

# School supplies drive gets underway

Summer may be at its height — but the school year is just a few weeks away.

It's time for the Back to School-School Supply Drive at Sisters Les Schwab Tire Center. Community members can drop off new school supplies during regular business hours and help students in need begin the school year well equipped for a successful year. Les Schwab Tire Center is located at 600 W. Hood Ave. and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following new school supply items are needed:

- 1-1/2-inch three-ring binders, notebook dividers, college- and wide-ruled notebook paper and spiral notebooks.
- 3x5 and 4x6 index cards.
- College-ruled and wide-ruled composition notebooks.
- Wooden rulers with inches and centimeters (no plastic rulers).

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## STUDIO TOUR: Many local artists featured in event

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sculpture and painting); Caroline Stratton Crow (watercolor and sculpture); Jan Daggett (jewelry); Michelle and Mitch Deaderick (pottery); Linda Hanson (painting and photography); Sandy Melchiori (painting); Ken Merrill (pottery); Randall Tillery (painting); and Susie Zeitner (glass art).

"I'm delighted to be a part of this tour," said Hanson. "I haven't done one of these in a long time," she said. "My home is my studio — and I've spent a lot of time getting it ready, so I hope people come." Both Hanson and Tillery remarked on the success of home studio tours when they each lived in California. "Every year, it got better," Tillery said, referring to both sales and participation by the artists and the public.

"My two areas of interest and specialty are portraiture and wildlife," said Berryman, "and I'll have a couple of pieces in progress as well as some completed ones. I do both commissions and non-commissioned pieces."

Melchiori, a long-time Sisters resident, said "My paintings are described as

active, with a high energy of broad exciting brushstrokes of saturated color. I love to paint and have, since I was 10 years old." Her studio sits just outside her home and in her garden, which is a stunning example of her landscape design

A stunning sculpture by Gary Cooley.

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business, Response to Nature.

Veteran Sisters artists Ken Merrill and Michelle Deaderick, both potters, said that open studio tours have worked very well here years ago, and they are working hard to reposition this event as an annual, or even semi-annual event, in

Sisters.

"If people want to get their hands on some clay, Mitch (Deaderick) will help them with throwing pots, and I will have slabs of clay for them to work with," said Michelle Deaderick. It's part of the "up close and

personal" nature of the tour that will be fun for all ages.

Some studios — like Cooley's — are compact: his is tucked into the back of The Collection Gallery, while others — like Zeitner's Z Glass Art — take up a large addition to her home. Merrill has developed an increasingly large studio connected to his Canyon Creek Pottery gallery. Stratton Crow creates art at her kitchen table, but oh, what a view she has.

Seven of the 12 participating artists are in Sisters, and the remaining studios are within easy driving distance. This is a self-guided tour. All you need is a map to the studios. You can pick one up at Hood Avenue Art, The Collection Gallery, Clearwater Gallery, Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop, Paulina Springs Books, Raven Makes Gallery, or the Chamber of Commerce.

There is no charge for the tour, but there will be donation boxes at each location, to support the arts in Sisters.

Colorful blue, white and red signs will be posted along the roadside directing visitors on the day of the tour. More information, including artists' profiles and photographs of their work, is available at the SAA website, [www.sistersarts.org/studio-tour](http://www.sistersarts.org/studio-tour).



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SISTERS ARTS ASSOCIATION

*Come celebrate our artistic community!*  
**Sat., July 29**  
10 AM to 5 PM

We invite you on a self-guided tour to visit the studios of painters, sculptors, potters, glass artist and more!

*Look for the white, blue, and red signs!*

**Maps available at the following locations:**  
Hood Avenue Art • Clearwater Gallery  
Gary Cooley Collection Gallery  
Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop  
Paulina Springs Books • The Jewell  
Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce  
Raven Makes Gallery

**Featured artists include:**  
Paul Alan Bennett • Clarke Berryman  
JoAnn Burgess • Gary Cooley • Caroline Stratton Crow  
Randall Tillery • Michelle Deaderick • Linda Hanson  
Sandy Melchiori • Ken Merrill • Jan Daggett • Susie Zeitner

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