

Artist Leotie Richards with her fabric portrait of Sitting Bull.

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Leotie Richards loves learning new techniques and integrating them into fabric art. Before retiring and moving to Sisters she spent 20 years designing graphics and textiles for retail stores. Always up for a challenge, she began exploring new ways to work with fabrics, including art quilting. Richards combined her appreciation

for people she considers American folk heroes with her interest in botany and history to create 12 portrait quilts for a special exhibit that debuted at the 2016 Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS).

Like the people featured on the quilts, the art pieces have had quite an adventure since their first appearance. They've been on display in exhibitions up and down the West Coast. Richards was ready to move on to another project and stored them at her home.

Before the collection is dispersed to buyers and galleries, the American Folk Legends exhibit is together one last time at the Cindy and Duncan Campbell Gallery inside the Sisters Art Works building.

Years honing her skills as an artist and time spent mastering various quilting techniques have

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Grant program accepting applications

The City of Sisters is seeking to award grants to nonprofit community groups and other entities that meet the grant criteria for the 2021/22 fiscal year. The City will award up to \$20,000 in grants this year for Sisters community projects. The average grant award is approximately \$1,300. The City has awarded over \$258,000 in grants to 59 local groups over the past 18 years.

Organizations that serve the Sisters community, but are not designated nonprofits, will need to meet at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for a grant:

• Provides assistance for essential utilities, food, medical needs, clothing, or shelter.

- Provides educational or recreational opportunities for children or seniors.
- Generates/supports economic activity in Sisters.

In evaluating requests from nonprofit and for-profit organizations, the City will consider the following:

- The requesting organization's history of success.
- The organizational and financial stability of the requesting organization.
- The number and types of community members served by the request.
- The ability to measure and track the effectiveness of the project or service.
- Community grant funds will not be used for travel,

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Art event supports scholarships

Art at The Ranch is returning after a two-year hiatus due to smoke and COVID-19 restrictions.

The Art Sale & Auction is sponsored by the Black Butte Ranch (BBR) Art Guild. Funds raised support Sisters School District art programs and scholarships for Sisters High School seniors seeking future art studies toward an undergraduate degree in visual arts. Since 2014 the

BBR Art Guild has contributed over \$18,000 to scholarships and close to \$30,000 to the elementary, middle, and high schools for art education.

The scholarship recipients for 2021 include three gifted students, each with unique artistic pursuits: Sahara Lucas, Anna Mensing, and Katherine Springer. These

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As the COVID-19 crisis continues to affect gatherings, please contact individual organizations for current meeting status

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-610-7383.

Alcoholics Anonymous Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen's meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women's meeting, Thurs., citizens4community.com noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., BBR community room. Partner required. 541-595-6236.

Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday (September-June), Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

Go Fish Fishing Group 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

Heartwarmers (fleece blanketmakers) 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

Hero Quilters of Sisters Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-668-1755.

Citizens4Community, Let's Talk 3rd Monday, 5:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP at

Military Parents of Sisters Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 541-388-9013.

Oregon Band of Brothers - Sisters Chapter Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-549-6469.

Praver Shawl Group 2nd & 4th Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Call for location: 503-819-1723.

SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., meeting by Zoom. 503-930-6158.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., meeting at Sisters Community Church. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

Sisters Astronomy Club 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

Sisters Bridge Club Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., Email: sistersbridge2021@

Sisters Caregiver Support Group 3rd Tues., 10:30 a.m., Village Green Park. 541-771-3258.

Sisters Cribbage Club Please call for details. 541-923-1632. Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board

of Directors 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193. Sisters Kiwanis Thursdays, 7 to

Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870. **Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters

8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at

Saloon. 541-480-5994. Sisters Parkinson's Support Group

Meeting by Zoom. 541-668-6599. Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday.

Location information: 541-279-1977. Sisters Rotary 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Noon, Aspen Lakes. 541-760-5645.

Sisters Speak Life Cancer Support Group 2nd & 4th Tues, 1-2:30 p.m. Call for location: 541-410-9716.

Sisters Trails Alliance Board 1st Monday, 5 p.m. Sisters Library. Public welcome. 808-281-2681

Sisters Veterans Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

Three Sisters Lions Club 2nd Tuesday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, Sisters

Community Church. 541-602-2654.

SCHOOLS

Black Butte School Board of Directors 2nd Tuesday, 3:45 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule online at www.ssd6.org. 541-549-8521 x5002.

Sisters Middle School Parent Collaboration Team 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., SMS. 541-610-9513.

CITY & PARKS

Sisters City Council 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Planning Commission 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

FIRE & POLICE

Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Wed., 5:30 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. cloverdalefire.com.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

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