

Community quilt earns honors

The Sisters Community Visioning Quilt showcased local values to a broader Central Oregon audience and, in the process, brought home a blue ribbon. The quilt—which features more than 180 comments written by local residents—garnered a first-place award at this month's Deschutes County Fair.

This spring residents expressed their local values and their hopes for Sisters on quilt squares as part of the local visioning effort—Sisters Country Horizons. The squares were collected and assembled into the quilt as a “community through arts” project led by Citizens4Community and the East of the Cascades Quilters. Lead quilters on the project were Diane Tolzman and Gilda Hunt. Other quilters who worked with C4C on this joint project were: CeCe Montgomery, Janet Roshak, June Jaeger, Sue Olsen, Janet Storton, Jill Miller, Nancy Frazeur, Susan Cobb, Jerry Lindstrom and Joan Santoro.

The quilt made its debut at the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and has been “on tour” this summer. During the fair's five-day run at the beginning of August, the quilt again



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The Sisters Community Visioning Quilt earned a blue ribbon at the Deschutes County Fair.

enjoyed an audience of thousands and earned top honors in the category of quilts created by three or more people.

“I love the fact that people from throughout Central Oregon and beyond have gotten to see what a special place Sisters is by reading the inspiring sentiments on the

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quilt,” Tolzman said.

Now back home in Sisters, the quilt continued its tour at the “Footloose at the Fire Hall” dance. The quilt also will go on display at the Sisters Library soon.

“A reflection of Sisters' values, the quilt is meant to be a true community asset,” said Amy Burgstahler of C4C.

Area businesses or organizations interested in displaying it can contact her at aburgstahler@bendbroadband.com. A website dedicated to the quilt's story—and featuring the comments on the quilt—has been created at www.citizens4community.com.

Black Butte Ranch to host festival of the arts

Sisters' rich arts community will be showcased on Labor Day weekend in Art at the Ranch, presented by Black Butte Ranch Association and Black Butte Ranch Art Guild August 31 and September 1.

The event kicks off Friday evening, August 31, with an artists' reception and silent auction at BBR Lodge, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. On display in the Lodge will be works of several artists featured in the next day's art fair. Coyote Willow will perform.

Saturday's art fair on the Lakeside Promenade runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring a wide variety of Northwest artists and crafters displaying their work. A children's art workshop directed by Megan Phallon will be available for \$15 per person. Canvas and supplies provided. Ages 5-7 will be scheduled at 1 to 2 p.m. and ages 8-12 at 2 to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call the BBR Lakeside Activity Center to register: 541-595-1282.

Live music will provide a festive mood for the day, featuring The Anvil Blasters, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Honey

Don't from 1 to 4 p.m.

The annual Plein Air Paint Out will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Artists will be creating their own works of art right before the eyes of the public. People's Choice Award will be announced at 2 p.m.

Paul Alan Bennett will present several pieces for the show. Bennett's work focuses on his most recent subject matter of constellations. Bennett has always been fascinated with the night sky. Now he is expressing that amazement in his art.

Paintings will be available for sale at the art show, with 20 percent of proceeds going to the Black Butte Ranch Art Guild's scholarship and community outreach funds.

The Guild provides significant scholarships for Sisters High School graduates. This last spring, two \$5,000 scholarship were awarded. Funds raised through the event also support Sisters School District visual arts programs.

Artisans from throughout the Northwest will be featured in the Lodge Gallery throughout August. Stop by the Lodge and preview the artwork.

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