

Sisters salutes...

• Barry Valder wrote:

It has been a great pleasure watching the new Ski-Inn take shape over these last several months. Props to the owners, the architects and the many builders who are making this new structure a great addition to the continuing Western-themed little town of Sisters. It looks absolutely great!

• Jeanne Brooks wrote:

Thank you for the article on Seed to Table organic farm. I want to personally thank all the staff for their hard work and generosity. Myself and many other families and needy souls have been the recipients of their wonderful vegetables this summer given away each

week at the Wellhouse food pantry. I appreciate all they do for our community. They are very kind and lovely people.

Thank you very much!

Also kudos to Mahonia Gardens for their outdoor organic vegetable self-serve this summer.

• Molly Larson and Lynne, Erik, and Elaine wrote:

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors who took time to send cards and flowers, make calls and visits, and share memories of times spent with Gale. Your thoughtfulness has been a great comfort to our family during his final journey and passing in September.

Silent auction to support expansion

Beginning this Thursday, November 19, Seed to Table (S2T), Sisters' education farm, will launch a virtual silent auction to support its much needed 2021 farm expansion. The auction will feature a wide variety of offerings for special holiday gifts, local adventures and beyond — ranging from farm-to-table raft trips and brunches, exquisite jewelry to just about everything in between.

Over 25 unique items have been donated by Seed to Table supporters. The two-week auction period, will kick off with a free, virtual screening of the farm-to-table film "Kiss the Ground" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday. Throughout the event additional movie screenings and free classes are offered by Seed to Table staff and a local chef.

The auction closes Thursday, December 3, when participants can virtually join our team with a recommended Seed to Table recipe and bottle of wine. For more information on the auction and the free offerings visit www.seedtotableoregon.org/auction.

Despite growing 39,000

pounds of fresh produce this year, much of it going to local food banks and COVID-19 relief, the unmet demand for Seed to Table's nutritious fresh food is ever increasing. The High Desert Food and Farm Alliance estimates that Central Oregon's food bank demand, which has nearly doubled due to COVID-19, will remain elevated for years. In the face of this need, Seed to Table's board and staff decided that it was time to get serious about a long-discussed expansion of the farm.

The expansion will double S2T's acreage, add two new greenhouses and dramatically increase productivity with the purchase of a specialized tractor. Besides doubling the farm's production capacity, the expansion will also provide space and staffing to enhance S2T's education programs throughout Deschutes and Jefferson County. In order to ensure the safety of staff and community and increase outdoor educational opportunities during these trying times, the educator staff will need to be nearly doubled to ensure social distancing. With more and more requests for

science-based field trips from schools across Central Oregon, the farm annex will offer much-needed space and instructors for student exploration.

All of this new capacity comes with an \$80,000 price tag, a daunting amount for a small nonprofit like Seed to Table. An anonymous donor has stepped up to provide S2T with a \$40,000 matching grant to support the expansion. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the silent auction will be put toward meeting the match requirement.

As a thank you to its many supporters, Seed to Table is inviting the public to join in for two free online movie screenings of the award-winning farm-to-table films "Kiss the Ground" and "The Biggest Little Farm." In addition, Seed to Table staff will present "Fireside Planning for Spring Garden Success" and local chef Pam Wavrin will offer a Thanksgiving farm-to-table dish cooking class; both free of charge. Visit www.seedtotableoregon.org/auction to sign up to join in the fun, engage with others, and bid on items.

Davis stepping down from library board

The Deschutes Public Library Board is seeking applicants for a vacancy in the Zone 2 position, which represents Sisters, Tumalo, parts of east and north Bend, and surrounding areas. The position is being vacated by Linda Davis, who has served for 11 years and announced her departure on November 11, citing health reasons.

"The Board is grateful for Linda Davis's dedication to the Library and to the community it serves," said Board President Martha Lawler. "Her steady presence and collaborative approach has been an asset to the Board and the Library."

To be eligible to fill the vacancy, an applicant must be a resident of Zone 2 of the Deschutes Public Library District. Zone 2 includes precincts 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 30, 34, 37, 41, 45 and 49. A map of Library Zones is available at www.dpl.pub/libraryboardzones. A precinct map can be found at www.deschutes.org/clerk/page/precinct-and-district-maps. All applicants must submit an application by 4 p.m. on Friday, December 11. Applications are available at

www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/board/vacancy.pdf.

Interviews will be held in mid-December. An individual selected by the Library Board from the applicants will be appointed to fill the position starting January 1, 2021, and will be expected to join the Board for its January 13, meeting. The individual will serve through June 30, 2021. The Zone 2 position is up for reelection in May 2021.

The Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday at noon. The Board may also hold subcommittee meetings and planning sessions.



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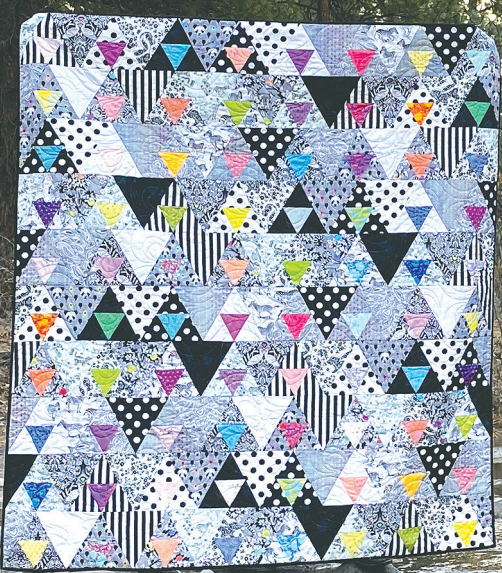
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