

**POSTER:** Artist was featured at Sisters Harvest Faire

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She drew her first horse at the age of five and hasn't stopped since.

Smith said, "I'll never forget Rodger stopping by my booth last year, complimenting me on my art and taking one of my business cards. But I didn't give it much thought since a lot of people take my cards and I never hear from them."

Smith was very surprised when Dwight sent her an email with an expressed interest in one of her images that he wanted to use for the 2020 rodeo poster.

She added, "After several emails, he sent me a draft of the poster and told me the board had approved my image. I have been elated ever since!"

Jeri Buckmann, event coordinator for the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, said she feels very connected to this year's rodeo poster since the artist was chosen from last year's Sisters Harvest Faire.

"Valerie is an exceptional artist, and the artwork along with the vintage photos made the poster so unique," she said. "I am very happy for her. Valerie has been a Sisters Harvest Faire vendor for several years, and an opportunity like this is special."

Smith has won awards in various art shows in California, and more recently won best in show at the Deschutes County Fair. She plans to divide her time between riding her horse and capturing the hearts of Oregon horse-lovers through her artwork.

# Book sale will continue on Quilt Show Saturday

By **Helen Schmidling**  
Correspondent

The Three Sisters Historical Society is now managing the annual book sale that's been held for many years on the same day as the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. This year, that's Saturday, July 11. Proceeds will benefit Three Sisters Historical Society.

For many years, the book sale was managed by, and benefitted, the Friends of Sisters Library.

In a move that hearkens back to the beginnings of the annual book sale, it's being held this year at the Maida Bailey Building, which housed the very first Sisters Library.

"The book sale was (formerly) held out on the lawn and inside the Maida Bailey Building," said Zeta Seiple, representing the former Friends of Sisters Library. "It was held here for the first couple of years when I moved here."

The Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, which now

maintains the property, welcomed the idea of holding the annual book sale in the Maida Bailey Building. The Chamber has offered to collect books and store them in the building. Volunteers representing the former Sisters Library Book Corner and the Three Sisters Historical Society will pitch in to collect, catalog, and sell books during the Quilt Show.

"We're taking books of all kinds," said Lisa Shaddox, the former chair of the Book Corner. "Hardcover fiction and paperbacks, nonfiction, history — all are welcome. Quilting and all kinds of crafting books are also popular with that audience."

As for permission from the City, "the official in charge said we're good to go to have the Quilt Show Book Sale at the Maida Bailey Building, because we are a nonprofit, we already have a business license. We can have it inside and outside," said Karen Swank, secretary of the Three Sisters Historical Society.

According to a sign on the historic building, "The



PHOTO BY HELEN SCHMIDLING

The annual book sale that coincides with Quilt Show will now be held at the Maida Bailey Building and run by the Three Sisters Historical Society.

original site of the Sisters Library was on Cascade Street (sic). Money to purchase the land was raised by area residents and businesses and construction material was donated by local mills.

"The library officially opened in 1939. The 14-by-20-foot structure has (had) shelf space for 1,000 books. Members of the Sisters Civic Club volunteered as librarians to keep the doors open for three days and evenings

per week. In 1949 an existing office was attached to the library to provide additional shelf space. The building was moved to Spruce Street in 1980. The structure was retired in 1990 upon completion of the present library."

Drop off bags of books at the Sisters Chamber of Commerce, 219 E. Main Ave., weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Karen Swank at 415-637-7186.

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