

COMMUNITY

Dan Rickards is Quilt Show storyteller

By Jodi Schneider McNamee
Correspondent

“Storytellers” is the theme for the 42nd annual Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) with the 2017 poster created by Sisters artist Dan Rickards. This will be Rickards’ fourth poster for SOQS since he was first selected in 2009.

“The first poster I ever did for SOQS was a painting I named ‘Summer Bliss,’ of my daughter Emily running with a quilt through a field of flowers,” Rickards said.

This year’s poster image

depicts a larger-than-life storybook using quilts as pages. The storybook sits atop a wooden table. Whychus Creek, which runs through Sisters, and the Three Sisters Mountains create a stunning scenic backdrop.

The storybook in his original artwork will come to life as a two-foot-by-three-foot leather-bound book of quilts that really do spin a yarn.

“Every quilt tells a story,” Rickards told *The Nugget*. “And I took it very literal and

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PHOTO BY JEFF OMODT

Young artists created ball gowns out of newspaper for a wearable art fashion show.

Sisters Bridge Club cruises the Caribbean

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The Sisters Bridge Club is quite literally expanding its horizons. Last month, the local group of card-players took their card-playing skills to the Caribbean on the club’s first-ever bridge cruise.

Although the Sisters Bridge Club has been around for decades, it was on life support until a few years ago, when membership suddenly exploded into the vibrant group that it is today. The Club’s current organizer, Susan Sandberg, is a frequent

cruiser and thought it would be fun to combine two of her favorite pastimes; and, last month, 14 of the club’s members took her up on the deal.

Starting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the group boarded Holland America’s cruise ship *Nieuw Amsterdam* for the club’s inaugural week-long cruise in the Caribbean. Ports of call included Grand Turk Island, Puerto Rico, and St. Maarten. Due to bad weather, a scheduled stop at Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas had to be

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Creativity on display in Sisters

Guerrilla art and found-item upcycle fashion were features of the creativity — and spirit of fun — that were on display in Sisters last weekend. It was April 1, but the artists in town weren’t fooling around — at least not entirely.

They were here for the 2nd annual High Fiber Arts Symposium at FivePine Lodge & Conference Center, hosted by the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

The symposium speakers — through workshops, art roundtables, and a wearable art fashion show — explored

how the expressive needs of the artist have caused the use of fiber to transcend its humble origins of “hand-crafted.”

“Pat Clark and I have long envisioned bringing together fiber artists to share ideas and discuss the evolution of their work as they grow and learn,” said Jean Wells, founder of the Sister Outdoor Quilt Show. “Hosting this event in Sisters allows us the opportunity to learn, explore, and network with the vast array of fiber artists who are creatively influenced by environment, technology, aging, and evolving.”

Trisha Hassler, the keynote speaker of the event, explored her approach to evolution and growth and how she keeps her creative work from going stagnant. Hassler, a life-long artist, incorporates textiles and found objects in a wide variety of work. Her keynote talk focuses on the importance of inspiration, how to know where to go next, and how life-challenges present opportunities for new ways of working

Since childhood, Trisha has stitched, cut, and

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

Alateen Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen’s meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women’s meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

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., BBR community room. 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 OR Spinners and Weavers Guild 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library (Jan.-Oct.). 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 Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Ray’s Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

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 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 1st Wednesday, 5 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 Wednesday, 6:30 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., Station 602, 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at 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, 0 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.

