

O'Brien artist illustrates unique fairytale book

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Johnnie Walker has lived in O'Brien since 1998, where she has been a potter, photographer, painter and most recently the illustrator of a new children's book.

Walker earned a degree in art from the California Institute of the Arts. While working as an advertising artist, Walker met Marilyn Bradford, the founder of a modeling troupe, and the two women became lifelong friends.

When Bradford needed help bringing her book to life with images, she asked Walker. The fairy tale, unique in that it features black characters, is a story based on a time when the Moors ruled Spain. The 72-page book, entitled "Beauteous Black," was published in October 2012.

"While there are some similarities to the old Cinderella story and other fairy tales," Walker said, "this one has many more interesting twists to it."

Walker worked intensively with Bradford on the illustrations, making sure they were just right. Bradford challenged Walker often during this process of putting the book together. Walker said her illustration skills improved as a result of this collaboration.

The children's book contains a story that is suitable for all ages, with colorful pictures to bring the characters to life. According to Walker, the story is about a great sea-faring warrior, El Black, who loses his wife to a plague and is left with three rambunctious, strong-willed daughters to raise.

The father falls in love with the beautiful nanny and tells his daughters he will marry her. Instead of being delighted, the daughters grow angry. They become even more jealous when a new daughter is born and everyone in the manor house dotes on the baby.

Bradford deals with issues of sibling jealousy, fear, anger, revenge, and love, as all four sisters travel through an enchanted forest to a festival. There is betrayal, bribery and some scary moments before the tale ends with a surprise.

Walker said she looks forward to illustrating more books and plans to work on Bradford's next one. She noted that a copy is available at the Josephine Community Library and will be displayed at the Women's Café March 9. A reading of the book is being planned for April at the I.V. Library branch and a book-signing or ice cream social may also be part of the event.



(Photo by Linda Corey-Woodward, *Illinois Valley News*)

Takilma resident Johnny Walker with the book *Beauteous Black*, which she illustrated.

A graze in the sun



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, *Illinois Valley News*)

Two American Paints Hope and Lance enjoy the unseasonably warm weather last weekend.

Obituaries

Lawrence Dale Moody, age 73, of Cave Junction, died Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at his home.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Please sign the family guest book at www.since1928hull.com.

Lawrence was born in Dearborn, Michigan on May 2, 1939 to Wells and Thelma Moody. He served in the United States Navy for four years and was honorably discharged in July 1960. For 39 years he worked for South Coast Lumber in Brookings, Oregon. He ran heavy equipment and drove eighteen wheelers until 1999. In May 1999 he moved to Alaska where he did a lot of fishing, what fun. In August 2006 he returned to Cave Junction.

He grew up fishing and swimming on the Chetco River and at age 15 he met his wife there. He also enjoyed hunting.

Survivors include his wife, Margie whom he married on June 27, 1982 in Harbor, Oregon; his daughter, Laura

and her husband, David Lee of Aurora, Colorado; three stepchildren, Lloyd Matlock and wife Linda of Brookings, Oregon, Vanette Musser and husband William of Naukati, Alaska and Tara Blair and husband Max of Thorne Bay, Alaska; grandchildren, Daniel, David, Jenna, Matthew, Angel, Duke, Joshua, Matthew, Sonny, Jason, Korrisa and Nathan; seven great-grandchildren; his brothers, Albin Moody and wife Fran of Talent, Oregon, Arthur Moody and wife Nancy of Cave Junction, Oregon and Roger Moody and wife Marty of Harbor, Oregon and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was a brother, William Moody.

Hettie Mae Wilson-Rollins, age 85, of Cave Junction, died Friday, March 1, 2013 at her home.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Sunrise Cemetery in Fortuna, California.

Illinois Valley Funeral Directors are in charge of arrangements.

Hettie was born May 1, 1927 in Vesper, Wisconsin to Goldie Effie Brody-Wilson and Joseph Henry Wilson.

She lived her life for her family and was the loving mother of eight children who survived her: Virginia Lamb of Cave Junction, Oregon; Tommie Rollins of Cave Junction, Oregon; Shirley Ogden of Fortuna, California; Garvin Rollins of Bridgeville, California; Walter Rollins Jr. of Cave Junction, Oregon; Richard Shawver of Carlotta, California; Paul "Ed" Rollins of Fortuna, California; Annette Smith of Cave Junction, Oregon; and Lonnie Rollins of Cave Junction, Oregon; a brother, Vern Wilson who lived near her keeping her company; 19 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Walter Rollins Sr in 2005; a daughter, Virginia Lamb in 2006; and her brothers, Bill, Guy, Don, Lee, and Earl.

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