

# Quilt will help support Furry Friends

“This one was hard to let go,” Valerie Fercho-Tillery said of the quilt she has donated to raise funds for the Furry Friends Foundation.

It’s easy to see why the quilter grew particularly attached to the whimsical quilt featuring dogs and even a couple kitties engaged in all kinds of recreation. The color and detail are exceptional.

Entitled “Pets Just Wanna Have Fun,” this year’s originally designed quilt is truly a work of art.

For Fercho-Tillery, it’s more about the cause than it is about the quilt, so it now hangs at *The Nugget Newspaper* office, where it is up for grabs in the Furry Friends annual quilt drawing.



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Valerie Fercho-Tillery and Monica Rendon display “Pets Just Wanna Have Fun.”

to stock our two pet-food banks,” said Furry Friends Founder Kiki Dolson.

“I so appreciate Valerie’s dedication to Furry Friends. She’ll even be on hand Quilt Show Saturday to help sell the tickets,” said Dolson.

This is the fourth quilt crafted by the Sisters quilter, who moved here in 2013. She was inspired to take up the craft by a visit to the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show some 10 years ago. And she’s a dyed-in-the-wool animal lover. She volunteered at the Folsom Zoo in California for 29 years, and she and her husband are pet-parents to rescue dog C.J.

Furry Friends Foundation helps families in Sisters by maintaining two pet-food banks, providing assistance with emergency veterinarian bills, and sponsoring vaccinations, spay and neutering through Bend Spay & Neuter Clinic.

Tickets are available at [www.furryfriendsfoundation.org](http://www.furryfriendsfoundation.org) and at *The Nugget Newspaper* office. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or 25 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Labor Day, September 4. You need not be present to win, and the quilt can be shipped to the lucky winner.

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“This is one of biggest fundraisers each year. Last year’s quilt raised over \$2,000. That goes a long way

# Roundabout to serve as Central Oregon gateway

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

When the new roundabout at the Highway 20/Barclay/McKinney Butte intersection is completely finished, there will be native landscaping, lighting, and a singular piece of artwork in the center.

According to Abbey Driscoll, the Region 4 community liaison for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the artwork will denote the roundabout “as a gateway to the city of Sisters, the Central Oregon region, Deschutes National Forest, and the McKenzie Pass-Santiam Pass National Scenic Byway.”

She also said that the artwork will “reference the theme, ‘A Journey Through the Passes is a Journey Through a Land of Contrast,’ which is the theme of the Scenic Byway, and describes the unique natural environment of Sisters.”

Beginning last June, a process was undertaken by the Sisters Arts Association, Sisters Ranger District, City of Sisters, and ODOT to

acquire an appropriate piece of artwork to serve as the centerpiece of the roundabout. This process included securing funding, determining the selection committee and technical advisory committee members, writing the call for artists (RFP), and determining requirements for art on a state highway.

“Each partner has been instrumental in this process,” said Driscoll. “ODOT and the Sisters Ranger District (U.S. Forest Service) co-wrote the initial application for funding. The City took the lead in convening all partners, including Sisters Arts Association, on a monthly basis to write the call for artists and determine the final selection process.”

A nationwide call to artists is being launched on the CaFE for Artists website (CaFE = Call for Entry). The Sisters Arts Association and Sisters Ranger District will make up the art selection committee whose job will be to narrow down the field of submissions to eight

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