

# Nature photographs featured in Sisters Library exhibit

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A hungry grizzly charges after a salmon in Alaska's Katmai River with one thing on his mind —*food!* From a nearby watercraft, photographer Kathy Turner clicks her camera's shutter, bothered neither by the raging bear nor the fact that standing next to her, clicking his own camera, is world-famous photographer Art Wolfe.

"I was more nervous about the seaplane ride getting there," she said.

Two years ago, Kathy and Boyd Turner joined the Art Wolfe photography tour while on their own epic 95-day journey in a fifth-wheel, to travel and photograph the beauty of what they call "The Land of Salmon." ([www.boydandkathyphotos.com/journal](http://www.boydandkathyphotos.com/journal))

The Turners are new members of the Sisters Area Photography Club (SAPC), which is holding its annual exhibit in the Sisters Library this month. The SAPC exhibit opened April 2 throughout the library and will remain on display until April 30.

The Turners recently moved to Eagle Crest from Fall River Mills, California, after completing parallel careers with the U.S. Forest Service, mostly in Northern California. Settling into the Sisters area, they gravitated to some of the usual local scenic spots and shot photographs that bend the viewer's perspective.

One of Boyd's small photographs looks like a foaming ocean wave rolling in the sun at the coast. But, look closer. The blue is the unmistakable color of Wizard Falls on the Metolius. Boyd focused closely on one spot where the water breaks over the rocks and splashes back on itself. Boyd does include an actual ocean shot in his SAPC collection, a photograph of rocks and kelp taken one foggy morning near Bandon.

Kathy plays with light and fog and perspectives as well, in a shot of a twisted juniper

on the edge of a precipice at Dead Horse State Park in Utah. The depth of field, the rocks, and the fog combine to trick the viewer into believing the gnarly tree is a giant, with all of its lower foliage stripped away. Kathy reveals that the tree is only about three feet tall.

Boyd got his first Kodak Instamatic 100 when he was in grade school. A few years later, his parents gave him a birthday gift of a basic SLR film camera. He improved his skills by taking a photography class at Humboldt State University. They met while fighting wildland fires on Mount Hood.

"His first gift to me was a photograph of a trillium flower he took in the forest," Kathy said.

Boyd got seriously hooked on photography after he made a photo that won honorable mention in the *Los Angeles Times Home* magazine competition. He got seriously hooked on Kathy, too, and they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in November. They have two grown children and are expecting their first grandchild in the fall.

"Since we both worked for the Forest Service, we took advantage of our work setting to explore and photograph the forest together," Kathy said. As part of a work project, Boyd started using a Kodak digital camera and early versions of Photoshop and Pagemaker to prepare environmental documents.

"It was clear to me that digital was the future, and possessed incredible opportunity," Boyd said.

The SAPC show also features work by local photographers from Curtiss Abbott to Linda Ziegenhagen. Abbott's "Big Meadow" depicts a stellar Sisters view from Black Butte Ranch. Ziegenhagen's photographs on canvas include two views of Mount Hood and Trilium Lake. A greater number of photographs are shown on metal this year, including Cat



PHOTO BY KATHY TURNER

"Focused" by Kathy Turner.



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Kathy and Boyd Turner

Connor's "Enchanted Forest – Proxy Falls" and "Gateway to the Aurora."

The Sisters Area Photography Club meets at Sisters Library, 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. A "photo chat" meets at Takoda's in Sisters from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. just prior to each monthly meeting. Meetings are open to the public, and anyone may join for annual dues of \$25 (\$15 for full-time students). Members range from beginning photographers to seasoned

professionals. "Sharing experiences and information helps everyone," said founder Conrad Weiler. Club meetings feature speakers as well as photographic challenges, working toward the annual show.

The current club president is Bill Birnbaum, with past president Gary Miller as vice president, Bruce Barnes as treasurer, and Linda Ziegenhagen as secretary. For more information, see the club's website [sistersphotoclub.smugmug.com](http://sistersphotoclub.smugmug.com), or email [sistersphotoclub@gmail.com](mailto:sistersphotoclub@gmail.com). These photographs will be in the library until April 30.



PHOTO BY BOYD TURNER

"Kelp Line and Rocks" by Boyd Turner.

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