

C O M M U N I T Y

Painted rocks project rolls out in Sisters

By Erin Borla
Correspondent

Calling artists and creative types of all ages — Sisters Rocks!

The Nugget Newspaper is inviting the public to create hand-painted rocks to hide in all sorts of fun places throughout Sisters Country.

Visitors and locals alike are invited to create their own rocks and hunt for other hidden treasures. Once rocks are found, snap a picture and post it on the Sisters Rocks Facebook page, then re-hide

the rock.

The Nugget Newspaper, who is behind the campaign, worked to create a few rocks to start off the project. Each of the initial rocks have an eclipse theme and are hidden in places throughout Sisters Country.

“Everyone can do this project, they don’t have to be an artist,” said Jess Draper, graphic designer for *The Nugget*. “They don’t have to be on Facebook.”

The rules are simple:

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Roper Cowboy by Wendy Birnbaum is featured at the Sisters Library.

A mystery pigeon in Sisters

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

One day last week, Ann Richardson’s husband, Clyde, was just coming into the house out on Whychus Creek when a large flock of rock doves went flashing by his place. When he looked again, there was a strange pigeon perched over a doorway to his house. When he went in for a closer look, the bird didn’t fly off, but allowed him to get close enough that he could see a black band with the number 15 on one leg.

What do you do when a pigeon, looking like a domesticated rock dove, or “Homer” drops in on you? That’s what Ann and Clyde are wondering.

There’s really nothing special about the pigeon; it has that same old pigeon appearance, with a bit more dappled gray head feathers than some, a little less black here and there, a dark band on the tail, a little more gray here and there. And to let us know it’s “domestic,” and not wild, it has a small black

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Library showcases local photographer

By Helen Schmidling
Correspondent

When Wendy Birnbaum was tooling around Ireland one day, a total stranger tapped her on the shoulder and said, “I love your sweater! I knit it.”

She’d purchased the Kelly-green sweater several days previously in a shop in the town of Doolin. The sweater’s knitter was named John, one of two brothers who own the Glencoe Woolen Mill Shop in the town of Glencolmcille, County Donegal. She then visited John’s shop, where she was so taken with the spools of hand-dyed yarn that she preserved the scene in a photograph — one of many Birnbaum

photographs on display this month in the Computer Room of the Sisters Library.

“I aspired to become a photojournalist at the age of 12,” Birnbaum said.

Although she eventually became an attorney, she maintained her interest in the magic of photography throughout her life. She studied photography during the 1990s at Orange Coast College in Southern California, honing her skills in the creative art of seeing, and the visualization necessary to creative photography.

Birnbaum has found the joy and thrill of photographing horses, capturing their movement and grace through the lens of her camera. She made a special trip

to photograph horses and riders against the early-morning and late-afternoon sun on the hills of the Central California coast near Paso Robles. Then she wrestled with how best to display these photographs — as framed prints, or on canvas? She discovered that the golden tones of the sunlight and dust are most dramatic when printed on metal, and then mounted off-center on rusted and distressed steel. Some of these photographs are further enhanced with a three-dimensional application of kiln-fired black glass rods and frit. Wendy worked with Sisters glass artist Susie Zeitner on this technique.

More of her horse

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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 541-719-1230.

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 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.

Sisters Walking Group Fridays, 10 a.m. at Village Green Park. All are welcome to come walk! 541-410-9245.

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.

