

Artist marketplace will run this weekend

The lot at the corner of Cascade Avenue and Oak Street will be a tented marketplace for artists of all kinds on the Friday and Saturday of Quilt Show weekend.

Promoter Richard Esterman's Sisters Artists Marketplace will be held there, featuring a variety of arts and crafts, food vendors and live music. The event is free and open to the public.

Property owner Celia Hung will have a booth displaying quilts in honor of her departed friend Mary Demante Smith.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 10 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 11.

Country singer Mac McCartney will play from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, and Acoustic Etoufee Band plays from 2 to 7 p.m. The Anvil Blasters will perform their Western Americana music from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Quilt connects U.S. and Uganda

By Jim Cornelius
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Like a giant quilt pieced by many hands, the relationship between the Sisters community and Kapchorwa, Uganda, has come to encompass multitudes, providing a sense of warmth and fellowship that spans continents and a wide cultural gap.

Not only is Sisters connected to the African mountain community through the bonds of friendship and commerce, now a fifth-grade classroom in Nevada is part of the fabric of this deep relationship.

Jane and Fred Boyd have a vacation home in Sisters Country. Two years ago, during Quilt Show, they met Janet Storton at her post in front of Sisters Coffee Co., where she sells fabric and quilts from Uganda, raising funds to further a vocational program she was instrumental in establishing in Kapchorwa.

Jane is a fifth-grade teacher in Sparks, Nevada, working with at-risk kids. She asked Storton if she could contact Testimony School, established by Sisters Community Church in Kapchorwa, and have her

students write letters.

Boyd's kids wrote to the kids in Uganda and, as Storton reported, "The kids (in Kapchorwa) got so excited that they had friends in the U.S. that they wrote letters."

Those letters included representative drawings of life in Kapchorwa.

The letters showed that the youngsters had much in common — but vast differences in ways of life. The letters from Uganda inquired as to how far the kids had to walk to school and how far they had to carry water — fundamental concerns in Uganda.

Though the kids Boyd teaches are at risk and some are at the poverty line, "they realized how much more they have than the kids in Africa."

The Nevada students wanted to do something for the school.

"They wanted to give," Jane Boyd said.

Boyd decided to have them make a quilt, including hand-painted symbols that represent the state of Nevada, from the state seal to an image of a bighorn ram, the state mammal.

"There was an educational purpose in the quilt," Fred Boyd noted. "Fractions,



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Jane Boyd and Janet Storton display a quilt made by students in Nevada to send to students in Uganda.

sizing."

The students — boys and girls alike — learned to measure and cut and hand-sew.


"They all thoroughly enjoyed it," Jane said. "The boys would come in on their recesses to work on their quilt squares. I never had to force anyone to do any of it. And I think part of it was they were doing it for a purpose."

Jane is sending the school

a grade-level history of the state of Nevada so that the Ugandan students can learn a little bit about this unknown place in the United States where they now have friends.

The quilt will travel to Africa with Storton on her next trip.

"I'll be taking it when I go to Africa in September," she said. "I'll hang it in Testimony School."



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