

COMMUNITY

Folk festival announces event schedule

Sisters Folk Festival has announced the final schedule for the annual festival, September 6-8. The festival's 11 intimate venues throughout downtown Sisters have attracted audiences for more than two decades, helping to earn the festival tagline "All The Town's A Stage."

This year's schedule features performances by 46 artists over three days, plus six Americana Project alumni artists who will perform Saturday, September 7 at the Fir Street Park

Songbird Stage.

Artists in the final lineup for 2019 include: Bruce Cockburn, Peter Rowan's Free Mexican Airforce featuring Los Texmaniacs (each will also perform their own set), Ron Artis II & The Truth, Le Vent du Nord, Rising Appalachia, The East Pointers, Della Mae, The Hamiltones, Flor de Toloache, Martyn Joseph and more.

"As a festival, we've dedicated ourselves to bringing

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PHOTO BY RODNEY BURSIEL

Beth Wood will perform in two different venues in Sisters August 9 and 10.

Fair and luau offer local entertainment

Two of Sisters' favorite events are on tap this week.

Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) will bring the Hawaiian Islands back to Sisters on Thursday, August 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Village Green city park.

"This is the fifth year for our luau," said Shannon Rackowski, event coordinator for SPRD.

SPRD will bring back the Aloha Spirit — the mutual affection and regard for all with no obligation in return — with music from headliner Kurt Silva, Halau Uhane Dancers, Sisters Ukulele Players, DJ

Chuck Boogie, Halua O Hula Hawaii with Shannon Mokuahi Rackowski and the opening number to be performed by Kane O Hula, Men of Hawaiian Dance Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District Firefighters.

Rackowski will be preparing the kaukau, (the food), but this year includes a little twist in the menu adding teriyaki chicken, along with kalua pig (family recipes) sticky rice and more.

Tickets are still available at SPRD; call 541-549-2091,

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Singer-songwriter poet to perform

Singer-songwriter poet Beth Wood is no stranger to Sisters. The Texas-born, Portland-based troubadour has been hosting the Sunday Community Celebration at the Sisters Folk Festival for the last eight years. On Friday, August 9, Beth will read poems from her two poetry books, "Ladder to the Light," and "Kazoo Symphonies" at Paulina Springs Books. Then on Saturday, August 10 from 5 to 7 p.m., Wood will play songs from her 11 albums in the Eurosports Food Cart Garden.

Both events are free and open to all.

The response to Wood's second book of poetry, Ladder to the Light, has been overwhelming. Inspired by an image from a Jane Hirshfield

poem, "Mule Heart," in which grief and joy are carried in "two waiting baskets," Wood seeks to find balance again and regain footing after heartbreaking loss. Ladder to the Light chronicles her journey from grief to gratitude to believing in love again — poetry as a ladder toward the light. Ladder to the Light is the winner of the 2019 Oregon Book Awards Readers' Choice Award and was chosen as a finalist for the 2019 Oregon Book Awards — Stafford/Hall prize for poetry.

Wood's exceptional musicianship, crafty songwriting, powerhouse voice, and commanding stage presence have been winning over American audiences for over twenty years. Beth's performances and songs have won accolades

from the Kerrville New Folk, Rocky Mountain Folks Festival, Sisters Folk Festival Dave Carter Memorial Songwriting Contest, and Telluride Troubadour Contest. Beth has released 11 independent albums and two books of poetry and has a forthcoming duo album with Ara Lee James under the name of Stand and Sway, which will play at this year's Sisters Folk Festival.

The poetry reading is set for Friday, August 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Paulina Springs Books, 252 W. Hood Ave. The Eurosports Food Cart Garden is located at 223 E. Hood Ave. All ages are welcome — bring chairs.

For more information about Beth Wood, visit www.bethwoodmusic.com.

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. Sisters Library. 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