

C O M M U N I T Y

Woodpecker Festival coming to Sisters

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

On April 1 registration will be open for The East Cascades Audubon Society's (ECAS) premier birding event, which will be held in Sisters: the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival. The event itself will be running from May 30 to June 2.

People from all over the world take in this event because they'll have the choice of 20 guided tours in four days. They'll have the opportunity to see all 11

species of woodpeckers in the Sisters and Central Oregon region, and also potentially to observe 200 additional birds of the area.

That's what makes the festival so wonderful for both experienced and novice birders.

A few years back a couple arrived in Sisters from France who were more than serious birders; they wanted to see the woodpecker of Sisters, the white-headed. The thousands of dollars they spent getting

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER

SFF Creative Director Brad Tisdell and artist Dennis McGregor celebrated the unveiling of the 2019 poster.

Sisters can sign up for Earth Day cleanup

By Sue Stafford
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Registration is now open for everyone wishing to participate in this year's Earth Day Community Cleanup set for Saturday, April 20, 8 a.m. to noon.

Necessary supplies will be provided again this year by SOLVE, including trash bags, sharps containers, gloves and vests. Registration will help ensure there are sufficient supplies to give out to everyone.

The purpose of the cleanup day is twofold. The

first is to bring the community together for a common goal of combatting an ongoing trash problem. The other is to educate the citizens of Sisters, including children, on the global volunteering event that is Earth Day.

Besides showing up as a registered group or individual at Sisters Park and Recreation District at 8 a.m. on April 20, local businesses can participate by encouraging employees to cleanup around their property and along roadways. Sponsored

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2019 Folk Festival poster unveiled

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Music and art enthusiasts gathered at Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop last week for the official unveiling of the 2019 Sisters Folk Festival poster featuring the original artwork of Dennis McGregor, local artist, singer/songwriter, and author.

This is the 19th year that McGregor has been commissioned to paint original artwork for the annual SFF poster that attracts thousands of people to the three-day event.

Around 6 p.m. the poster was revealed, and folks couldn't have been more

thrilled when they gazed upon "Ripples," artwork depicting a man in a canoe holding a guitar in a bright blue lake as ripples expand across the water.

McGregor said, "Like all projects it starts with a blank canvas. And this year my first thought about the poster was what's not like fire, and I thought of water, and I thought about someone relaxing in a canoe with a guitar. That seemed to resonate and feel pretty good to me. Then I thought about Blue Lake and Caldera, the home of our songwriting camp, so I painted Blue Lake with Caldera in the background."

"It's an amazing place

where lives are affected and influenced, and there's an inspiration factor that happens out there and it ripples out and radiates and touches the lives of many, many people."

McGregor set the tone for the 2019 festival with the poster by capturing the spirit of the event and the role of SFF in the community.

Helen Schmidling, Sisters Art Association founder and evening co-host, noted, "It's a refreshing change. But Dennis always comes up with something new and different and this is lively and bright."

Debbie Newport, fund development director for

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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), Stitches 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