

C O M M U N I T Y

Wild, tasteful women headed to library

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

For the month of December, the walls of the Sisters Library community and computer rooms are alive with audacious, exuberant “Wild Tasteful Women,” as depicted in the popular art of Sisters resident Jill Haney Neal.

Her art exaggerates the feminine to celebrate the universal spirit of women that transcends their cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

“I want to capture that spirit to empower and celebrate joyfully the whole woman,” Haney explained.

The joie de vivre of

Haney’s creations is evident in the artist herself and her entrepreneurial endeavors. The popularity of her ladies has led her to design a complete line of ceramic giftware, as well as create her own greeting-card line. Wild Tasteful Women have traveled far from Sisters, having recently been licensed for greeting cards in Russia.

Wineries have chosen to label special vintages with the ladies, such as Menopause Merlot and Vivacious Vicky, which has sold more than 500,000 bottles of wine nationwide.

In addition to her Wild

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PHOTO BY SUE ANDERSON

The Sisters High Desert Chorale will be performing in full voice Friday, December 18 and Sunday, December 20.

Singing of Christmas in Sisters

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

For the past eight years, retired mezzo soprano Irene Liden has been waving her hands directing the talents of the assorted sopranos, altos, tenors and basses who make up the 50+ voices of the Sisters High Desert Chorale — and they love it!

Tenor Mel Miles began practicing with the Sisters Community Choir for its 1995 Christmas concert under the direction of Forrest Daniel, who had just retired as head of COCC’s vocal music studies. Looking back, he had this to say:

“The earlier years of the Sisters choir consisted of about 18 members, and the

choral program was offered as a credit class under COCC auspices.

“Rehearsals and concerts took place at the Sisters (Episcopal) Church of The Transfiguration, and later on at the Sisters Mormon Church. Today, three or four of the original members continue to sing in the Sisters High Desert Chorale, and oh, what fun we have.”

Liden began directing the newly named Sisters High Desert Chorale in 2007, rehearsing Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, and the Sisters Country residents have enjoyed the Christmas and spring concerts ever since.

This holiday season’s performances will take place at Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy., on Friday night, December 18, at 7 p.m., and another on Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 2:30 p.m.

The chorale will, among several pieces of music, offer Ruth Elaine Schram’s “Shalom, Pacem, Peace,” sung in Latin, Hebrew and English. In addition to these three languages, another offering written by Alex Anderson and arranged by Jay Althouse, “Mele Kalikimaka” a Hawaiian Christmas greeting, will be sung in English and Polynesian languages.

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Program has matching grant opportunity

The Sisters Park & Recreation District Community Schools initiative, which provides after-school care at Sisters Elementary School (SES), has a matching grant opportunity. The local program has an opportunity through the Ford Family Foundation (via the Oregon Community Foundation) to match up to \$10,000 to support this enrichment program.

The Community Schools Program provides free supervised homework help, snack

time, and enrichment opportunities for grades kindergarten through fourth. Over 90 students, which represents just under 30% of the student population at SES, take part in the program throughout the school year. Enrichment opportunities are provided (for an additional fee) after the homework time. Additional activities include rocket class, Lego® build days, arts and crafts, and library days.

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon 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.

Alateen Thursday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 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.

Celebrate Recovery Thursdays, 7 p.m., Westside Church-Sisters Campus. 541-389-6859.

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. 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. 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 Parent Teacher Community 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Sisters Elementary School loft. 971-570-2405.

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, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 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, 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.

