

Sisters artists featured in Art of the West

This year's Art of the West exhibition and auction at the High Desert Museum will feature more than 60 works by some 40 artists, nearly double the number of pieces included in last year's show.

"We are thrilled by the number of high-quality works that were submitted by both local favorites and prominent artists from outside the area," said Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D., executive director of the museum.

The artists include Lillian Pitt, Sherry Salari Sander, Kathy Deggendorfer, Mark Yale Harris, Barbara Slater and Pat Courtney Gold, to name a few. "This year's show includes a wonderful array of artistic styles and media including watercolor, oil, pastel, photography and sculpture," according to Curator of Exhibitions and Collections Faith Powell.

The exhibition and silent auction will kick off with an artists' reception on Thursday, July 30. Artists Dawn Emerson, Marjorie Kalama and Gil Dellinger

will be doing live demonstrations inspired by the museum's wildlife, artifacts and objects. There also will be live music, food and beverages.

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Art of the West culminates with live and silent auctions at the museum's signature annual fundraising gala, the High Desert Rendezvous, on August 29 at the museum. Proceeds from the gala and the auctions help support the museum's educational programs.

For more information about both, visit www.highdesertmuseum.org or call 541-382-4754.



"Range Manager" by Barbara Slater.

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Quilt raises funds for firefighters

Cloverdale firefighters raffled off Mary Dement-Smith's last completed quilt at Saturday's Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

Selling just over 500 tickets during the day, the firefighters raised over \$2,000 for their volunteer association.

Debbie Castle of Fremont, California, was the winner, and was reached by telephone on her way out of town at the end of the day. She immediately returned and collected her prize. Castle, an accomplished quilter in her own right, was overcome with happiness at winning this beautiful piece of art.

The quilt had been on display throughout the day in front of Melvin's Fir Street Market. Melvin Herburger has provided a place in front of his store for the last two years for firefighters to sell raffle tickets for one of Mary Dement-Smith's quilts. This year the firefighters plan to use the funds to purchase



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Debbie Castle won a beautiful raffle quilt by Mary Dement-Smith that raised funds to support Cloverdale fire operations.

high-intensity LED lights to mount on their helmets to improve visibility in dark smoke-filled buildings.

Dement-Smith provided a quilt last year to the firefighters for a fundraiser. After last year's success she promised another quilt for this year's

show. She was able to complete this quilt prior to losing her fight with cancer earlier this year.

Cloverdale firefighters expressed their sincere thanks to the Smith family for Mary's support over the years.

Anvil Blasters head back to Ranch

The Anvil Blasters will perform at Black Butte Ranch on Wednesday, July 22, as part of a series of free music events on Wednesdays at the Lakeside Activities Center.

This family-oriented evening features music, access to the climbing wall, and a chance to enjoy the newly

opened bistro. Families are invited to dine at the bistro or bring a picnic out. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

The Anvil Blasters will serve up their Western Americana music from 6 to 8 p.m. on what promises to be a warm summer's evening at the Ranch.

The songs of The Anvil Blasters are peopled with border renegades and desert dreamers, poets and pirates and ghosts of the old, weird America. It's a rollicking recipe of gunpowder, twang and tequila that has earned The Anvil Blasters a loyal following across Central Oregon.

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