the first book, 'Right of Way,' you'll want to read the rest of the series, buy a carving of your favorite character, and have a print of your favorite cover to hang in your reading room," she said.

If a reader helps her get more of the series published, she will let them name a character in the series.

Cha for the Finest is located at 183 E. Hood Ave. For information, call 541-549-1140.



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Cha will read from her prehistory novel at her gallery on Hood Avenue.

SISTERS ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS, SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed.~Feb. 11

The Belfry Live Music with Carolyn Wonderland 7 to 10 p.m. for 4 Peaks Preview Party! \$17 online at bendticket.com and \$20 at the door the day of show. Pub doors open 90 minutes before the show. For more info: 541-815-9122 or go to belfryevents.com.

Thursday~Feb. 12

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with The Substitutes 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For additional information go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

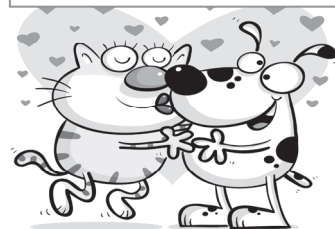
Friday~Feb. 13

Sisters High School Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert: The Stray Birds with Cahalen Morrison & Eli West 7 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (\$10 students). For additional information or to purchase tickets call 541-549-4979 or go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

The Belfry Author Reading, Garth Stein, "A Sudden Light" 6 p.m. Free! Paulina Springs Books presents the bestselling author of "The Art of Racing in the Rain," discussing his new novel. Pub doors open at 5 p.m. For more information call 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with JazCru 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. And Fondue Friday is \$30 for two! For more info go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Listings in the calendar are subject to change. Deadline to submit is 5 p.m. Fridays to Teresa@NuggetNews.com



Saturday~Feb. 14

The Belfry Valentine's Dance & Dessert with The Notables Swing Band! 7 to 10:30 p.m. \$10 online at bendticket.com or \$12 at the door the day of show. 541-815-9122 or go online to belfryevents.com.

Bronco Billy's Ranch Grill & Saloon Live Music with the Bella Acapella Quartet 7 p.m. For more information call 541-549-7427 or go to broncobillysranchgrill.com.

The Open Door at Clearwater Gallery Live Music with Fiddlplay 7 p.m. No cover! For more info call 541-549-4994 or go to theclearwatergallery.com.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Valentine's Dinner & Dance with The Substitutes 6 to 10 p.m. \$115. 21 and over. Reserve online at faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Sisters Schools "Sisters Shootout" Basketball Tourney 8 a.m. and day-long! For boys and girls in grades 5 to 8. Info: sistersshootout.com or call SPRD at 541-549-2091.

Sunday~Feb. 15

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Monday~Feb. 16

The Open Door at Clearwater Gallery Live Music with Tumbleweed Peep Show 7 p.m. No cover! For more information call 541-549-4994 or go to theclearwatergallery.com.

Tuesday~Feb. 17

The Belfry Frontiers in Science, "Climate Change: What's Real?" 7 p.m. Free, with Dr. Constance Millar. Presented by the Sisters Science Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments. For info: sistersscienceclub.org.

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 to 7 p.m. Pancakes, homemade applesauce, sausage, OJ, coffee & tea! \$4 adults, \$2 kids 4 to 12; free under 4, \$10 for a family of 4 or more. For more information call 971-237-1876.

Sisters City Hall Habitat Slideshow of Kyrgyzstan Build 7 p.m. Free! Jack & Mary Ann McDonnell will share slides of a global village build last fall, and discuss another trip planned for September. For more info call 541-549-1193.

Sisters Community Church Jim Anderson Presents "The Big One" 11:15 a.m. Jim discusses earthquakes and the geology of Central Oregon. All ages welcome; the Sisters Senior Luncheon follows at noon. If staying for lunch, RSVP to 541-678-5483 (\$3.50 ages 60 and older; \$6 if under 60).

Wed.~Feb. 18

Sisters High School 18th Annual Coffee House Benefit 7 to 9 p.m. Art demos, silent auction, hands-on stations, live entertainment and more from SHS students! \$5 entry. Funds go to SHS arts programs & the visual arts scholarship. Info: Bethany, 541-549-4045 x1012.

Thursday~Feb. 19

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with CinderBlue 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For info go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Friday~Feb. 20

The Belfry Live Music with Slaid Cleaves 7 to 10 p.m. \$18 online at bendticket.com or \$23 at the door the day of show. Pub doors open 90 minutes before the show. 541-815-9122 or belfryevents.com.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Honey Don't 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. And Fondue Friday is \$30 for two! For info go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

The Belfry

Feb. 11th / Wed.
Carolyn Wonderland
4 Peaks Preview Party!
Heralded as one of the best vocalists in Austin!
7 PM • \$17 online

Feb. 13th / Fri.
Garth Stein
Author Showcase
Paulina Springs Books hosts best-selling author of "Racing in the Rain" for his new novel "Sudden Light."
6 PM • FREE

Feb. 14th
7pm

Valentine's Dance with The Notables Swing Band
Dessert & Dance Swinging Fun!
7 PM • \$10 online
PUB OPENS 1-1/2 HOURS PRIOR TO SHOWS
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Sisters MOVIE HOUSE

STARTS FRIDAY
FRI., FEB. 13 - THURS., FEB. 19

Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)
Fri 4:15, 7:00
Sat-Sun 1:30, 4:15, 7:00
Mon Presidents' Day 3:30, 6:15
Tues-Thurs 6:00

50 Shades of Grey (R)
Fri 4:45, 7:30
Sat-Sun 2:00, 4:45, 7:30
Mon Presidents' Day 4:00, 6:30
Tues-Thurs 6:30

Sponge Bob (PG)
Fri 4:30, 6:45
Sat-Sun 1:00, 3:00, 3:45, 5:45
Mon Presidents' Day 3:30, 5:30
Tues-Thurs 4:45

American Sniper (R)
Fri 4:30
Sat-Sun 1:00, 7:45
Mon Presidents' Day 3:45
Tues-Thurs 6:00

Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)
Fri 7:15 • Sat-Sun 5:00, 7:45
Mon Presidents' Day 6:30
Tues-Thurs 6:45

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