

COMMUNITY

Starry Nights tickets on sale February 15

Tickets go on sale on Monday, February 15 at 8 a.m. for a concert featuring the return of one of Starry Nights' most beloved artists — acclaimed singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff.

“Starry Nights Presents An Evening With Karla Bonoff” takes place on Sunday, April 3, at The Belfry in Sisters. The event is a benefit for the Sisters Schools Foundation and will raise funds for classroom and co-curricular programs at Sisters elementary, middle, and high schools. Bonoff was the first performer to ever grace the Starry Nights

stage when she appeared in 1997 to kick off the long-running concert series, which has raised more than one million dollars in net proceeds to date.

Bonoff has been described as one of the finest singer-songwriters of her generation. With a career spanning four decades, Bonoff is celebrated for a songwriting catalog that includes such hits as “Someone To Lay Down Beside Me,” “Lose Again,” and “All My Life” for Linda Ronstadt, “Home” for Bonnie Raitt, and “Tell

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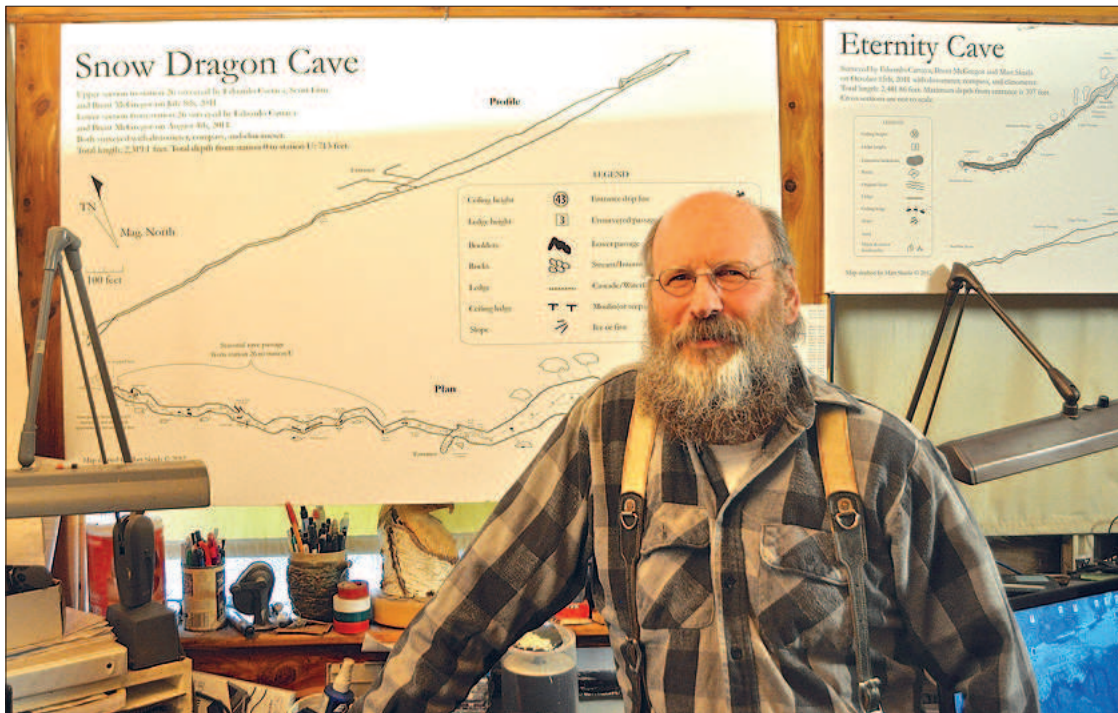


PHOTO BY CRAIG RULLMAN

Brent McGregor has been a key member of expeditions exploring glacial caves.

Leading journeys into the ice

By Craig Rullman
Correspondent

Brent McGregor came to Oregon for the junipers, he says, but stayed for the adventures.

At 63, he has climbed every volcanic peak in the Cascades, topped all three Sisters in under 12 hours, explored into the deep reaches of Central Oregon's extensive network of lava tubes and, most recently, along with his partners at Glacier Cave Adventures, has become a world-famous explorer and photographer.

As a young man growing up in San Diego, Brent felt drawn to the wilds. In his 20s, he spent a year living in a canvas teepee in the raw

wilderness of Alaska, where he made his own clothes, hunted his own food, and ran a sled team with 18 dogs.

“I had a dream when I was 8 or 10 years old, to go the wildest wilderness I could find,” he recalled. “I just wanted to go into a really wild place and to be there.”

That dream eventually brought him to Central Oregon, where he has built furniture out of juniper, as Rocky Mountain Furniture Products, for 30 years. He was attracted to juniper, McGregor says, because the round forms of the natural product were more interesting to him than traditionally milled productions.

Brent's appreciation for the character revealed in

juniper trees is revealed in his photography of the glacial cave systems he explores. Exploding with light and form, the pictures remind one of the best photographs of exploding nebulas in space, and his work has recently been featured at Maptia.com's “46 Places To Fill You With Wonder For 2016,” an anthology of “the most talented photographers on the planet.”

McGregor's team, Glacier Cave Explorers, has completed three expeditions to the Sandy Glacier on Mt. Hood since 2014, mapping, photographing, and recording the constantly changing conditions inside 7,000 feet

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Outdoor science to be featured February 20

Are you smarter than a monkey? COCC will happily test you and let you know. Can you ride a bike? Can you fly a plane? ENERGYneering Solutions will let you try to stay in the air on their flight simulator. Once you've gotten your wings on the simulator, you can go to the real thing and try your hand at flying a paper airplane from one end of the gym to the other end.

All this will happen at the Sisters Science Fair at Sisters

High School on Saturday, February 20, from noon to 4 p.m. This year's theme is outdoor science and students and community members will be showing off their best.

The outdoor science theme is evident in the multiple displays for astronomy. The Sisters Astronomy Club will be on hand with telescopes, and the Sun River Observatory and the Central Oregon Rocket Club will dazzle you with the rich

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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., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.
- 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 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.
- Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 3rd Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 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.

