

MOTH: Event supports folk festival's programs

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Frank Deggendorfer, receiving the Spirit of Giving Award for their support of Sisters Folk Festival over the years and their generosity toward building an arts-based culture and economy in Sisters. Steve Mathews, artist, arts advocate, generous MOTH donor and guiding hand for young artists is awarded the Ben Westlund Advocate for the Arts Award. The "Take Flight" Theme Award goes to Dan Rickards for "Final Approach." Awards of Merit were given to Helen Brown, Clifford Scharf and Carol Grigg. Caroline Stratton received the Americana Folk Award and Moriah Jones, Sisters High School senior, was honored with the inaugural Pamela Hulse Andrews Student Achievement Award.

New this year is the "Community Choice Award," which will be given to one of the artists whose donation is entered in the MOTH silent auction. Select up to three of your favorites for the award, and if you can't make it to the art stroll, you can view the silent-auction donations on the website, where you'll find a link to submit your vote.

Voting will continue through the MOTH Art Stroll on May 11 and the winner will be announced at the auction.

This year's Common Canvas project is inspired by the continuation of the art installation on the elementary school fence under the guidance of artist Laura Campbell (*see story, page 8*). "Alpine to Desert" will feature hundreds of art pieces depicting the flora and fauna of the high desert, including many species of birds. For this year's Common Canvas project, local artists applied their talents to 11 of those birds which are on display and available for bidding at Sisters Art Works. The silent auction on these 11 pieces is open to the public. The bidding closes at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11.

Tickets to the Saturday, May 12 auction at Ponderosa Forge are limited. For ticket information, contact SFF Development Director Steven Remington at 541-588-7063.

Proxy bidding is available for the Common Canvas and live and silent auction artwork. To view all the donated artwork and for more information about proxy bidding, My Own Two Hands, Common Canvas, Community Choice Award voting and the arts and music programs of Sisters Folk Festival, visit www.sistersfolk.org or call 541-549-4979, ext. 1.

RENTALS: Public may testify at hearings in May and June

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short-term rentals at the last City Council meeting, the Planning Commission has received no direction from the City Council to modify the draft proposal.

Section 2.15.2700 of the City Development Code relates to STRs, previously referred to as Vacation Rentals. "The purpose of this section is to protect the character of the city's residential neighborhoods by limiting and regulating short-term rental of dwelling units," according to the new Special Provisions chapter.

If adopted by the City Council, certain provisions will apply to all STRs, which are defined as "the use of a dwelling unit or any portion of a dwelling unit by any person or group of persons entitled to occupy for rent for a period of less than 30 consecutive days." This doesn't include bed and breakfast inns, hotels, and motels.

Owners of STR properties will need to apply for an STR permit as well as an STR operating license. A permit will be required for each dwelling unit even if located on the same legal lot.

STRs are allowed in residential, multi-family residential, downtown commercial, highway commercial, urban area reserve (UAR), and Sun Ranch residential districts.

STRs within residential zoning districts would be limited to a maximum of eight percent of the total residential units within the city limits, which at this time is about 1,300 units. STRs within commercial zoning districts and North Sisters Business Park will be exempt from the eight percent maximum.

No recreational vehicle, travel trailer, or other temporary shelter could be inhabited in conjunction with an STR.

Any STR application submitted after the effective date of the revised ordinance will be specific to the owner of the dwelling unit or owner-authorized buyer for which the permit is issued. In other words, the STR permit will not run with the land, and upon sale or transfer of the property, the STR permit will be void. The exception to that provision has to do with a surviving spouse or children for their lifetime.

Any STR approved and legally permitted under the old 2013 Development Code, or prior to February 2013, may continue as a legal non-conforming use provided the

use of the property as an STR is not abandoned and the annual license is renewed. Failure to obtain and/or maintain the STR operating annual license, failure to pay transient room tax, and non-use as a rental would be considered abandonment of use.

For STRs in residential zoning districts and in the UAR, a written notice of decision regarding issuance of the permit will be mailed to all neighboring properties within 100 feet of the site (and others requesting notification) within five days after the City signs the decision.

If three or more code violations related to the use of the STR, verified by the City, have occurred on the property containing the STR within a period of 12 consecutive months, the City may revoke the STR permit.

The proposed timeline for formal review and adoption of the STR ordinance includes: May 17 — Planning Commission hearing and recommendation to City Council; June 27 — City Council hearing and adoption; and July 27 — effective date of the ordinance amendments. The public may testify in person at the public hearings or may send written comment prior to the hearing to City Recorder Kerry Prosser, kprosser@ci.sisters.or.us.



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