



Judy Zwan and Joyce Finch of the Rogue Valley Piecemakers show off some of their handiwork.

41st annual Quilt Show coming up in May in Grants Pass

BY BRENDA FERRARIO

The Rogue Valley Piecemakers, including members from the Applegate Valley, will hold their 41st annual Quilt Show on Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, at the Josephine County Fairgrounds in Grants Pass. The pavilion will be full of beautiful quilts on display. We will have lots of surprises and special displays, as this year's theme is "Every Quilt Tells a Story!"

The show will feature beautiful bed, lap, and children's quilts, innovative art quilts, other fabric-related items, and quilts made by guild members celebrating the theme. Knowledgeable guild members will be on hand both days to answer questions about quilts and quilting and to demonstrate various techniques.

The Piecemakers' Heartworks Boutique will sell gently used sewing supplies, quilts, and gifts handcrafted by guild members. A silent auction will include quilts, wall hangings, and other items. Vendors from Oregon and California will sell fabrics, patterns, and the latest notions and machines for quilters.

Attendees could win door prizes (given away hourly on both days) or raffle items of themed baskets and prizes. They can also purchase tickets for a chance to win the Piecemakers' 2023 Opportunity Quilt, "Aurora." Proceeds from the Opportunity Quilt will benefit the Women's Crisis Center and Wildlife Images. The lucky winners of the Opportunity Quilt raffle and silent auction raffle will be announced prior to the close of the show on Saturday afternoon.

Quilt Show hours are 10 am to 4 pm both days at the Josephine County Fairgrounds, on Route 199 in Grants Pass. Admission is \$5 per day; children under 12 are admitted free. There is ample free parking.

The purpose of the Rogue Valley Piecemakers is to contribute to the growth



Cathy Penland of the Rogue Valley Piecemakers with some handcrafted handiwork.

and knowledge of quilting through friendship, inspiration, education, and community outreach. Our meetings provide a time to enjoy fellowship, learn more about quilting techniques, and share experiences about the art of making quilts. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in quilting. Our activities include Sit and Stitch, Show and Tell, demonstrations and workshops, classes taught by professional teachers, and the Comfort Quilt program.

Visitors are welcome! Join us, along with other Applegate Valley members, on the first and third Mondays of the month from 9 am to noon at the Fruitdale Grange, 1440 Parkdale Drive, Grants Pass (at the corner of Rogue River Highway and Parkdale Drive).

For more information, please stop by one of our meetings, write Rogue Valley Piecemakers, PO Box 5652, Grants Pass, OR 97527, or visit our website at rvpiecemakers.com.

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The Siskiyou Crest Coalition brings an exciting arts, science, and culture festival to the Applegate

BY DIANA COOGLE

Things are looking good for Celebrating the Siskiyou Crest: A Festival of Arts, Culture, and Science, coming to Pacifica Garden, in Williams on July 15-16, plus a day of guided hikes on July 14.

Just look at this lineup:

Speakers. We are thrilled to have David Rains Wallace as Sunday's keynote speaker. His book, *The Klamath Knot*, was the first to emphasize to the public the ecological importance, geological history, and unique beauty of the Klamath-Siskiyou Mountains. The keynote address on Saturday is just as exciting, with Michael Kauffmann, author of *Conifer Country*, and the Applegate's own well-known advocate for the Siskiyou Crest, Luke Ruediger, sharing the podium.

Music. We are excited to have Alice DiMichele and Windsong as our featured musicians.

Science. Four panel discussions, led by known experts, will focus on the ecology of the Siskiyou Crest: (1) botany, with Kristi Mergenthaler and John Villela; (2) wildlife, with Dana Ross, Romaine Cooper, and Pepper Trail; (3) biodiversity, with John Roth and Susan Harrison; (4) ecological threats to the Crest, with Dominick DellaSala and Rich Nawa. A fifth panel will feature Joe Scott on Native American culture. A panel about recreation on the Siskiyou Crest is also being planned.

Arts. From the Illinois Valley to Ashland, arts organizations and writers' groups are encouraging artists, poets, and musicians to submit work that takes as its subject the wild nature of the Siskiyou Crest. All arts are eligible: visual (painting, drawing, photography, etc.); textile (quilting, tapestry, etc.); and sculptural (sculpture, mosaic, ceramics, etc.) We'll accept one submission per artist.

Poets may submit up to three poems about the wild nature of the Siskiyou Crest, totaling no more than 130 lines, to be read at the festival.

Music and dance submissions are also eligible. As long as the song or dance reflects the wild nature of the Siskiyou Crest and is no more than five minutes long, we want those submissions. There'll be time slots for performances at the festival.

Hikes. Even if you have been hiking these trails for 20 years or more, you'll not want to miss the opportunity of seeing butterflies at Bigelow Lakes with Dana Ross and Linda Kappen, snorkeling for coho salmon with Rich Nawa, or finding birds with Frank Lospalluto or bees with Pepper Trail. Other hikes to rugged and beautiful places on the Siskiyou Crest, from Ashland to the Smith River, will be led by Matt Dybala, Kristi Mergenthaler, Luke Ruediger, and Suzie Savoie.

Kids' activities. We'll have Pacifica's usual wonderful lineup for children.

Supporters. From a benefactor's \$1,000 donation to supporters donating up to \$250 each, businesses and individuals in the community have rallied with tremendous financial backing, including in-kind donations from lodging to venue to wine.



Wildflowers on the trail to Alex Hole and a view of the crest.

All submissions of art, poetry, and music will be juried into the show. Hyla Lipson, director of the Grants Pass Museum of Art; Nancy Adams, nationally recognized ceramicist (see article in the Winter 2022 issue of the *Applegater*), and Kevin Peer, nationally renowned videographer, will be some of the judges. If you would like to be a juror or if you know of someone we could contact, let us know by sending an email to siskiyoufestival@gmail.com.

Put the festival dates on your calendar! If you are applying for a spot in the art show or with poetry, music, or dance, note the May 1 deadline for applications. Application forms will be available online by March 1. Join our mailing list—write to siskiyoufestival@gmail.com—to keep up to date with information. Also visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/CelebratingSiskiyou.

We could use lots of help as we move forward. We're looking for food trucks that don't use plastic plates or utensils. We're looking for a tech person to set up for panelists, speakers, music, and continuous video looping. We'll need help with parking, art show setup, promotion, and Facebook postings. Let us know if you want to help in any of those ways or know of anyone who could.

If you would like to donate to the festival, go to the website of our umbrella organization, Applegate Siskiyou Alliance, at applegatesiskiyoualliance.org, and donate in the name of the festival.

Join us in behind-the-scenes work to make the festival a success. It doubles the fun.

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A painting by Greeley Wells from the Siskiyou Crest region offers an example of art that could be submitted.

Free anti-overdose drugs available

Rogue Harm Reduction offers free lifesaving overdose medication and HIV tests from 10:30 am-1:30 pm the first Sunday of each month at the Sugarloaf Center, 206 Tetherow Road, Williams. Park in the large gravel parking lot and take a short walk to the center at the end of the gated driveway.

Volunteers offer free doses of Narcan (which delivers naloxone) to take home to reverse opioid overdose, along with instructions for use (allow 20 minutes), as well as free fentanyl test strips, take-home HIV tests, and condoms and lube. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, email rogueharmreduction@gmail.com.

Rogue Harm Reduction is a volunteer-run, nonprofit health collective interested in promoting community wellness and harm reduction strategies in response to substance use and other community health concerns. Volunteers work in partnership with and are trained by the HIV Alliance. For more, go to hivalliance.org.