

# Artist studio tour goes forward September 26-27

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Despite the pandemic, and after the smoke, the Sisters Arts Association's (SAA) fourth annual Artist Studio Tour will take place Saturday and Sunday, September 26-27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in and around Sisters. This is a free, self-guided tour to individual studios. Thirty-six artists will demonstrate and show their art in 26 locations in and around Sisters Country. Because many artists will share studio locations, it will be easier for visitors to see more of them.

Sisters Arts Association started to plan its fourth annual Artist Studio Tour back in January. It was originally scheduled for the final weekend in June, but then came the coronavirus. So early in the spring, SAA moved the event far ahead, to the final weekend of September. This provided artists with more time to generate new work.

The Association has great optimism that the skies over Central Oregon will remain clear Saturday and Sunday for art lovers – who have been indoors for weeks – to head out to these 26 studios in artists' homes (and a few local galleries) from Tumalo to Sisters, and from Eagle Crest to Tollgate.

Artists and visitors are required to use appropriate safety measures, including wearing of masks, hand sanitizing, and six-foot distancing. The nature of the Studio Tour is such that the numbers of people visiting studios are dispersed over a two-day period, never exceeding recommended gathering size.

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It's an ideal opportunity for art lovers to meet their favorite local artists and purchase directly from them. “We will be in compliance,” said Mel Archer, the Association's creative encourager and events co-chair. He notes that about half of the artists participating in this year's tour have done so in previous years; the other half are new to the event.

This year's new tour artists include Art Blumenkron (woodworking and furniture making), Scott Corder (fine-art photography), David Hough and Marianne



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Winnie Givot is one of 36 artists on the 2020 Sisters Artist Studio Tour. There are 26 studios to visit.

Fellner (ceramics and clay), Jean Wells and June Jaeger (fabric art), Kaia Sieffert (jewelry), and Kelley Salber (book arts). Also new this year are Kim Chavez, Bill Hunt, Anne Hunter and Linda Peck (sculpture), Len Babb, Jim Horsley, Scott McAllister, Janice Druian, and Terry Solini (oil painting), and charcoal/graphite artist Stephen Gasior.

Crowd favorites returning on this year's tour include Mel Archer and Susie Zeitner (glass art), Danae Miller, J. Chester Armstrong, and Gary Cooley (sculpture), Mitch and Michelle Deaderick and Mary Moore (pottery and clay sculpture), Kay Baker, Clarke

Berryman, Chris Nelson, Sandy Melchiori (acrylic and oil painting), JoAnn Burgess (pastel), Winnie Givot and Terri Dill-Simpson (watercolor), Steve Mathews (colored pencil and ink), Sandy Dutko (mixed media), Paul Bennett (painting and printmaking), and Jennifer Hartwig (scratchboard).

“My studio is large, so I can handle more than one group at a time,” said watercolor artist Winnie Givot. “We are out in the country, in a beautiful big barn. I will have work in progress, as well as eight new framed pieces,” she said. Joining

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## Businesses support studio tour

Two local businesses – Sisters Movie House and Hayden Homes – are joining with Sisters Arts Association to feature artists' work on the days of the Artist Studio Tour.

A wood carving by Daniel Schmidt will be on display at the McKenzie Meadows Village Model Home. Daniel is a 2020 graduate of Sisters High School and recipient of the \$2,500 Hayden Homes

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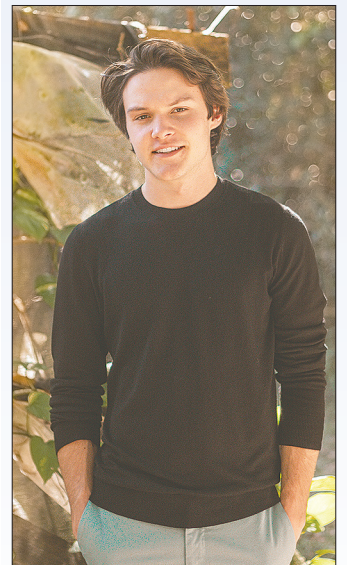


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Daniel Schmidt, winner of the Hayden Homes Art Scholarship. His artwork will be on display during the tour.

# 2020 Sisters Artist Studio Tour



## Celebrate the Arts in Sisters, September 26-27, 10-4

Take a self-guided tour to meet 36 artists, up close and personal, explore their studios, learn about their work, and buy art you can't live without. This is a rare chance to visit artists in their own private work environments. Using masks, hand sanitizing, and social distancing, you can experience the beauty and raw energy of the arts in Sisters Country. This event is in accordance with state and county health guidelines. Here is a roster of our artists for 2020:

- Mel Archer:** Glass Art
- J. Chester Armstrong:** Wood Sculpture
- Len Babb:** Oil, Ink, Watercolor, Sculpture
- Kay Baker:** Oil, Pastel
- Paul Alan Bennett:** Gouache, Watercolor, Printmaking
- Clarke Berryman:** Oil
- Art Blumenkron:** Furniture, Wood Art
- JoAnn Burgess:** Pastel
- Kim Chavez:** Bronze Sculpture
- Gary Cooley:** Sculpture, Oil, Watercolor, Acrylic
- Scott Corder:** Landscape Photography
- Mitch & Michelle Deaderick:** Ceramic Art
- Terri Dill-Simpson:** Watercolor
- Janice Druian:** Oil
- Sandy Dutko:** Oil, Acrylic, Mixed Media
- Marianne Fellner:** Ceramic Sculpture
- Stephen Gasior:** Charcoal Portrait
- Winnie Givot:** Watercolor

- Jennifer Hartwig:** Scratchboard
- Jim Horsley:** Oil
- David Hough:** Pottery
- Bill Hunt:** Wood Duck Sculpture
- Anne Hunter:** Ceramic Sculpture
- June Jaeger:** Textile Art
- Steve Mathews:** Illustrator, Painter
- Scott McAllister:** Watercolor, Pastel
- Sandi Melchiori:** Acrylic
- Danae Miller:** Sculpture, Printmaking
- Mary Moore:** Clay Art
- Chris Nelson:** Oil, Acrylic
- Linda Peck:** Metal Solar Yard Art
- Kelley Salber:** Book Art
- Kaia Sieffert:** Jewelry
- Terry Solini:** Acrylic
- Jean Wells:** Textile Art
- Susie Zeitner:** Glass Art, Sculpture



**Studio Tour Guides** are available at art galleries, hotels, restaurants, the Chamber of Commerce and online at [sistersartsassociation.org/sistersstudiotour](http://sistersartsassociation.org/sistersstudiotour)

