

Fourth Friday Fall Artwalk this week

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It's fall. Days are shorter and nights are cooler, but the art scene is as strong as ever in Sisters. This month's Fourth Friday Artwalk, Sept. 27 from 4 to 7 p.m., features some heavy-hitting fabric shows, vivid watercolors, and new ideas in clay and sculpture. Sisters Arts Association invites everyone to visit the galleries and see the latest.

At *Stitchin' Post Fabric Arts Gallery*, Leotie Richards' "Embrace Nature" show of art quilts focuses on botanical images, fabricated with hand-dyed wool, ingeniously hand-stitched. Richards employs a new technique and style of wool appliqué, that she calls "Modern Wool Appliqué."



"Papillon" by Leotie Richards at *Stitchin' Post Fabric Arts Gallery*.

More fabric art is featured at *Sisters Art Works*, as the *Journeys Quilters' 12th Annual Show* opens. This year's theme, "High Desert Moods," draws from the vastness of the desert, the smell of juniper and sage, and the colors of the seasons. *Journeys* artists Judy Beaver, Helen Brisson, Sheila K. Finzer, Betty Gientke, June Jaeger, Jean Wells Keenan,

Tonye Phillips, Donna Rice, Jody Rusconi, Martha Sanders, Marion Shimoda, Mary Stiewig, and Jan McBrien Tetzlaff go beyond traditional quilting to create fiber art.

In a land of contrasts, the quilts portray vivid turquoise skies, striated grey stone, chartreuse rabbit brush and yarrow. Fragile botanical taxonomy and extreme climate shifts create stark and beautiful geography. Jean Wells Keenan's "Deserted Foothills" depicts pillars of basalt that stretch across the desert, forming high standing ridges of stone above the sage-covered floor. Judy Beaver's "High Desert Impressions" depicts the patterns on the ground, rocks, and shrubs; the earth is marked with animal tracks and rivulets where water and wind have left their



"Deserted Foothills" quilt by Jean Wells Keenan at *Sisters Art Works*.

traces. It's all of this ... and more!

Hood Avenue Art and the Watercolor Society of Oregon present an exhibition featuring WSO members from Central Oregon. The featured artists are Sandra Neary, Helen Brown, Jennifer Starr, Hazel O'Rear Reeves, Linda Shelton, Elizabeth Haberman, Judy Hoiness, Rebecca Sentgeorge, Michelle Lane, Dorothy Roth, Winnie Givot, and Linda Burgel. The show runs through October 20.

Gary Cooley's latest creations are shown at the

Collection Gallery. Throughout the years, his art has evolved from North American and African wildlife to a variety of human figures, some life-size, and monumental, all conveying dignity, power, and grace.

Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop has some new clay work by Mary Moore and Ann Grossnickle, along with new framing ideas, scratch-board demonstration and class signup by Jennifer Hartwig.

Artist Mike Mason of Portland creates landscapes using carefully dried, pressed, and placed botanicals. His floral impression brushstrokes are created using nature's color and form. His stunning landscapes are at *Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery*.

More clay work, this time by Kelly Thiel, is on the wall at *Good Day Café*, near Bedouin. The Bend artist is known for her paintings as well as the faces (human and animal) in this display. Thiel runs *The Wilds*, a co-working studio.



"Shared Heart" by Kelly Thiel at *Good Day Café*.

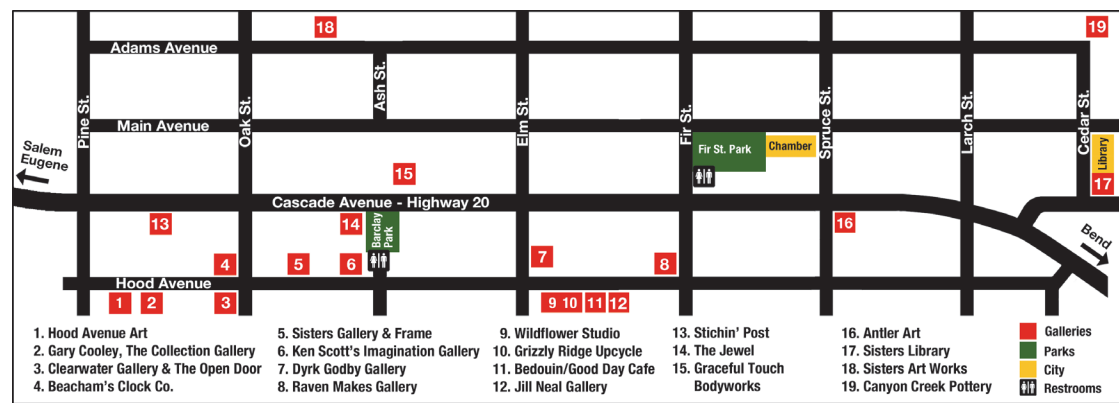
Wildflower Studio has new oil paintings by John Runnels and Chris Nelson.

Jill Neal Gallery has new images of horses, horsewomen, and wild (tasteful) women. Artwork is available as originals or reproductions on canvas, mugs, tapas plates, and note cards.

Watercolors by Terri Dill Simpson and photographs by Linda Ziegenhagen are wrapping up their stay at the *Sisters Library*. Stop and see them before they go away.

This month, signed and numbered prints by Martin Grelle and Howard Terping are being shown and are for sale at *Graceful Touch Bodyworks*, 170 W. Cascade Ave., #5. Stop in and visit with Tammy Patterson during the Artwalk.

Also open this month are *Antler Arts*, *Dyrk Godby Gallery*, and *Grizzly Ridge Upcycle*. The *Open Door* is hosting a wedding reception, so the *Clearwater Gallery* will be closed, as will *Beacham's Clock Company*.



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357 W. Hood Ave.
hoodavenueart.com

THE COLLECTION GALLERY

353 W. Hood Ave.
garycooley.com

Wildflower Studio

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wildflowerstudioartandframing.com

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CLEARWATER GALLERY

303 W. Hood Ave.
theclearwatergallery.com

Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery

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Stitchin' Post
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