

COMMUNITY

Folk festival offers free summer music

Sisters Folk Festival has announced the lineup for the 2019 Free Summer Concert Series at Fir Street Park in downtown Sisters.

The concert performances, sponsored by First Interstate Bank, are Thursday, July 18 with Rio Mira, a collective of folk musicians from Ecuador and Columbia; Thursday, August 1 with bluegrass powerhouse Town Mountain; and Wednesday, August 21 with SFF fan favorites Freddy & Francine.

Opening the series on July 18, Rio Mira bridges borders

to reaffirm traditions. This unique collective of folk musicians celebrates a shared musical heritage. Fronted by singer Karla Kanora, Rio Mira is a recording collaboration between artists from neighboring Ecuador and Colombia. Their debut album, released on a ZZK's sub label AYA Records, is produced by Iván Benavides (involved in Latin Grammy-winning groups like Choq Quib Town and Gaiteros de San Jacinto) and Ivis Flies

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PHOTO BY HELEN SCHMIDLING

Catherine Childress is displaying her needlepoint work in the tradition of Clementine Hunter at the Library.

Returning to Sisters to raise a family

By Carol Statton
Correspondent

Graduation brings a transition that often leads to life in a new location. Stepping into an independent life with new dreams and goals, away from home, can evoke nervousness as well as enthusiasm. For small-town high school seniors, it is common to hear excitement voiced about finally being able to go somewhere "bigger." Many feel that leaving is part of a permanent long-term plan; yet for others, the exodus was merely a stepping-stone to the return.

Lena (Womack) Vogelgesang spent a good part of her young life growing up in Sisters. After beginning high school here, Lena's family spent a short time in Colorado Springs. The experience was quite eye-opening, to say the least. Lena became one in a class size of 600 and had to adjust to being in a school of several thousand students. Perspectives broadened quickly and gave Lena an even deeper appreciation for life in a smaller community. The Womack family

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Needlepoints pay tribute to folk artist

By Helen Schmidling
Correspondent

Clementine Hunter was a self-taught Louisiana folk artist. Born in 1886 or '87, she lived and worked for most of her life on Melrose Plantation near Natchitoches. She made thousands of paintings that depicted flowers, religion, and plantation life in the early 1900s. Today she is considered a folk art legend, and her work is on display in the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Textile artist Catherine Childress of Sisters discovered Clementine Hunter's work years ago, when she traveled as a regional manager for Sprint, working out

of Atlanta. One day in New Orleans, Childress came upon a yarn and needlepoint boutique called The Quarter Stitch, "like the Stitchin' Post only for yarn," she said. Hanging on the shop's walls were needlepoint reproductions of some of Clementine Hunter's most iconic scenes. As it turns out, the original owner of The Quarter Stitch had licensed the rights to reproduce several of Hunter's most iconic works as needlepoint kits that include stamped canvas and yarn in appropriate colors.

Childress grew up in Atlanta, so she was immediately drawn to the themes of Hunter's work: life in the post-Civil-War South, the folk art style, and the color. Over

the years, she needlepointed 15 Clementine Hunter paintings, using the materials supplied by The Quarter Stitch. She set them aside for a while during the time she cared for her husband, Dave, when he had cancer.

When she moved to a new home in Sisters, she had the needlepoints framed and hung in her sunny sewing room. She is now working on a 16th needlepoint reproduction. For a few days this month, Childress's needlepoints are on loan to Sisters Library, in the Computer Room, as part of the many colorful exhibits that make up the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show.

Dawn Boyd, the Quilt

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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., The Lodge in Sisters. 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, 2 p.m., The Lodge. 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. The Pines Clubhouse. 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.

Sisters Middle School Parent Collaboration Team 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., SMS. 541-610-9513.

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