

People

Mountain Festival artist wins 3 awards

Charlene Opperman's quilt design won three awards at the Northwest Festivals Association's convention last week.

Her poster, button and program/schedule all received awards of excellence.

There is some irony in her success in that it was the Mountain Festival that lured her back into her work as an artist.

Opperman knew Ann Fenwick and Lynn Ellis, founding members of the Sandy Mountain Festival, from when they owned the Blushing Zebra art supply store.

When the Mountain Festival began to grow, Opperman started painting again so she could sell her paintings at the festival.

It was while showing at the festival several years ago that she got better acquainted with Fenwick, who in 1984 convinced her to do the calligraphy in the program.

In 1985, Opperman did the design that included a wood-panel background with lettering on wanted posters.

The next year, working with Don Weber at St. Paul's Press in Sandy, she put together a three-color design that featured a blue Mount Hood in the background, green fir trees and the dancing man and bear in the foreground.

The dancing man and bear, the Mountain Festival's logo, has been incorporated in all of Opperman's designs. In the quilt design, the dancing man and bear are on one of the quilt patches.

Opperman does not plan to do the Mountain Festival buttons, brochures and other publications next year. She said there are many artists locally who could contribute



Charlene Opperman has done a variety of art work. This painting of an apple and branch was done on stretched burlap.

new ideas.

But she said she has enjoyed her association with the Mountain Festival committee. "They're a

great group to work with," she said. "They're nice people."

It was also a learning experience. At the 1985 Northwest Festivals

Association convention in Portland, she got the idea for having Mount Hood extend beyond what people would normally consider the border of her drawing.

She also learned about the printing process as she worked with Weber on that 1986 design. "He is a very patient man," she joked.

Opperman's interest in art has taken a variety of forms over the years. She began painting after taking a high school art class.

She took a few art classes while working toward her degree in education at Portland State University. She taught in the Sandy Elementary District for eight years, but quit to raise a family.

Opperman and her husband, Gary, a load dispatcher for Portland General Electric Co., built their own home east of Sandy, and she wove all the curtains in the house.

Her home features oil paintings of ocean scenes, farm scenes and drawings of snow-covered mining shacks.

Lately she has channeled her energies into tile painting. She has decorated cookie tins and her husband is making a gingerbread house that she will paint and use as a cookie jar.

The Oppermans have two children. They are Carrie, 18, and Matt, 14.

Fenwick said the Mountain Festival committee would miss her contributions. "She's a good artist," she said. "For our needs, she's been wonderful."

Fenwick said she felt that some of Opperman's past designs deserved to win awards, and she was pleased to see her get the recognition.

"We have definitely appreciated her contributions," Fenwick said.

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Senior center news

The Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving dinner will be Friday, Nov. 20, at noon and will feature a menu of traditional favorites befitting the holiday, including turkey, dressing, gravy and pumpkin pie.

Following the meal Judy Shepherd will present a travelogue on Queensland, Australia.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be presented at the Sandy Senior Center on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. The humorous but heartwarming play will appeal to children and adults of all ages. The show is the production of the newly organized Gresham Community Theater and is open to the public. There is no charge for admission, however, a free-will donation will be taken.

Seniors who have a birthday in November will be recognized at the birthday party on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 12:30 p.m. The Sandy Silvertones

will be present to play selections of birthday favorites.

"Knowing Your Rights" — a program on Medicare's Prospective Payment System will be featured on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 1 p.m. Important changes are being made in the way hospitals are being reimbursed for Medicare patient care.

To curb rising hospital costs and provide incentives for more cost-effective hospital operations, the U.S. government initiated a new payment method called the "Prospective Payment Systems." Even though the new system concerns the way Medicare reimburses hospitals for patient care, it does have an impact on the potential hospital patient. A new AARP slide/tape program, "Knowing Your Rights," provides an overview of the new payment system and answers a series of questions.

The third annual Thanksgiving

Day Dinner sponsored by Suburban Ford will be held at the senior center on Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meal will be catered and promises to be as delicious as last year. People attending are asked to contact the center to make reservations.

Friday, Nov. 20
Noon: L & F Thanksgiving Dinner
1:00 p.m.: Travelogue
7:00 p.m.: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
Monday, Nov. 23
9:00 a.m.: Low Impact Aerobics
10:30 a.m.: Choir
11:30 a.m.: Flex 'n Stretch
Noon: L & F meal
1 p.m.: Band & Cards
Tuesday, Nov. 24
9:00 a.m.: Foot Care Clinic
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The news deadline is Monday, Nov. 23, at noon, and the display advertising deadline is at 9 a.m. the same day. Call 668-5548 to place a news item or to reserve a space in the main section of paper.

The classified advertising deadline will not change. It is 5 p.m. on Monday. Call 667-6633 to place a classified advertisement.

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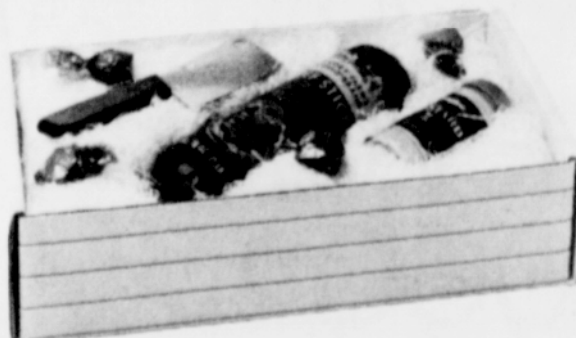
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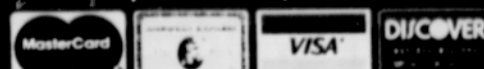
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