C O M M U N I T Y

Show celebrates region's artists

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Art enthusiasts browsed through an eclectic display of fine art Friday evening at the juried art show and silent auction that kicked off the 22nd Country Fair, held at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

Patrons mingled with the artists while tasting wine and munching on hors d'oeuvres. Guests enthusiastically bid on items that showcased the entryway that lead into the art show. The auction — with

items donated by artists and local businesses — was run by Jennifer Rambo.

"It's going really well for my first year here. I'm really excited about all the donations," Rambo said. "We have more donations this year, totaling 149 items for the two auctions tonight and two tomorrow. A lot of the parishioners have also brought in donations for the auction."

This year the selected juror was pastel artist JoAnn Burgess, a partner/owner at

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The Canoe Dance performed by members of the Halau (Hula) Uhane dance group based in Redmond.

Luau brings Hawaiian spirit to Sisters

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Last Thursday evening dark clouds congregated over Sisters, creating a tropical island flavor for the 4th annual Hawaiian Luau presented by Sisters Park & Recreation District and the Rotary Club of Sisters.

The Village Green blossomed into an island paradise with traditional luau décor, including tiki torches. And the aroma of authentic cuisine filled the air as over 300 guests gathered to have an authentic Hawaiian meal with entertainment featuring traditional Polynesian dance and music.

The event is a fundraiser for the Sisters Park & Recreation District senior scholarship program.

Hundreds of folks spread out on the Village Green lawn munching on their traditional luau meal of kalua pig, lomi lomi salmon, sticky rice, coconut cream cake, and passion fruit juice.

Sisters Ukelele Group, instructed by Peggy Tehan, kicked off the first set with more than 20 students playing their ukuleles, including new Sisters resident Carolyn Loving.

"We just moved here from the Portland area," Loving told *The Nugget*. "This is so much fun, and I've been playing the ukulele for 10 years."

Margery Guthrie waited on the food line with friends.

"This is my first time here and I'm happy about that," Guthrie said. "I used to be in Shannon's exercise class. And have danced the hula since I was 12 years old and was even in talent shows."

Shannon Mokuahi Rackowski, SPRD's adult program coordinator and hula workshop instructor, was born and raised on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, and has performed the hula dance since she was 5 years old.

Rackowski dedicated this year's luau to Roland Cazimero, a guitarist and singer, who passed away in July. He helped in the evolution of modern Hawaiian music, primarily as one-half of The Brothers Cazimero.

"Roland has a twin sister, Kanoe, who was my hula sister," Rackowski said. "I was a part of this family for over 40 years."

Michael Dane, from Hilo, Hawaii, was this year's featured guest at the luau. He was also a key part of the cultural movement in the evolution of modern Hawaiian music.

One of eight children from a musical family, he played all around the Hawaiian Islands

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Locals will walk to defeat ALS

Local residents will participate in a walk to defeat ALS on September 9 in Bend. The members of Team Hull Hustlers enthusiastically welcome anyone who wants to join in the walk or donate funds to the walkers.

The team formed three years ago after Carmen Hull was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Funds raised from the walk are dedicated to ALS (amylotrophic lateral sclerosis) research worldwide and to the local Central Oregon ALS Association. The association provides many services

for local ALS patients.

"ALS is a disease that I call the great take-away," said Allen Hull, widower of Carmen, who succumbed to the disease last spring. "In this untreatable, progressive and fatal neurological disease, some function of that person's body is taken away every day, some ability is gone."

There have been four known cases of ALS in the Sisters community, with two losses in the last year. In Central Oregon there average

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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 / 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 Plac 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.

