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Quilt by Joanna Price

SISTERS OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW PARTNERS WITH ARTS CENTRAL FOR FIRST JURIED EXHIBIT
OF ART AND CONTEMPORARY QUILTS IN CENTRAL OREGON

Bend, OR – The Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show (SOQS) is partnering with Arts Central to host the first juried exhibit of art and contemporary quilts in Central Oregon. ***Fabrications – The Art of Quilting*** opens at Arts Central, on Friday, February 3rd, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm to coincide with the First Friday Art Walk in downtown Bend. More than 100 quilts were submitted by artists primarily from Central Oregon and juried by Pat Clark, owner of Atelier 6000 and Cate O’Hagan, Executive Director of Arts Central, for inclusion into the show. The exhibit, sponsored by Bank of the Cascades, includes thirty-three art quilts, showcasing 24 different artists. “These may not be quilts like your grandmother made, but many of them were designed and created by grandmothers”, says Ann Richardson, Executive Director of SOQS.

According to Clark, “The artists pushed the envelope on the varied use of surface design and manipulation of the fabrics. The artistic vision and environment of Central Oregon is greatly enriched by this art, craft and process.”

“Viewing the quilts as a complete display is reminiscent of looking through a kaleidoscope – it’s filled with color and dimension.” said jurist O’Hagan. “I focused on color, design and style, some of the basics of visual art in selecting the quilts to be exhibited.”



About a third of the quilts are for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting both Arts Central and SOQS, both of which are 501(c)(3) nonprofits. For Arts Central, proceeds will benefit their scholarship fund for youth in need. SOQS is known for their annual outdoor quilt show – the largest of its kind in the world. While educating the public about quilt making, the organization continues to carry out the American tradition of quilters, helping to meet community needs. According to Richardson “In the past 11 years, SOQS has raised \$80,000 for our community partners.” The annual show is on July 14, 2012.

The quilts will be on display until February 25th at Arts Central (875 NW Brooks St – the building between the Mirror Pond parking lots in downtown Bend, hours: Wed. – Sat., 11am – 4pm). Art quilts by local artists will also be on display in February at the Sisters and Bend branches of Bank of the Cascades. To view more contemporary quilts later in the year, visit Clearwater Gallery in Sisters during the Quilt Show in July to see the work of Rosalie Dace, a contemporary quilt artist from South Africa.

“This is truly an inspired regional showcase featuring the tremendous creativity, innovation and talent of fiber artists from Central Oregon and beyond.” said John Negrau, Arts Central’s Development and Marketing Manager. Seven artists from Bend are featured in the exhibit: Joanne Myers, Donna Rice, Betty Gientke, Val Shewell, Sarah Kaufman, Helen Brisson and Candy Woods. Three artists from Redmond: Mary Stiewig, Charlene Kenny and Tammy MacArthur. Grace Grinnell from Prineville and Sheila Finzer from Terrebonne have work included in the exhibit. There are four artists from Sisters: Jean Wells, Ann Richardson, Cathy Moen and Sharon Carvalho. From Sunriver, Carol Loehndorf-Webb, Mary Klein and Wendy Hill have work on display. There are also five artists from western Oregon: Deborah Sorem, Victoria Gordon and Joanna Price from Salem and Betty Davis Daggett and Kathy Blondell from Portland.



About Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show

Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to educate and inspire the public about the art of quilting and to enhance the cultural and economic vitality of the schools and community of Sisters and Central Oregon. We accomplish this through a series of annual events, most notably the largest outdoor Quilt Show in the world held on the second Saturday of July. www.sistersoutdoorquiltshow.org

About Arts Central

Arts Central, as the Regional Arts and Culture Council for Central Oregon, provides arts services to the communities, artists and arts organizations in Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties. Arts Central receives support from the Oregon Arts Commission for these services. Our purpose is to inspire creativity through arts education and to advocate for integration of the arts in all aspects of community life in Central Oregon. We accomplish our purpose through four distinct initiatives: advocacy, arts education, public art, and cultural trust. We are able to provide arts education to our community through programs like our education + resource center, Art Station, VanGo, and Artists in Schools residencies.

<http://www.artscentraloregon.org/index.php>

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