

COMMUNITY

Harvest Faire will move to Main Avenue

Organizers of one of Sisters' longest-running events are changing its location.

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that the 2015 Sisters Harvest Faire will be held on Main Avenue between Elm and Larch Streets.

This year's event will be held October 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The new location will be adjacent to the new Fir Street Park and provide increased access for vendors and visitors. The new venue will benefit vendors by allowing them to set up one hour earlier,

there will be more corner locations, and increased vendor parking.

Visitors and local event attendees will benefit with increased visibility and ease of access to Fir Street Park. Local musicians will benefit from the new stage, and the food vendors will now have space that makes them feel more connected to the event.

"The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce has been hosting the popular Harvest Faire for over 30 years," said Judy Trego, executive director of

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PHOTO BY DIANE GOBLE

Sisters turned out to celebrate the new Community Garden facility last week.

Scratchboard artist featured in 'Dog Show'

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

Artist Jennifer Hartwig's first introduction to scratchboard art was in a high school class using scratch-paper. Life intervened and she didn't pick up the medium again until 12 years ago. Hartwig, a Sisters resident, is now a scratchboard artist specializing in wildlife and pet portraits, and will be a featured artist in the seventh annual celebration of "The Dog Show: A Fetching Display of Canine Imagery."

An artists reception, including Hartwig, will be held at Sisters Art Works on

Friday, July 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works will host The Dog Show from July 24 through September 24 at 204 W. Adams Ave.

Scratchboard art is a form of direct engraving. Pictures are created using a sharp scribing tool. The panel starts out solid black, and then the artist scratches to expose a layer of white clay under black ink.

"I use pressboard, and on that is baked ceramic and then the ceramic is sprayed over with India ink. The ceramic creates the white which has a

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Garden celebration marks milestone

By Diane Goble
Correspondent

The members of Sisters Community Garden hosted a garden party last week to recognize all the people and businesses that have contributed to the success of this community project.

As honored guests meandered through the organic labyrinth located just southeast of the Sisters Airport runway, garden advisor Donna Parker took visitors new to the garden on a tour through the 44 planting beds showing off the variety of fruits and vegetables planted by community members, including children, with enough left over to be able to donate about 300 pounds of fresh produce to the local food banks every year.

In the background, against a threatening stormy sky that spared the garden and moved

on just in time for the guests to start arriving, played The Anvil Blasters, a Western Americana band, with Jim Cornelius, Lynn Woodward, Jeff Wester and Mike Biggers. Garden manager Marvin Benson told guests the story of the greenhouse — taking it from a dream to reality, and what a benefit it is to growing starter and vine plants that can't take our Central Oregon weather extremes or our shorter growing season.

Ruthie Douglas and her tireless volunteers had the garden all dressed up with tables and chairs scattered throughout the garden. There was a colorful tablecloth and a vase of flowers on every table, and a delicious buffet spread with foods made from local produce and delicious strawberry-rhubarb pie baked by gardeners made for a fun evening of good food,

good company and good entertainment.

"This garden embodies the spirit of the community," Douglas said. "It was built by the generosity of the Sisters community — that is what we are recognizing this evening. I believe all this calls for a celebration!"

Community Garden vice-president Bob Lawton stopped the music to begin the program and asked one of the original members, Sue Stafford, to give a little of the history since it began in 2006. (See related story, page 13.)

Champagne was passed around, and Lawton asked all to raise their glasses in toast to Marvin Benson for all the work he has done in bringing this community together. Lawton then recognized some of the many people who

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- ALANON** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.
- Authors Support Group** 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.
- Black Butte Macintosh Users Group** 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.
- Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.
- Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

- Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.
- Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.
- Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 1st Monday. 541-610-9022.
- East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.
- Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. Public is welcome. 541-977-8285.
- Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Just bring scissors! 503-880-5832.
- Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.
- Military Parents of Sisters** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-647-7483.
- Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.
- SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

- Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.
- Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group** 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.
- Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.
- Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.
- Sisters Cribbage Club** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. All are welcome. 541-923-1632.
- Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.
- Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.
- Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.
- Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.
- Sisters Trails Alliance Board of Directors** 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.
- Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

- Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.
- Three Sisters Lions Club** 2nd Tuesday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.
- VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Service officer available. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

CITY & PARKS

- Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
- Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., SPRD building. The public is welcome. 541-549-2091.
- Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

- Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors** Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.
- Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors** 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

- Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at www.cloverdalefire.com.
- Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.
- Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

SCHOOLS

- Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.
- Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Revolution office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.
- Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at www.sisters.k12.or.us. 541-549-8521 x4011.

