

Weaving as Art on display at library

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This month, the Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers' annual exhibit is hanging in the Community Room of Sisters Library, where color and texture take center stage.

Plaid is featured in a group of scarves and a pillow. A close-up view reveals the variety of shadings and the regularity of pattern needed to make plaid, whether it's black-and-white, green-and-red, or multi-colored. A well-defined grid of dark and light is a must, and errors of judgment will show.

A wall display of table runners shows repeating patterns in stripes, squares, diamonds and other design elements. The runners and the plaids are the result of intensive workshops put on by and for Guild members.

Guild member Karen Dodson hung samples of her hand-spun BF Leicester and silk yarn, with which she created a lovely red-and-brown fringed scarf. Below this are a cotton chenille scarf by Patty Lleuallen, and a tencel scarf by Cathy Paxton. Kathy Keller's cotton and soy silk shawl collar, in shades of beige and red, further demonstrates the texture obtainable

by combining yarn types.

Much of this work began life as animals: alpacas, llamas, goats, and sheep, who yield their luscious coats to shearing. The piles of sheared wool are then sent to be cleaned, then carded, which involves turning the clean wool into fluffy bats or strands called roving. Then it's dyed into luscious colors, ready to be spun into yarn. One strand is called a ply, but often two or many strands or plies of wool are spun together to yield a stronger or a bulkier yarn.

Weaving involves the careful placement of multiple strands of yarn on a loom to create a simple color or a complex design in the cloth fabric. Experienced weavers make it look easy, but the proper placement of each strand and color of yarn is crucial to the final product.

Another method of dealing with the fiber is felting, which involves manipulating the soft roving into shapes causing the animal fibers to bind one-to-another. Then, of course, there is knitting or crocheting, which turn spun yarn into garments and accessories galore.

The Spinners and Weavers Guild has created a video called "From Fiber to Fabric" that shows the process. Find it

on their website, weave-spin-centraloregon.org. The Guild is open to new members. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at Highland Baptist Church in Redmond, and the fourth Saturday of each month at the Sisters Library. There are educational programs, workshops, and retreats, regional and national conferences, publications, exhibits and sales, study groups, and even equipment rentals. Anyone may join.

Some of the work hanging on the walls is available for sale; those interested may complete one of the sales sheets on the small table as you enter the Computer Room.

Following the Sisters Library exhibit, the Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers will hold a Holiday Show and Sale on Saturday, November 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Environmental Center, 16 NW Kansas St. in downtown Bend.

Library exhibits are sponsored and organized by the Art Committee of the Friends of Sisters Library (FOSL) and a small portion of sales revenues goes to support the library. Stay tuned, as next month features the start of the annual library exhibit, open to all artists in the area.

Boys soccer squad loses two

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The boys soccer squad dropped their game 2-3 at home against Cascade on October 2, and two days later suffered a 10-0 shut-out on the road against Woodburn.

Cascade scored off a penalty kick (PK) about 25 minutes into Tuesday's contest to take a 1-0 lead. Ten minutes later, the Outlaws evened the score. Dalton Gonzales hooked a ball in, and the ball was deflected up. Ricky Huffman was there and headed a nice ball into the back of the goal. At the half, it was a tie game at 1-1.

The second half started off just like the first half. Cascade

scored off a PK about 10 minutes in. Sisters responded a few minutes later. Skyler Larson was tackled in the box, and Colby Simeral converted on the PK to tie it up again.

Cascade scored their winning goal off a cross at the 69-minute mark, and the Outlaws suffered the loss.

Coach Rob Jensen said, "We had some good opportunities to tie it back up, but just couldn't convert."

The Outlaws were simply outmatched in their contest at Woodburn two days later, and Jensen told *The Nugget* that Woodburn has a great squad and should win the State Championship.

Sisters will host Philomath on Wednesday, October 10.



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A selection of table runners that evoke the art of weaving. They're on display at Sisters Library.

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