

Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show
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QUILT SHOW REPORTS RESULTS FOR 2011 SHOW

Quilters and quilt admirers turned out in record numbers for the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show last month.

The annual show, which takes place the second Saturday of July, is Sisters' largest event and benefits this small town as well as the entire Central Oregon Region.

Ann Richardson, Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show executive director, reports higher numbers of quilt entries and attendees, as well as an increase in sponsorships. Local businesses were thrilled as well: In addition to perfect weather, the show added an extra day with extended displays and special activities called "Save It for Sunday", which created additional shopping time.

The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is a non-profit organization that produces the Show; free admission is made possible through volunteer efforts, sponsorships, donations, and quilt sales. In conjunction with the Show, the Stitchin' Post quilt and yarn shop produces "Quilters Affair," a week of classes and lectures just prior to the Show weekend.

Sisters and the region welcomed over 12,000 visitors who delighted in the 1,400 quilts displayed throughout the town. Truly a national and even world-renowned event, visitors and exhibitors represented over 4 countries, 2 Canadian Provinces, and 43 states. The furthest country represented was Australia.

Although many are annual Show attendees, there was an increase in first-time visitors as well, and many reported bringing friends and spending time exploring Oregon while they were here.

In the spirit-of-community tradition the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show shares funds with local organizations. This year, the Show returned \$1,175.25 for Sisters Parks & Recreation District from the Small Wonders Challenge; \$1,617.43 for Kiwanis of Sisters with the Raffle Quilt, and \$9,325.54 for Wendy's Wish Foundation/St. Charles Cancer Treatment Center through Wish Upon a Card.

In addition, the Show donated \$950 to the Sisters High School Track Program, \$200 to the Sisters High School Nordic Team, and \$500 to the Sisters/Camp Sherman Fire Department.

"Our Show wouldn't be possible without the support of sponsors and the hundreds of volunteers", said Richardson. "They represent the Show, the community – and our state. We could not do the Show without them."

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