

Harvest Faire celebrates the arts

Sisters is an arts town — and the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Sisters Harvest Faire is set to celebrate that status.

The Harvest Faire runs Saturday and Sunday, October 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The event is located on Main Avenue one block north of Cascade Avenue next to Fir Street Park.

Art takes many forms, and Sisters Harvest Faire touches on many of them. Fir Street Park will be filled with music from two of Central Oregon’s favorite performers. On Saturday, the venue features Dry Canyon Stampede.

Dry Canyon Stampede is a

seven-piece country and western dance band. Their members hail from all over the Central Oregon area, including Sisters. Featuring a stage-full of talented and experienced musicians and four vocalists affords the band the flexibility to perform a wide array of country music styles — classics to contemporary with a blend of rockin’ rhythms and moving ballads.

On Sunday, Bill Keale will transport the Harvest Faire crowd to Hawaii with his vast repertoire of songs of the islands.

From his early introduction into Hawaiian music, slack key guitar, pop and folk, Bill

Keale developed a smooth vocal style that has made him a favorite in Sisters and across the region. His unique guitar styling and vocals are a reflection of his approachable and personable interpretation of Aloha.

Over 150 juried artisan vendors will be present at the Harvest Faire selling quality handcrafted items including pottery, metal art, photography, painting, jewelry, clothing, furniture, home décor, specialty foods and more.

For years people from all over Oregon and the Northwest have converged on Sisters to celebrate the changing season with this festival of handmade artisan goods and delicious food. While Sisters recognizes that it’s still autumn and not even Halloween, much less Thanksgiving, artists and organizers understand that the Sisters Harvest Faire has become a destination for people who want to get a jump on their Christmas shopping with unique, hand-crafted items that can’t be found just anywhere or ordered up online.

They promise not to make a scene about it if you don’t.

“The Sisters Harvest Faire is a great place to find all of those one-of-a-kind handmade



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Enjoying the 2016 Harvest Faire with her grandma, Hannah Winder admires some wooden animal art.

items that aren’t available in stores, and it’s the perfect reason to visit Sisters,” said Jeri Buckmann, events director for the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber also invites festival visitors to meander through the shops and galleries of downtown Sisters. Across town and not affiliated with the Harvest Faire itself, legendary wildlife and landscape painter Dan Rickards will observe a tradition of his own.

Dan and Julia Rickards invite the public to visit their Clearwater Gallery at 303 W. Hood Ave. on Saturday, October 13 at 10 a.m., where they will give away a complimentary print of Dan’s newest painting to the first 150 people

who turn out.

Dan Rickards will be at the gallery on Saturday at 10 a.m. to individually sign each print until they have all been given away. Limit one per family. Clearwater Gallery will be offering special framing package pricing and a limited giclée edition on canvas in conjunction with the new release.

The painting is entitled “Green Ridge Trail.”

Many people from across the Pacific Northwest have made it a tradition to come to Sisters for this weekend, where they can indulge their taste for music, the culinary arts and a wide range of the arts and crafts that have made Sisters an arts hub of Central Oregon.



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Shoppers check out the wares at one of booths that lined Main Avenue.

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