

LION KING: Sisters Fire Hall was venue for unique display

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Omodt spoke with a representative from Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabric in Minnesota and got the ball rolling.

"I asked them what they were doing the second week in July, and they weren't booked," Omodt told *The Nugget*. "I knew then I had to orchestrate it so Cherrywood fabrics could add SOQS to their traveling quilt exhibit schedule."

Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabric was created about 25 years ago by Dawn Hall, who started dyeing fabric in her basement and selling at quilt shows with her aunt. With the help of dedicated friends and employees the popularity of this unique fabric has grown and changed over the years.

Omodt contacted Jean Wells, Stitchin' Post owner and fiber artist, and SOQS Executive Director Jeanette Pilak.

"Jeanette gave me the green light for bringing the exhibit to the SOQS, and Jean said if I was going to host the collection I would need to dress up as a lion,"

Omodt said.

And one of Wells' staff members has a friend who was a costume maker who just happened to have a costume from one of the productions of the Lion King.

Omodt's next challenge was to find an indoor area to hang the exhibit.

"All of the 120 Lion King quilts are indoor quilts and not to be outside," explained Omodt. "I had to find a big enough space to display 120 feet or more of quilts."

Omodt realized that the community hall at the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire House would work.

"Thanks to Sisters Fire Chief Roger Johnson, we have the exhibit up in the community hall hanging on pop-up tent structures I invented to hang the quilts on," said Omodt.

"The variety of quilts are amazing; the creativity is inspiring and the workmanship is incredible. And the show was so much better than I thought it possibly could be. The variation of techniques in each quilt stunned people," he added.

Twenty of the quilts have been chosen by Disney to be displayed on Broadway for the 20th anniversary of *The Lion King* in 2018.

Start now to reap vegetables in fall

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CORVALLIS — As we settle in at the table of summer's harvest, savvy gardeners pause long enough to consider the coming season.

"Most folks are familiar with and love summer vegetables, but if you want to maximize your food and nutrition, then growing fall crops is a great strategy," said Weston Miller, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service.

The window of opportunity for planting those crops is short — as daylight decreases, it becomes harder and harder to hit it right. So, begin now to tuck seeds or transplants into the soil.

"Yes, it is hot and it might seem counterintuitive to plant now, but if you want to harvest in fall, it's got to be now," Miller said. "You just have to take steps to mitigate the heat."

Plant in morning or evening and make sure to monitor the soil closely so it doesn't dry out. Water daily, twice if it's especially hot. Concentrate your efforts on the top couple of inches of soil where seeds are germinating

and the small root systems of new plants are getting off to a start.

If the weather turns scorching hot, you may have to resort to shade cloth or Reemay, a very lightweight fabric that allows light and water through but helps keep plants from burning. Some crops like carrots, beets and direct-seeded greens don't mind having the cloth placed right on top; bigger crops like broccoli and peppers might appreciate having it propped up on the same type of wire or plastic hoops used to make cloches or cold frames.

As you get ready to plant, add about half-an-inch of compost and some organic fertilizer to the soil. Both break down faster in the heat of summer soil than in cooler months and make nutrients available quicker than usual, Miller said. After planting, use a water-soluble fertilizer like fish emulsion on the transplants to get them well established.

Whether to plant seeds or transplants depends on the crop and, to some extent, how you're going to use it. Plants that do best directly seeded include carrots, parsnips, beets, radish, mustard

and arugula. Many crops like kale, chard and lettuce can be sown heavily for "cut and come again" greens. Cut the greens above the crown of the plant when the leaves reach 4 to 6 inches. You can get two to three cuttings if you give them plenty of water and some fish emulsion after each cutting.

All other crops can and should be transplanted for best success. Look for high-quality plants that aren't root-bound, stunted or off-color.

Once you get the new plants in the ground, weed once a week for four weeks to keep weeds from competing for water and nutrients.

Miller recommends allocating half of your garden space for typical summer crops like tomatoes, beans and cucumbers and the other half for cool season crops like kale, scallions, carrots, beets and lettuce. "That will give you the most from your garden," he said.

For more information on extended-season vegetable gardening, refer to these Extension publications: *Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest* and *Growing Your Own*.

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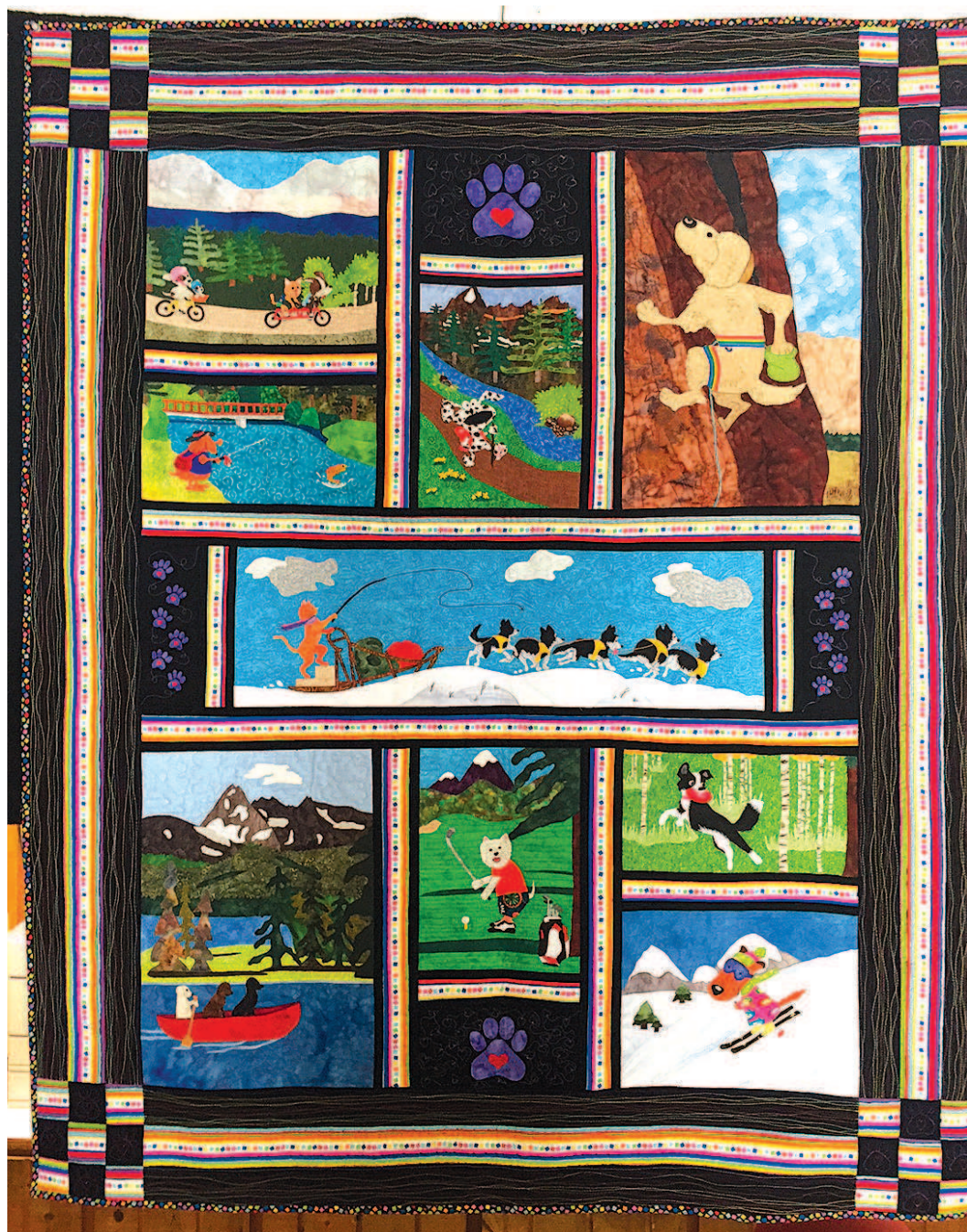
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