

C O M M U N I T Y

Art at the Ranch features art, events

One of the oldest and most enjoyable of traditions at Black Butte Ranch will be returning the first weekend in September.

Art at the Ranch has been a highlight for the past three decades and has included paintings, sculptures, metal and pottery items, jewelry, wood crafts, books, fiber arts, candles, toys and other exhibits.

New this year is a gallery show at the Lodge Gallery running September 2-3, featuring painters, photographers and mixed media. The festivities will begin at the Lodge on Friday, September,

2 with a wine and appetizer reception between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., with live music by Chris Patrick and Selah Broderick.

During this time guests can meet the artists and bid on their works in a silent auction. During the reception the founding Art Guild members will be honored. On Saturday, September 3, Art at the Ranch will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with live music 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by singer/songwriter duo Rindy and Marv Ross.

Another new feature of
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PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Doug Meyers was instrumental in Squaw Creek Canyon Estates achieving Firewise status.

Volunteering with Habitat offers rewards

Many a study found in medical journals and on the Internet promote volunteering as a road for good physical and mental health. If that's the case, the more than 250 volunteers with Sisters Habitat for Humanity are some of the happiest and healthiest people in town.

These volunteers were honored last week during Sisters Habitat's Board of Director's Eighth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. The volunteers gave

more than 19,000 hours during the past year helping sort donations at the Thrift Store and ReStore, building at the construction site, and serving on numerous committees.

Seventy-one people and two groups were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award last week. These Habitat supporters were given a certificate and letter from President Obama and a bronze, silver

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Neighborhood is now Firewise

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Residents of Sisters Country have learned to live with fire. We've seen our share, through more than a decade of blazes that have threatened — and in a couple of cases destroyed — homes, forced evacuations and scarred the local landscape.

Living with fire does not simply mean bowing to its power — it is possible to make our homes and communities more resilient. Last week, Squaw Creek Canyon Estates celebrated its status as one of those resilient communities. The residential subdivision along the Whychus Canyon rim northeast of

Sisters has become Oregon's 100th Firewise Community.

"As a Firewise Community, you are a role model for the way things should be," State Forester Doug Decker told an assemblage at the satellite fire hall in Squaw Creek Canyon Estates.

Firewise Communities work together to ensure that individual properties maintain a defensible space and to encourage the use of fire-resistant construction materials. Fuels reduction is key to helping communities weather the storm of wildfire.

Speakers at last Friday's celebratory event quoted fire incident commanders who affirmed that Firewise

communities are safer for residents and for firefighters who enter them to protect structures during a wildfire. They assure homeowners that their work makes it more likely that firefighters can successfully defend their homes.

Doug Meyers, a volunteer with the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District, spearheaded the effort in his home community. He noted that not only are homeowners clearing defensible space around their own homes, they are also reducing fuels on 39 un-built lots. The community also stepped up to improve

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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.

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 2nd Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

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. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

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 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 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 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW 8138 & American Legion 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 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 Out West Realty 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.

