

Quilters push themselves to the edge

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News Editor

For the 14 art quilters of the local group Journeys, their work is all about pushing themselves creatively. In their current exhibit, they are pushing themselves right to the edge.

Journeys Art Quilters of Central Oregon will open an exhibit at Sisters Art Works, 204 W. Adams Ave. The 14 original quilts are inspired by a poem, "Come to the Edge" by Christopher Logue. An artist reception will be held on September 23, from 5 to 7 p.m.

June Jaeger told *The Nugget* that this exhibit represents a determination among the artists to challenge themselves.

"We decided this year,

nobody's going to take the easy way out — everybody's going to be challenged," she said. "I think we all grew extensively. I know I did. We all pushed ourselves."

Jaeger described her own work:

"I took molding pate and a hair comb and I glommed it on a piece of fabric and I kept dragging it through until I had a bark effect," she said. "It was a huge challenge and I had a hard time figuring out even how to cut it."

Jaeger settled on leather shears to get the cutting done — and then there was the matter of getting the fabric to bond.

"I went through three packages of sewing machine needles — big, heavy ones," she said. "But I got it done."

It was not just a logistical

and material challenge. Jaeger says that she is a realistic and detailed quilter. On this one, she was more impressionistic than she's used to, leaving a lot "unsaid" and mysterious.

Artistic challenge on all levels is what Journeys is about, and the quilters are eager to share their journey at the artists' reception on Friday.

The exhibit runs through November 16. Visit www.sistersartworks.com for more details.



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A collage of Journeys quilts featuring the work of Betty Gientke, Mary Stiewig, and Judy Beaver.



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Creating a bark effect was a challenge for June Jaeger

Money for her furry friends...



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Clover Keyes, age 7, ran a lemonade stand with her friends in front of Heritage USA during the last day of Sisters Folk Festival, specifically to raise money for Furry Friends Foundation. She came into *The Nugget* last week with her mom, Josie Keyes, carrying a jar with dollars and change.

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