

C O M M U N I T Y

Final 'Open Studios' finishes Caldera season

By T. Lee Brown
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March artist residencies at Caldera were hampered by late-season snowfall. Still, seven artists made it to Central Oregon for their residencies. Working in film, literature, photography, and other media, they will share artwork, readings, and conversation during Open Studios this Saturday.

Back home in Oakland, California, Alex Martinez fits her studio practice around her teaching schedule. At

Caldera, she can work all day. "After breakfast in my cabin, I set out for Campbell Studio where I work 'til sunset, stopping for lunch and dancing breaks," she told *The Nugget*.

"It's hard to describe the quiet and soft that is Caldera," Martinez said. "The remote location, isolation, artist community and full autonomy is my ideal balance for delving into and catalyzing new work."

She describes herself

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Oregon's Poet Laureate Kim Stafford will visit Sisters for a free event focusing on history and art on April 8.

Melting snow delivers lawn, health headaches

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As long-term snow melts, an intricate web creeps across Sisters and our surrounding forest. It looks like filaments of cobweb or tufts of dog hair, etched across lawns, leaves, and pine needles.

For some, it's a lawn maintenance nuisance. For others, it's a source of misery: snow mold.

"Often times people will think, 'I get a cold every spring.' It is actually more their allergies," Dr. Stephanie Fox told CBS News. The

Minnesota-based allergy and asthma clinician said it's possible to develop allergies even if you've never had them before.

Snow mold causes typical respiratory symptoms like sniffing, sneezing, throat-clearing, and runny nose, according to Lilly Byrtus of the Allergy Asthma Information Association.

"Some people will get itchy, watery eyes or ears, or a sore throat. Then it goes into the lower respiratory system and causes wheezing or

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Poet Laureate to visit Sisters

By Sue Stafford
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Oregon's Poet Laureate will visit Sisters next month.

"Confluence," an evening with Kim Stafford, Oregon's ninth Poet Laureate, will take place Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m., at FivePine Conference Center.

Stafford, founding director of the Northwest Writing Institute at Lewis and Clark College, has been teaching writing since 1979. Governor Kate Brown named him Poet Laureate in May 2018 for a two-year term. He travels the state to meet with students, teachers, writers and readers to help with academic literacy through language, and emotional literacy through

poetry. By sharing the power of poetry, he helps communities become more curious about their own stories.

Three Sisters Historical Society, Sisters Arts Association, and the Friends of William Stafford are collaborating to present the evening, which gave rise to the evening's title — the melding of art and history. Stafford will artfully merge a lifetime of history, art, poetry, stories, and music from his own personal archive in a confluence of "Sisters Memories."

Happy days were spent at the family cabin on the edge of Indian Ford Meadow, and memories of those years will lace the evening with a weave of creative reflection, bringing to life those memories.

Stafford's sister, Kit, lives in Sisters and taught art in the Sisters School District. Kit and Kim's father, William, also taught at Lewis and Clark College and also served as Oregon's Poet Laureate. Kit recalls trips in the family station wagon searching for arrowheads around Central Oregon. Her dad was expert at finding them when no one else could.

Stafford is the author of a dozen books of poetry and prose, including "The Muses Among Us: Eloquent Listening and Other Pleasures of the Writer's Craft" and "A Thousand Friends of Rain: New and Selected Poems." His most recent books are

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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.

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.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group 1st Tuesday, noon, Sisters City Hall. 800-272-3900.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

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. www.sistersfol.com.

Go Fish Fishing Group 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

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. 541-549-6469.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Family Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room. 503-930-6158.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

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 Tues., 10:30 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 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 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.

Sisters Parkinson's Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sisters Community Church. 907-687-8101 or 541-668-6599.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-760-5645.

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.

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 Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters Community Church. 541-602-2654.

SCHOOLS **Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX office. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

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 & 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 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 Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. 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 Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to lisa@nuggetnews.com