

4th Friday Art Stroll

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Great local art, refreshments, music, and a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate from Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill await you on this week's Fourth Friday Art Stroll.

Enter the new monthly drawing during the Art Stroll, 4 to 7 p.m. You can sign up only one time per gallery, so the more galleries you visit, the greater your chances to win! The winner will be notified and posted on the Sisters Arts Association Facebook page.

On Adams Avenue, Sisters Art Works is showing all of the final submissions for the upcoming My Own Two Hands event. Some of the work will be displayed in the Art Works building; and the rest is next door at 304 W. Adams. These amazing pieces will also be shown in various galleries throughout town during a special art stroll May 13, the day before the auction.

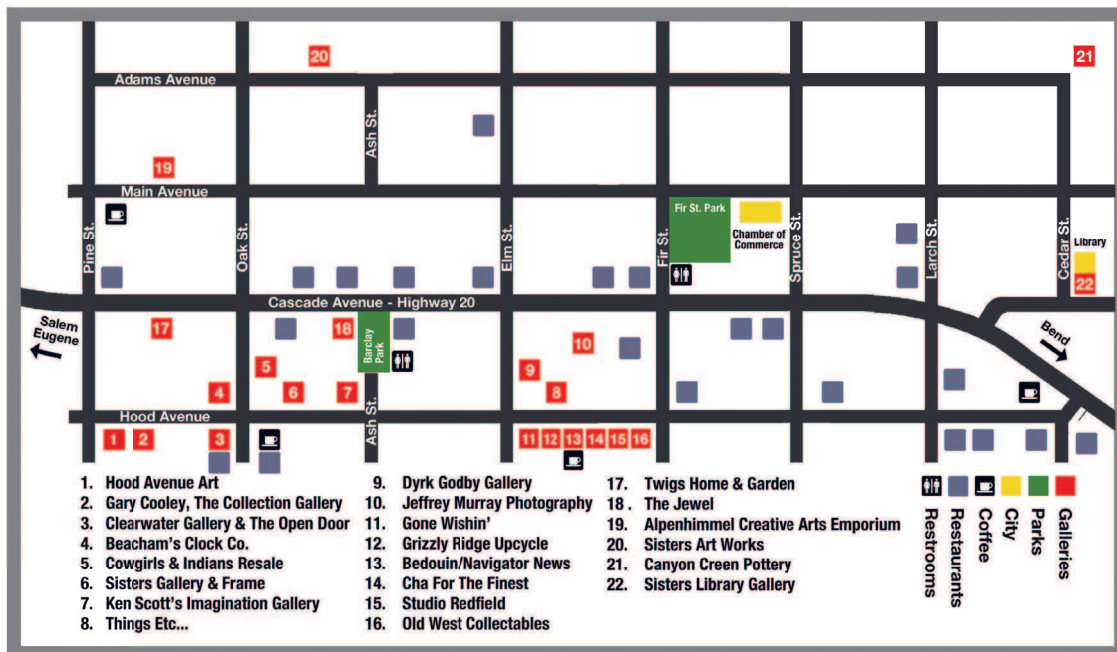
On Main Avenue, Alpenhimmel will transform its studio into a Pop-Up Gallery for one night only, with assemblage art by Terri Smith, jewelry and art by Wendy Bachmeier, and

mixed-media paintings by Charity Alva. Throughout the year, fundraising events will benefit nonprofit organizations. A portion of this month's art stroll proceeds will be given to Kids' Center Child Abuse Intervention Center.

On Cascade Avenue, Twigs is featuring work by Kristin Shields, a quilt artist with a love for both abstract improvisational patchwork and folk art appliqué; and Cheryl Chapman, a glass enamel artist who often paints enamels in a reverse process onto the back of clear glass. After firing, these become one-of-a-kind tiles, bowls and plates – functional art.

On Hood Avenue, Hood Avenue Art's featured artists are Vivian Olsen and torch-glass bead jewelry maker Danica Curtright. Olsen's portraits of regional and native wildlife highlight the animals' personality and individuality. From 3 to 5 p.m., Curtright will demonstrate her glass-bead making process. Musical guest Anastacia Armstrong will play from 3 to 5 p.m.

On the evening of April 21, The Anvil Blasters will play



in the gallery as part of Hood Avenue Art's Salon Series in support of Circle of Friends, a Sisters youth mentoring organization. Suggested donation is \$10.

Gary Cooley's Collection Gallery will feature a work-in-progress by Gary. An international art collector from the Medford area commissioned him to create hands for Cascade Christian High School. Come take a look at the 3-1/2-foot-tall praying hands.

Clearwater Gallery will be featuring Glass Mosaic Artist, Mare Schelz, in her solo show. Just in time for Mother's Day, all of the gallery artists have been invited to participate in a group theme, "Mothers."

Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop has Dennis McGregor's original painting, "Hot Dogs," which he created for this year's Sisters Folk Festival Poster. Dennis might even drop by to sing a song or two!

Ken Scott (Imagination Gallery) says, "I sell art to make more art. I am keyed toward an honorable completion of my true calling ... connecting with the tangible and intangible, the physical and the metaphysical ... my own precious, heart connection with metals ... 43 years, and counting."

Crossing Elm and continuing down Hood Avenue, you will find seven galleries clustered within one block.

At Studio Redfield, you may find the perfect Mother's Day gift, jewelry by Kristin Cahill. Her LUX Rêve pieces, inspired by nature, are made from gold-filled wire, sterling-silver wire and precious gemstones; special pieces that, when worn, make your shimmer a little brighter.

Other galleries open during the Art Stroll are Dyrk Godby Gallery; Things, Etc.; Gone Wishin'; Grizzly Ridge Upcycle; Navigator News; Cha for the Finest; Old West Collectables; Sisters Library; and Canyon Creek Pottery.

All galleries will be open until 7 p.m. on Friday. Put on your walking shoes, pick up a map at your first gallery stop, and join the crowd.

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www.alpenhimmel.com



Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery
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Gallery Highlights

- Art by Terri Smith, Wendy Bachmeier and Charity Alva at Alpenhimmel
- Quilt Art by Kristin Shields and Glass Enamel by Cheryl Chapman at Twigs
- Wildlife by Vivian Olsen and Jewelry by Danica Curtright at Hood Avenue Art
- Praying Hands in progress by Gary Cooley at The Collection Gallery
- Glass Mosaics by Mare Schelz at Clearwater Gallery
- "Hot Dogs" by Dennis McGregor at Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop
- Sculpture in Metals at Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery
- LUX Rêve Jewelry by Kristin Cahill at Studio Redfield

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