

# Country Fair & Art Show has raised thousands

Over the last 20 years the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration has supported the Sisters community through its annual Country Fair and Art Show. Over \$200,000 from this event has been donated to local support agencies such as Family Action Network, NeighborImpact, Sisters Habitat for Humanity, Arts Discovery, Bethlehem Inn, Together for Children and Circle of Friends.

The church's support is derived from a community event that will be held this year on August 7-8. Friday night is the juried art show and silent auction. This opening event from 5 to 8 p.m. features diverse art provided by regional artists including oils, watercolors, pastels, photographs, sculptures, jewelry, Native American and textile pieces.

A silent auction provides donated gifts from artists, friends of the church, and local Sisters businesses. On Saturday, August 8, at 10 a.m. the Country Fair begins and the art show continues.

A happy day on the

beautiful grounds of the church under the pines is great fun for everyone. The Country Store offers homemade preserves, jams and relishes, fresh produce, candy, pies, cakes, home-baked breads and cookies, potted plants, hand-made soft goods and craft items. The Good Book offers a great selection of gently read books. The Sweet Tooth Booth provides homemade Marionberry cobbler with ice cream that has come to be a favorite breakfast item.

Face painting, a bouncy castle, children's games, cake walks, fire-truck tours and animal petting works up a second appetite for their world famous ribs and hot dogs, coleslaw and chips at the Cafe' Transfig. A tour through the art show rounds out the day.

And all proceeds go back to the Sisters community.

Admission and parking to both the Art Show and Country Fair are free. The Church of the Transfiguration is located at the corner of Hwy. 242 and Brooks Camp Road. For more information call 541-549-7087.



PHOTO BY DIANE GOBLE

Dancers from Sisters Dance Academy did their thing for an appreciative crowd during Quilt Show.

## 'Flash Mob' hits streets for show

By Diane Goble  
Correspondent

Hundreds of visitors admiring the quilts hanging near Cascade Avenue and Elm Street Saturday morning were welcomed to Sisters' 40th Anniversary Quilt Walk by a good-times, high-spirited "flash-mob" dance to the sound of "Celebration" by Pit Bull.

The music began at 10 a.m. and attracted a crowd. Hunter Blakelock cranked up the volume on the amplifier in front of The Galimaufry and the celebration began spontaneously as a few teenagers led by Lexie Miller danced toward the center of the intersection. More dancers emerged from the crowd and joined them until there were 20-some in the center rocking to the beat.

Nick Manley, who danced alongside his sister Abi and

mom, Kim, added some exciting karate moves to the choreography. Cole Blakelock, who lifted his sister Brooke into the air a few times, ended with a side flip. At the end of their exciting, energizing performance that had the crowd clapping and dancing along, the dancers faded back into the crowd and the quilt fans resumed their stroll through the hanging quilts. Watch for the video to go viral as most members of the crowd had their cameras and phones out recording the event.

The entertainment was thanks to Lonnie Liddell, owner of Sisters Dance Academy, who got the group of her students and parents together just the day before to choreograph and rehearse the dance. She expressed appreciation for the support of SOQS Executive Director Jeanette Pilak, who helped coordinate the event with the quilt show.

Stephanie Blakelock, who danced alongside her kids, said Lonnie "is an amazing positive force in Sisters. She does so much for her students and gives back to Sisters in big ways."

"It's the one day a year that the main highway through town is shut down and thousands of people are walking through Sisters — what a great opportunity for a flash mob!" said Liddell. "We're just so happy to add our energy to this great event and as long as we are allowed, would love to continue the tradition every year."

If you want to join in next year, look up Sisters Dance Academy on Facebook two weeks before the event and you will find information needed to participate.

For more information on Sisters Dance Academy visit [www.sistersdanceacademy.com](http://www.sistersdanceacademy.com).

## Equestrian event helps region's youth

The Oregon High Desert Classics equestrian competition showcases some of the best riders throughout the western region of the United States and Canada.

J Bar J Youth Services hosts the Oregon High Desert Classics on a 40-acre ranch located east of Bend at 62895 Hamby Rd. The dates of this year's show are:

Classic I — July 15-19

and Classic II — July 22-26.

The public is encouraged to come out to the ranch to enjoy the beauty and skill of the magnificent horses and riders. The event is free for spectators. Food and beverages are available on site.

For more information, visit [www.oregonhighdesertclassics.org](http://www.oregonhighdesertclassics.org) or call Toni Ryan at J Bar J Youth Services 541-389-1409.

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