

# COMMUNITY

## Celebrating Art at the Ranch

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Black Butte Ranch Art Guild has been supporting art in Sisters schools with scholarships from the proceeds of the annual Art at the Ranch show for over three decades. Last Friday evening, the guild held its annual artist reception and silent auction at the Black Butte Ranch Lodge Brooks Room, where guests mingled with artists and bid on their works in a fundraising silent auction.

However, due to the

unhealthy air quality forecasted for last weekend, the outdoor art fair scheduled for Saturday was cancelled.

Art at the Ranch has included paintings, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, wood crafts, fiber arts and more. And board member Lynda Sullivan, in charge of scholarships, remembers when it was just a group of women appreciating art.

"We started the art guild in the late 1980s," Sullivan told *The Nugget*. "Back then the

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Patrons checked out the wares of The Cuddly Pitchfork at last weekend's Sisters Fall Street Festival.

## Art quilts on display at Sisters Library

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Art quilting is a unique way to express creativity and explore new methods of quilting. Rather than crafting a quilt using traditional patterns, the art quilt comes in many forms and is often inspired by the experiences, imagery, and ideas of the artist.

Two local quilters, Sharon Carvahlo and Torrie Gordon, have created a variety of art quilts reflecting their personal experiences and individual processes. The quilts

are hanging in the computer room at the Sisters Library, as part of the September Friends of the Sisters Library art exhibit.

Carvahlo chose Sisters as the place to retire to be close to her daughter who lives in Bend, and she thought Sisters would be "a great place to explore my art." Prior to moving to Sisters, she lived in Virginia and worked as a writer and editor for a variety of government agencies in Washington D.C. She originally came from the San

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## Fall festival beats smoky weekend

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The smoky conditions on Saturday didn't stop folks from getting out to browse through the 10th annual Sisters Fall Street Festival that lined Oak Street and Main Avenue with a bright blend of eclectic merchandise from some 47 vendors.

Each year the festival gives folks that last chance to savor the final days of summer.

The festival featured unique showcases of hand-crafted arts and crafts. From rake birdfeeders to hand-designed jewelry, there was something for everyone.

Vendor Karla Piatt from Netarts has been selling her

uniquely creative fused-glass art, Fusion, at shows for six years. She has three kilns in her studio that run almost continuously on weekends.

"Each design is made of one piece of fused glass that I personally design and hand-cut. I melt all the curves together to form whatever shape I'm interested in," Piatt said. "I add decorations and then it is mounted onto a reinforced designed canvas. But this year I've added my fused glass to wood panels. I wire it through, but you can barely notice."

Bendistillery joined the festival with a long table of Crater Lake Spirits for the tasting.

"We are giving samples of

fused vodka, gin and whiskeys today and we carry sample packs, great for stocking-stuffers," said Oregon sales manager Amy Saxton.

Jim Spiegel from Albany has been a woodcraftsman for over 20 years. His lamps are made from Juniper and the crowd favorite, a fishing rod holder, is also made of juniper.

"I also make utility boxes made out of pine and bird houses," Spiegel said.

First-time vendor Eric Moberg and his wife, Patty, featured recycled and weathered wood from their thriving business, Bend Cottage Furniture.

"I design all kinds of

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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.

