

## QUILTER: Phillips is teaching three quilting classes

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known her for years. In fact I watched the Stitchin' Post move around town many times and grow bigger and bigger.

"And since I always loved hand sewing, hand appliqué is really my thing. All the pieces are sewn on by hand to my quilts. But I also do a lot of machine quilting now. I would say my style of my quilting is more whimsical or folk artsy."

Phillips is honored this year as a featured artist. She will be on hand for an artist's reception at Clearwater Gallery on Thursday, July 9, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 303 W. Hood Ave.

Phillips' art style goes hand-in-hand with another Sisters artist. Kathy Deggendorfer and Phillips have been friends for years. They formed an artistic partnership and have collaborated on numerous works.

"Tonye is extremely talented, and she is a master quilter. Her sense of color and design is so unique. She has her own voice and her own very distinct

style," Deggendorfer said. "I remember when I first saw her work at the quilt show; I was in awe, and I figured that if I was a quilter that's exactly how I would have done it. It was terrific for me as an artist to meet her. She is a master of her medium. We have been friends for about 10-years-plus and have collaborated together with two different series with her quilt work and my paintings combined. Although we didn't do any together this year, we have some collaborative work for sale at the Quilt Show."

Phillips is in the lineup for teaching three different quilting classes at Sisters High School during quilter's affair week, and she will have three quilts in the show.

"Contemporary Totes' is the name of one of my classes and is also the name of one of the quilts I have entered in the show; it's done with the same pattern as my classes but with wool," she said.

"Penny' is a wool-and-cotton combination quilt that my friend Sue Spargo, who is also a quilter, and I did together. And 'Eccentric Circles' is a brand-new quilt. The border is multiple small wool circles and the inside is cotton all applied by hand," Phillips explained.

Phillips will be teaching

one of her most-favored classes, "Silly Bird – Appliqué 101."

"Who would have thought that such a silly looking bird appliqué I designed would become so popular," Phillips said.

Phillips teaches classes at Stitchin' Post in the fall, winter, and spring. She also travels around the country with the quilt guilds and has taught classes from Maine to Texas where she teaches her basic appliqué class.

Phillips authored a quilting book in 2008 titled "Hand-Appliquéd Quilts: Beautiful Designs and Simple Techniques," and it is available to purchase at Stitchin' Post in Sisters.

"Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is a big show-and-tell. Everyone is encouraged to participate, including first-time quilters, it's a celebration of the art of quilting and nobody is judged. Jean Wells, chairman of the board, has really pushed hard to have that the main focus at the quilt shows," Phillips said.

Phillips' work will be on display at Clearwater Gallery through the Quilt Show.

## Developer appeals MMV decision

Pinnacle Alliance Group, which has won approval to develop a senior living facility near the Sisters post office, has appealed a separate planning commission decision giving the green light to another senior living facility in the McKenzie Meadows Village development at the west end of Sisters.

Sisters City Council will be performing a de novo (starting from scratch) review of the planning commission's decision regarding the application and will hold a public hearing at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave., on July 23, at 7 p.m.


On June 18, the planning commission approved the site plan for the McKenzie Meadows Village senior living facility consisting of 45 senior living units and 12 senior memory-care units. They also approved the modification of the previously approved MMV Master Plan,

to accommodate the site plan's shifting of the location of buildings by more than 25 feet from where the buildings were originally approved to be located.

Mark Adolf of Pinnacle Alliance Group formerly worked with the MMV partners, but failed to secure financing for the project. The partners — the Reed family, Curt Kallberg and Bill Willitts of Sisters — are now working with Kevin Cox, owner of Ageia Health Services, who has built and operates six senior living facilities.

Adolf has the green light for his own project and has been active in opposing approval of the MMV project. His attorney testified against approval at the June 18 hearing, arguing that the application is "deficient."

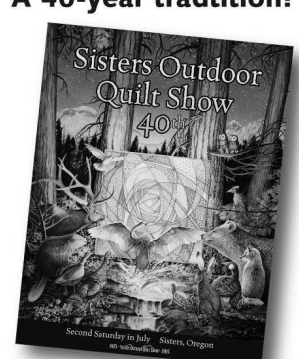
Cox told the planning commission that he is ready to go with the MMV project.






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