

Sisters is 'My Kind of Town' for artist

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There is something magical about Sisters — and Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Poster Artist Dan Rickards knows it.

This year's poster, "My Kind of Town," created by Rickards for the 45th Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) captures the essence of this charming town.

"There are quite a few elements that need to come

through in every poster," Rickards said. "The Sisters mountains, a quilt, and the theme involved that needs to be threaded in."

Rickards painted the majestic Three Sisters Mountains under a bright sun as the backdrop, included the town of Sisters, along with one anonymous woman wearing a sun bonnet.

That image was created long before it accidentally became a symbol of a different kind of quilt show.

"At first, I wasn't sure if I should have someone in the painting," Rickards mused. "But I realized it's the people in the town during the quilt show that are such

a huge part of the show, not just the quilts going up."

Sisters is usually packed with people on Quilt Show Day — and it will be again.

"I have filtered through one person in a way that represents all the people," Rickards said. "I almost painted a town of people, but that element remains for a future poster."

Rickards said that the town elements in the poster are more generic and that it's very representational.

He added, "I wanted to be looking through the person's eyes, through the town into the mountains. It's more of the way that we feel when we are here, not the way the town literally looks."

Dawn Boyd, SOQS executive director, said, "The board unanimously thought of Dan as this year's poster artist, as he embodies so much of the quilt show — which is always about



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Dan Rickards shows the original art for "My Kind of Town," the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show poster for 2020.

celebrating creativity and community. And with our theme of 'My Kind of Town,' it seemed so appropriate.

Dan and his wife have not only made Sisters their own hometown, they are a vital part of it.

"We are so excited to have Dan as our poster artist celebrating our 45th anniversary," said Boyd.

The 2020 poster may be ordered online from Stitchin' Post at <https://stitchinpost.com>.



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