

QUILTS: Multiple homes are on annual tour for Quilt Show

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quilting guild, Martin decided in 2005 to purchase her own long-arm quilting machine to ensure the quality of the quilting. To help pay off the machine, she said she began quilting for other people.

Martin retired from her pediatric practice in 2008 but filled in on a temporary basis at the Benton County Health Department until 2015. She and her husband have owned a home in Sisters since 2003 but moved over full time in 2013.

She and her husband are both now retired, he having successfully defeated cancer. Martin is not one to remain still for long.

“I am doing exactly what I want,” she said proudly. That includes hiking, biking, knitting, quilting, weaving, and spinning.

Martin has entered quilts in the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show over the years and has had sponsored quilts displayed in local stores. This year, a large number of her quilts of various sizes and styles will be seen displayed on the fence surrounding the garden at Seed to Table on July 11.

A native of Sisters, Audrey Tehan founded the Seed to Table program in 2013 on her family’s farm. A graduate of Southern Oregon University with a degree in environmental studies, focusing on politics and conservation biology, Tehan believes firmly in growing food using practices that sustain both natural resources and the community.

For over a dozen years, Tehan has focused on involving children in education outside the classroom. At Seed



PHOTO BY TIM TOTH

Audrey Tehan strikes her own American Gothic pose. She will host the quilts of Jill Martin in the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show’s annual garden tour.

to Table, students are provided with hands-on experiential education by being involved in growing healthy food, learning to live healthy lives, and connecting with others around them.

In six short years, the program has established at least 10 distinct programs, from their K-6 field-trip series, which includes 12 farm field trips for every student between grades two and six, to the four-season greenhouse and agriculture program at Sisters High School.

There are programs for adults as well and several special social events including Art in the Garden workshops and the Fall Harvest dinner, which serves about 200 people.

Seed to Table works in collaboration with local healthcare providers to offer their Fresh Food Pharmacy in which food is used as medicine, helping people improve their health by improving their eating habits or by reducing food insecurity, ensuring participants have an abundance of fresh vegetables for six months. The cost of the program is subsidized

on a sliding-fee scale based on income.

While admiring Martin’s quilts, visitors to the garden will also be able to see first-hand how Tehan’s program can produce 30,000 pounds of organic produce on an acre-and-a-half of land. Besides providing produce for over 200 families during the growing season, the garden also provides fresh produce for school lunch programs and Central Oregon food banks.

In its 22nd year, the tour is presented by the Sisters Garden Club, which gives the proceeds from ticket sales to support the work of other community non-profits, including Seed to Table.

Tickets for the tour of five special Sisters gardens and homes are \$20 (children under 12 free) and may be purchased at the Sisters Chamber of Commerce and The Gallimaufry.

EAGLE SCOUTS: Only two percent achieve highest ranking

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Bruce Kemp gave a talk on the values scouting instills in the boys.

“Becoming an Eagle Scout is a highly prestigious honor and is achieved by only about 2 percent of those who begin in the scouting program. Along with completing a broad range of outdoor hiking, camping and survival activities, he has gained extensive knowledge and completed tasks in a wider range of areas that prepare him to help his fellow men. He has committed to living a life with moral integrity as he commits himself to his duty

to God, his country and his fellow men,” Kemp noted.

In addition to their award from the Boy Scouts, Ren Broomhead presented each scout with a knife handcrafted by Mac McKibbin, a former resident of the area who has been making these traditional gift knives for the local Eagle Scouts for many years.

Scoutmaster Liddell concluded the program with a talk and a slide presentation highlighting many of the scouts’ often-humorous adventures and accomplishments.

“I love the scouting program and how it teaches boys leadership skills, outdoor skills and builds confidence. It has been a fantastic experience for me to spend time with the boys in the scouting program over the last six years,” he said.

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