

# Art educator opens The Studio

By Jim Cornelius  
News Editor

By her own admission, despite living here for years, Annie Painter “never really put down roots.”

Her work as an artist and arts educator kept her on the road, helping to preserve and enhance arts education in public schools — in the face of daunting odds.

Now Annie is at a point in her life where she *can* put down roots — and continue her life’s calling in her hometown. To that end, she has opened “The Studio” at 392 E. Main Ave., Ste. 2 A & B.

Here she will continue to teach other teachers — and provide structured, satisfying artistic experiences for children and other adults, too.

“This is an opportunity for me to be me and have a space where I can commit to the community,” Painter told *The Nugget*. “Now I can keep the funnel open — and say yes to a birthday party.”

Or a ladies’ night out, or ... what her clients desire.

Painter’s goal at The Studio is “to program the space collaboratively, offering fee-based classes, partnering with others to create events, letting the projects unfold ... for the first time in my long career ... being ‘intentionally undefined’ until a good idea takes shape with a colleague or for a group.

“I still support elementary and secondary teachers through graduate work, but I’m just as interested in creating a family art event or



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**Annie Painter has opened The Studio. What do you want to do?**

leading a class of 8-10 (my usual limit now) in my print and stamping room or finger-painting with grandparents and their grandchildren. I am able to co-sponsor workshops with other teachers and contribute space and programs as a community service to organizations such as the Circle of Friends.

“Part of my goal here is to say ‘Here I am; what should we do?’” Painter said.

Though the atmosphere is designed to be fun and relaxed, it is structured and educational.

“This is a full, educational process, even in a birthday party,” Painter said.

No one should feel overawed at The Studio, Painter notes.

“I would not still be doing this work with people of all

ages if I scared folks away,” she said. “I begin where you begin.”

For more information call 541-639-2526 or visit [www.anniepainter.com](http://www.anniepainter.com).

## LETTERS

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To the Editor:

Thanks very much to *The Nugget* for publishing the article on the McArthur family (“*McArthur family: longtime contributors to Oregon History*,” by Craig Eisenbeis, *The Nugget*, December 16, 2015).

Lewis “LL” McArthur, is a very close family friend, and lives quite happily in Portland at the age of 98 years. To speak with him in person is like a trip back in time — where do you want to go? He can tell you, and the conversation is definitely interesting.

Tam McArthur Rim plays a huge part in the Sisters view-cape nearly every day of the year. For those that like to get up and explore in that country, it’s a very special place to spend the day.

Peter Hall

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To the Editor:

I find it incredible that the Sisters School District is considering seeking a bond from taxpayers in May to, among other things, replace the High School’s roof (“*Roof looms large in bond discussions*,” *The Nugget*, February 10).

This roof is only 12 years old. A roof should last a minimum of 30 years, and it should be under warranty for at least that long. If it’s leaking, the companies that designed and built the roof in the first place should be sued to recover damages if they are now unwilling to correct their costly errors.

Perhaps I’m missing something here, but it seems to me that once again the taxpayers are being asked to pay for someone else’s mistakes.

Michael Cooper

## SCIENCE FAIR: Event features exhibits and activities for all

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winner, are displayed prominently at the Science Fair.

Astronomy is always a popular topic and, with the newly detected gravitational waves in the news recently, the Sisters Astronomy Club will be on hand to answer some questions about black holes. A planetarium will be set up in the high school media room. Moon rocks and meteorites will top off the astronomical experience, and the Sisters Rocket Club will be there to show off some launching techniques.

The Robotics Club and the Lego Robotics Team have working displays to challenge your imagination. A flight simulator will challenge your ability to fly without crashing to the ground and

a gyroscope will challenge your orientation.

Have you ever tried your hand at pool on an elliptical pool table? With just one pocket, a dot and a cue and ball, you can discover the science of angles. Or, maybe you’d like to try your legs on a backwards bicycle? Both are sure to tickle your inner scientific self and challenge your brain.

The Design, Construct, Compete (DCC) Contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a competition of simple mousetrap cars by Sisters Elementary School and Black Butte School students. Following this, the more complex mousetrap cars will try to navigate barriers and distances for top cash prizes.

The Sisters Science Fair is an event for the entire family, with many hands-on activities, plenty of scientists to answer your questions and fascinating displays from our Sisters students.

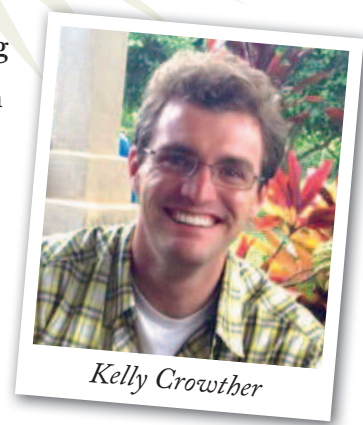
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— Kelly Crowther, Program Coordinator  
Sisters Park & Recreation District



Kelly Crowther

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