

ART: Free events bring town together on Friday

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interpret in a mind-boggling range of approach and media. This year’s theme is “Opening Doors.”

“It’s fun, family-friendly and exciting,” said SFF Creative Director Brad Tisdell. He particularly urges people to come out Friday afternoon to enjoy the free offerings.

“It’s an opportunity to get to know one another and celebrate the vibrancy of our community,” he said. “It’s fun, it’s connected, it’s dynamic.”

Friday’s events commence with a 4 p.m. parade on Hood Avenue, where youth and adults alike show off their interpretations of the spirit of the event. Students from all three Sisters public schools participate.

Donated artwork is displayed on Friday evening in participating businesses during the My Own Two Hands Art Stroll. Many stroll locations feature live music.

Bidding in the silent auction on the MOTH Common Canvas Art Project closes at 6 p.m. on Friday. Nineteen local artists took home a



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The Common Canvas project completes its silent auction on May 12.

custom-designed, miniature door frame and canvas and created an Opening Doors-themed piece of art. They’re on display at Sisters Art Works through the art stroll.

Friday’s festivities climax with a show at The Belfry at 7:30 p.m., featuring the roots/Americana/rockabilly/country/cowboy blues of Petunia and The Vipers. Petunia & The Vipers thrives on the challenge of adding Latin rhythms to a country blues tune, or gypsy flavoring to a rockabilly standard. They’ll get the crowd out on the hardwood.

On Saturday night, the art donated by dozens of Sisters-based and regional artists

will be auctioned at an art party at Ponderosa Forge and Ironworks, which has lent its industrial ambience to the event for over a decade. The art auction is sold out.

Proceeds from the week-end’s events — which annually raise tens of thousands of dollars — support the many programs of Sisters Folk Festival, which include the musical education outreach program The Americana Project; the high school luthier program, which teaches students woodworking skills and computer-assisted design (CAD); support for visual arts programs and more.

Kicker in the cards for Oregon taxpayers

SALEM (AP) — The strong economy is making it increasingly likely that Oregon’s kicker law will be triggered.

The *Register-Guard* reports that would send hundreds of millions of dollars back to taxpayers, even as lawmakers contemplate cutting services to plug a \$1.6 billion gap.

The kicker law was created in 1979 as a check on government growth. It’s triggered when the state collects at least 2 percent more than anticipated during a two-year budget cycle. When that happens, the additional money is kicked back to taxpayers.

Personal income tax revenues beat projections by \$208 million in the first three months of 2017. If that trend continues until the summer, the kicker will likely be triggered.

Oregon taxpayers last got their kicker in 2015, receiving an average refund of \$240. Before 2015, they had gone eight years without a rebate, due to the recession.

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A couple of geese and a couple of deer share meadow space at Indian Ford.

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