

Antique show draws a big crowd

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Antique collections spilled across the grass at Creekside Park, enticing treasure hunters for the fifth annual Antiques in the Park event last weekend.

About 34 vendors filled their booths with staples of antique collecting: Artwork, jewelry and furniture, and rare finds such as an 1840 Victorian wicker potty chair and an antique corn-grinder. There was a mix of everything for everyone, including a 19th-century wagon and surrey from the Pickers & Peddlers Market in Tumalo.

Caroline Dietrich, a new vendor from Bend, showcased a menagerie of Asian antiques.

“Actually I have a soap company in Bend. But my mother passed away and left all these exquisite vintage art pieces. Some made of porcelain and Chinese cinabar from Asia, including huge Ming vases. She had an import/export store in the 1960s. We lived in Japan for two years when I was growing up,” Dietrich said. “This is a fraction of the collection.”

The soothing yet distinctive sound of the marimba drew a crowd of spectators to the stage area of the park all Saturday morning.

From Central Washington’s Tri-Cities, The Steel & Marimba Community Band consisting of several high schools and middle schools performed until noon creating their musical magic on the resonant mallet percussion instrument.

Robin Pendaruis and her husband from Sunriver were



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Melinda Witt, left, talks textiles with Margaret Meier.

relaxing with a plate of Bad Boys Barbecue at one of the picnic tables listening to unusual music.

“We come here every year and have never heard anything like this before,” said Robin Pendaruis. “We think its top-notch, those kids are very talented.”

Some visitors came to browse the many booths and others came knowing the exact trinkets they were looking for.

Susan Lipton from Salem searched through a variety of vintage European fabrics for just the right color scheme with the help of textile dealer Margaret Meier from Oak Park, Florida. Meier goes to Europe twice a year to buy only the best home-grown fabrics to sell at shows all over the nation.

“They’re all spun and woven on farms in Europe, which means no chemicals or machine processes. I have been collecting home-spun

linens for years and have five warehouses full in Florida. I lived in Europe in the late ’60s and then again in the early ’80s,” Meier told *The Nugget*. “The grain bags are organic home-spun linens. I started bringing in home-spun linen into the country 18 years ago. I’m actually from the Portland area, and I enjoy it here in Sisters.”

Vendor Cory and his wife, Rachel Sturdevant, own a junk shop in Roseburg called “Fridays,” well, because it’s the only day they’re open. But his collection of “junk” from antique photo frames to a vintage corn-grinder was hardly rubbish.

“I pulled out all the antique collectibles out of the junk for the show,” Sturdevant said with a grin.

The American Legion, VFW, and Band of Brothers had their own booth, selling military magnets to support the veterans in the Sisters community.

Sisters Salutes...

• The White Buffalo (aka Jake Smith) has been nominated for an Emmy Award for his original song “Come Join The Murder,” which played during the final scene of the FX show “Sons of Anarchy.” The song was co-written with series-creator Kurt Sutter. The White Buffalo had numerous songs placed in the long-running cable drama.

The White Buffalo has performed several times in Sisters, including at the 2014 Sisters Folk Festival. He is the son of Jeff and Ginny Smith of Sisters.

• Marlene Dumas wrote: I want to thank Jeri and Bob Buckmann for their extraordinary kindness to me during Sisters

Glory Daze Car Show.

As a new widow, entering my husband’s cars in his FAVORITE car show was a difficult decision. Even though I was late submitting my applications and had several cars, Jeri kindly allowed me to participate. Then Bob made things even better by choosing a prime location to showcase Randy’s amazing cars!

I cannot thank Jeri and Bob enough for not only putting on a great car show but doing all they could to make the day a wonderful one for me and my family. Kudos to the Buckmanns and the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. People like them are what make Sisters so special!

Vandals strike Sisters

A wave of vandalism has struck Sisters over the past couple of weeks.

In the most serious incident, a front window was shattered at a residence on Jefferson Avenue early on July 18. A chair had been broken on a front porch on Jefferson earlier.

There were also incidents of tagging with graffiti at Village Green Park and unspecified criminal mischief at

Creekside Park.

A week earlier there were multiple tagging incidents at Pine Meadow Village involving vehicles, houses, and other property.

Residents are urged to be alert for any suspicious activity and report it to the Sisters sheriff’s office at 541-549-2302 or to dispatch at 541-693-6911. If an incident is an emergency, dial 911.

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