

The first commercial American Christmas card was printed in 1875 by a Prussian immigrant named Louis Prang, who settled in New England. That first card was just the image of a flower and the legend "Merry Christmas."

Prang's cards caught on and are now highly collectible.

According to the New England Historical Society, Prang was turning out 5 million

Christmas cards a year by 1881, and "Young ladies recorded in their diaries how many 'Prangs' they received over the holidays."

Nowadays, we can send Christmas cards via text or email or on social media platforms, and include sound files. But there's still something pleasing about receiving a card in the mail with a handwritten message just like Sir Henry Cole sent out 178 years ago.

Mitch & Michelle Deaderick

Enjoy the artistic creations of local artists in a safe, physically-distanced — and still celebratory — atmosphere on December 4-5, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. when Mitch and Michelle Deaderick host their annual Holiday Show at their studio at 17192 Jordan Rd., east of Sisters.

The show will also feature the exquisite jewelry of long-time Sisters artist Mary Jo Weiss.

Western village, firepits, and music will keep the outdoor setting warm and festive regardless of the weather.

For the past four decades, Mitch and Michelle have been pillars of the vibrant Sisters arts community. They create beautiful work that graces homes across the country, and also nurture the arts and fellow artists in the community. Their work is unique and functional, providing years of use and beauty in the home. Their work is featured at Hood Avenue Art at the corner of Hood Avenue and Pine Street in downtown Sisters.

Mountain View Ranch Vintage

Mountain View Ranch Vintage opened in 2018 at Beth and David Pruett's ranch in Southern Oregon.

Beth and David have been collecting vintage, with an eye toward Western vintage and collectables, for decades. They decided to turn their passion for picking into the business it is today, with a location on the ranch and a new location in Sisters.

At Mountain View Ranch Vintage, you will find a collection of Christmas Vintage, Western Vintage, Rustic and Upcycled, and Vintage Signs.

Beth and David hope that you will stop by the Sisters shop and bring home some vintage memories. They often hear, "My grandmother use to have that!"

The shop at 484 W. Washington Ave. between Cottonwood and Pine streets offers vintage Christmas illuminated blow molds, handmade ornaments, and Monterey Western Ware. Come on in and say "Howdy y'all" and celebrate a Cowboy Christmas in Sisters!

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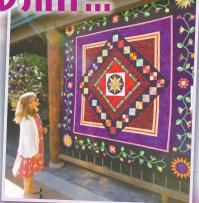
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