

Antique and craft show draws a crowd

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Swarms of people browsed through hand-crafted goodies and vintage trinkets at Sisters Arts and Crafts Festival and Antiques in the Park at Sisters Creekside Park for a weekend of rare finds.

Wide assortments of collectible antiques were displayed by vendors from antique teakettles to vintage posters. Mixed in the huge treasure chest that spread across the park lawn were an array of crafts from infused glass to metal art.

The combination of antiques and crafts together made for an eclectic show for people of all ages.

Nearly 50 vendors filled their booths with artwork, jewelry, vintage furniture, and rare finds such as a 19th century gun case.

Los Angeles native Katt Desehene and Katya Gogol from Russia are best friends and think of themselves as “Cosmic Twins,” which is the name of their handcrafted jewelry business. This was their second time participating in a craft show as artisans.

“We met in Los Angeles where I was selling rocks and gems. Katt is a jewelry maker and works with a lot of copper,” Gogol said. “We decided to learn how to design both together.”

Desehene added, “When we realized that we had so many similarities in common,



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Katt Desehene and Katya Gogol are starting a new company. The Sisters show was their second craft fair.

we combined our skills and formed our company. I help with the jewelry and the social media marketing side as well. We both contribute to the company, and our strengths and skills complement each other really well.”

The talented duo came to check out Central Oregon and found Sisters to be just what the doctor ordered.

Gogol noted, “We have a lot of appreciation for this pretty little town of Sisters. The locals seem to know a lot about gemstones and are very interested in our craftsmanship.”

By 1 p.m. on Saturday the park overflowed with people and their canines carousing through the show listening to classic rock tunes by live performer Scott Brown.

Once a year textile dealer

Margaret Meier drives from her home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Sisters to sell her unique goods at this event. She has been selling “Vintage Fabrics, Etc.” for 45 years.

People stopped by her booth searching through a variety of vintage European fabrics for just the right color schemes. Meier also treks to Europe twice a year to buy only the best homegrown fabrics to sell at shows all over the nation.

She told *The Nugget*, “They’re all spun and woven on farms in Europe, which means no chemicals or machine processes. I have been collecting homespun linens for years and have five warehouses full in Florida. I lived in Europe in the late ’60s and then again in the early ’80s.”

Sisters Country birds

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The prairie falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) breeds from southern British Columbia south to north-central Mexico and western Texas. It spends its winters within its breeding range, including Central Oregon and farther east into the Great Plains states. Their preferred habitats include dry plains, sagebrush, desolate mountains and prairies.

Prairie falcons in summer eat mostly small mammals, particularly ground squirrels. They also eat pikas, birds, and insects.

During courtship, the male and female spend a month or more visiting

potential nest sites together. The site they select is most often in a natural crevice, pothole, or ledge on a cliff or steep bluff, with an overhang to protect the nest. It often shares its nesting cliff with ravens, golden eagles, and red-tailed hawks. Two to six creamy white eggs are laid and incubated for 29-39 days, and the young leave the nest in approximately 45 days.

The prairie falcon was first described in 1850 by Hermann Schlegel, a German ornithologist, and is similar in size to the peregrine falcon, 15 to 19 inches tall with a wingspan of 35 to 45 inches.

A group of falcons are referred to as an “eyrie,” “tower,” “bazaar,” “stooping up,” or a “ringing up.”

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Prairie falcon.

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