

# One day, two garage sales on tap for Aug. 1 in Keizer

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Looking to do as many garage sales as possible in one day in Keizer?

If so, remember this date: Saturday, Aug. 1.

That is the date members of the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association will be holding their third annual neighborhood-wide garage sale.

That is also the date for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual McNary Estates garage sale.

Having the two big sales on the same day wasn't planned. Both groups chose the date to avoid conflicts with other events and happened to inadvertently create a new conflict.

"It was certainly not a competitive thing with Gubser," said Dave Parker, organizer of the McNary Estates garage sale and president of the McNary Estates Homeowners Association.

While the McNary Estates sale used to be on the third Saturday of August, last year the event was held on the second Saturday of that month.

"It conflicted with so

many events going on," Parker said. "There was a big family golf event, RIVERfair and a bunch of other activities. So we changed it to the first Saturday for this year. We couldn't change it to later in the month because there is too much going on like fairs, school starting and Labor Day."

However, the latest date change wasn't widely known. When GGNA members discussed when to have their sale during their January monthly meeting, it was emphasized the McNary Estates sale has traditionally been held on the third Saturday of August.

"The end of August is too close to school," GGNA president Mark Caillier said at the January meeting. "This is what I've been advised, to have it at the start of the month. I would say let's go with the first of August."

When Caillier was reminded to not step on McNary Estates' toes, Caillier pointed out that was one reason for choosing Aug. 1.

"That's a huge garage sale they have," Caillier said. "We don't want to piggyback."

During the February GGNA meeting, Caillier noted the conflict with the garage sale.

"We had scheduled it for Aug. 1," he said. "McNary Estates changed theirs to the same date. I still think Aug. 1 is a wise date at this point. If we try to go later it's an issue."

Gerry Nichols was among the GGNA members agreeing with the idea of keeping the sale on that day.

"I think that is a perfect date," Nichols said.

Caillier noted the sale will officially run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Brad Coy, the former GGNA president who learned how to launch the garage sale thanks to tips from McNary Estates residents, suggested using Google maps to mark what houses will be participating.

"It would be easy to create a survey saying what you have and send it out by Nextdoor, Facebook and more," Coy said. "You would click on a few boxes, then convert to a Google map."

Coy noted two garage sales on one day will make logistics more difficult, particularly for participating sellers who would also want to check out the wares at the other neighborhood.

"With it being the same day as McNary, one thought was about people here being able to go to McNary as well," Coy said. "Keep in mind there are a lot of garage sale hawks looking for the deals. Having the McNary sale on the same day, it will likely attract that crowd in more force than if the sales were on different days."

Parker, who noted the McNary Estates sale will go from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., sees no issue in working with GGNA members on promoting both sales together.

"I would not be adverse to that," he said. "We have our signs at entrances to McNary. We had 98 participants last year. It was successful. The number has been over 100 on occasion. The last few years it's been in the high 90s. The United Gospel Mission comes for leftovers at the end. We tell people, anything you don't want when it's over, put it at the foot of your driveway and UGM will pick it up."



Members of the Keizer Arts Commission discuss the work of local artist Louise Boucher during their Feb. 24 meeting.

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## Art interest picking up

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Things are filling up for the gallery at Keizer Civic Center.

In the last couple of years, efforts have been made to get new art hanging at city hall on a rotating basis. That effort is paying off.

Currently the Mid Valley Quilt Guild has work on display. The exhibit went up in January and continues through the end of March, for the second consecutive year. The group is expected to return again next January.

At their meeting on Feb. 24, members of the Keizer Arts Commission — expected to be formally renamed the Keizer Public Arts Commission soon — went over the upcoming schedule of exhibits.

Up to 50 paintings by Louise Boucher will be on display from April through June, followed by a Colored Pencil Art display from July through September. Student art from McNary High School is expected to adorn the walls from October through the end of the year, followed by another quilt display. Next spring, the photos of Mike Hare will be up.

KAC chair Lore Christopher gave background into Boucher's work and had Nate Brown, director of Community Development, present a slideshow of the work.

"This is a request from a Keizer legacy family, the

Bouchers," Christopher said. "This is one of the families that helped with the ballot for this to be a city. There are about 50 paintings available. There will be nothing inappropriate. It's a life's work show of a community member. Nate's fear is more people will come forward (with art to display); I'm fine with that."

Brown noted sizes on some of the pieces are unknown, which means all of the pieces might not fit in the gallery.

Christopher noted some of the pieces have been in Boucher Jewelers on a rotating basis in the past.

"People will really respond to that," Christopher said. "She's painted for something like 38 years. She's no longer painting."

As Brown continued to go through his slideshow, KAC member Rick Day was impressed.

"These are wonderful," Day said.

Christopher acknowledged another issue to figure out will be framing, but she expressed confidence issues will get worked out.

"Ron Boucher contacted us and said, 'It would mean a lot to our family to allow our mother to display her work.' I said I think we can do that," she said.

Christopher appreciated Ron contacting the city with the idea.

"I love that he wanted to do it for his mother," Christopher said. "Many are familiar with the paintings by coming into Bouchers. I think it's wonderful to do."

The display will begin somewhere around April 1. It hasn't been determined yet if there will be a reception. Brown said Ron indicated the family would be fine with pieces being sold while on display. KAC members noted that would require the family to come up with cards to put next to the pieces.

After the colored art display in the summer, Christopher is hoping to have a Salem-Keizer Education Foundation Art Show from October through the end of 2015, with another wall filled with art by MHS students. Christopher noted she still has to set things up with Krina Lee (SKEF) and Todd Layton (MHS)

"They have an art show right now at Keizer Heritage," Christopher said of MHS students. "Everything is professionally matted and tagged, with the name of the artist and the piece plus the price. They've sold 12 pieces so far. Todd was interested in having a student art show here. We would partner with SKEF for doing a show. I'm thinking we could curate our own show for October through December. I think that's the perfect time to have art by kids."



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