

AUTHORS: Three different types of books on offer

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children in their lives.

Dana Wand has published two delightful children's books: "Shanie June Jumped Over the Moon" and "Dragon in My Closet and Other Scaly Tales." Both books are beautifully and colorfully illustrated with images to capture the imagination of young children. One of them is spiral bound and laminated to make for easy handling by small hands.

Wand and her husband moved to Sisters from the Aurora area in the Willamette Valley, where they raised their family and where they now have grandchildren who like to visit Sisters. Wand is currently working on two novels and has several other children's books in process.

Diane Goble, who works as a freelance writer for *The Nugget*, will be sharing her book "Beyond the Veil," which is the outgrowth of a training course Goble designed in 2008 to teach people how to be present with those who are dying. It also prepares the reader for making decisions about their own end-of-life wishes.

All the practical things that need to be considered concerning death are explained, enabling the reader to make preparations in a timely fashion for the end of their life or that of a loved one. Goble believes appropriate decisions and preparations need to be made far enough in advance that one is of sound mind and has plenty of time to do it right.

"Being prepared is a gift you can give your family to save them a lot of grief," she counsels.

All of the forms and paperwork necessary are included in the book, such as an Advance Directive, the Physician's Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form, healthcare power of attorney, and information about Death with Dignity. The book is formatted as a workbook, with blank pages between chapters to allow for note-making to help the reader with their decision-making.

The Sisters authors group describes their monthly meetings as an exchange of talents where problems are solved through the collective wisdom of the group.

"We're all lacking in something," said Wand, "but together we can give and receive necessary information to help each of us in

our process, working toward being published. Technical skills are always welcome."

Some members have strong editing and critiquing skills; others have experience in the world of self-publishing. They are able to offer one another positive support in their common efforts. They also invite people to join who enjoy reading and critiquing, no writing necessary.

The group of about a dozen members has been meeting since February of this year on the second Friday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Maida Bailey building behind the Chamber of Commerce office. There is no meeting in August.

Their hope for the future is to explore possibilities for bringing more focus to the literary arts in Sisters, which already has strong music

and visual-arts communities. They have tentative plans to have a booth at this year's Harvest Fair with members' books available for sale.

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Their website www.sistersauthors.com is currently under construction. For more information contact Diane Goble at 541-588-0081.

FOLK FESTIVAL: Growing organization has changed structure

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second and final year to increase organizational capacity. The grant award continues OCF's mission to improve life in Oregon and promote effective philanthropy. OCF works with individuals, families, businesses and organizations to create charitable funds to support the community causes they care about.

SFF received a \$15,000 grant, which is the final installment of a Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT), grassroots grant totaling \$40,000 also in support of the managing director position. MMT is a private foundation that is not connected to Fred

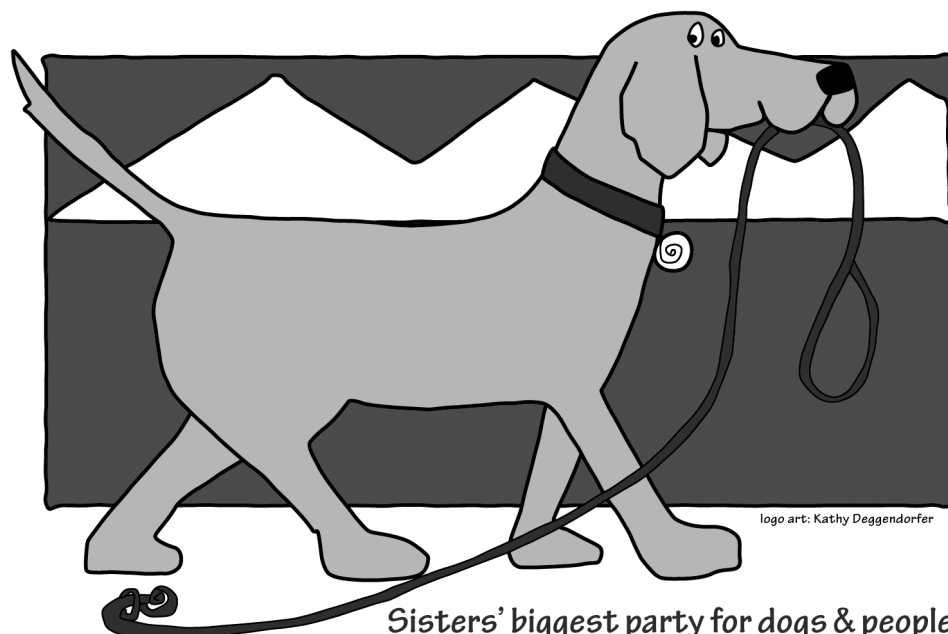
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SFF received a \$6,337 operating support grant from the Oregon Arts Commission, a state agency funded by the State of Oregon and the National Endowment for the Arts. In addition to supporting the managing director position, the grant will be used to support general operating expenses of the organization, including a portion of the salary for Kerani Mitchell, who was hired as the volunteer coordinator and events manager.

Mitchell also assists Brad Tisdell in the planning and execution of the Americana Project.

SFF's mission is to enrich lives through the arts. To achieve that goal, staffing levels are now appropriate for the tasks at hand and to support the near-term growth of the organization.

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