

FIBER: Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show hosted fiber arts symposium

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reassembled everything that would hold still: clothing, baby quilts, costumes, scenery, a sofa and steel from the fender of an old car. After many traditional quilts, she became fascinated with construction techniques, improvisational quilting, and incorporating alternative materials into her artwork. Many of the materials she incorporates are recycled or reclaimed, adding history and texture to her work. The evolution of Hassler's mixed-media pieces continues through personal experimentation.

Since 2000, Trisha's artwork has been exhibited in juried shows, galleries, and museums worldwide. She has also served on committees and boards with the commitment to raising appreciation of original artwork in her community. Her diagnosis of Parkinson's in 2012 also presents some new challenges to the evolution of her lifestyle and art continues.

The spirit of incorporating found objects was on further display in a lunchtime wearable-art fashion show, featuring Sisters youth and



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Allison Murphy created this dress made from recycled cat food bags as part of a series called Utilitarian Upcycling.

their creations. Annie Painter had several students creating dresses out of *Nugget* newspapers, while Allison Murphy created a dress from recycled cat food bags as part of the series called Utilitarian Upcycling.

The symposium featured a full slate of roundtable discussions and workshops. One

of the roundtables was titled Fiber Anarchy – Stirring up trouble delight with yarn with Elise Jones. In that spirit, a group of art students who work with artist Kit Stafford “yarn-bombed” the stallion statue along Cascade Avenue. That bit of guerrilla art stayed up through Saturday (*see photo page 1*).

INVASIVE: Species affect native animals and habitat

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examples of invasive species already affecting some of Oregon's native fish and wildlife. American bullfrogs and red-eared slider turtles harm Oregon's two native turtles by competing for nesting sites and food. Bullfrogs also prey on native turtles, frogs, fish and snakes. Ringed crayfish compete with native signal crayfish for food and habitat, and New Zealand mud snails can impact native invertebrates and the food chain of native trout.

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The new strategic plan sets a long-term vision for a collaborative pathways management approach for invasive species, while the two-year action plan describes detailed actions agencies and organizations can take to achieve the strategic objectives.

“Pathways management is a collaborative approach to invasive species management that leverages limited funding, works across jurisdictional boundaries and supports

science-based decision-making to protect Oregon,” said Jalene Littlejohn, OISC lead coordinator.

The OISC is a group of representatives from state and public agencies, scientists, educators and members of the public who lead Oregon's fight against the threat of invasive plants and animals. They collaborate with a wide group of people to spearhead initiatives to increase citizen understanding and involvement in protecting the state against the harms of invasive species.

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The council was created by the Oregon Legislature in 2001 and receives funding through a variety of state, federal and private donations. Those interested in joining the council or learning more about how to get involved are encouraged to contact the coordinator at coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org.

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