AUTUMN at Black Butte Ranch

by Molly Hover, for The Bulletin Special Projects

Art at the Ranch

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 30-31

Once again Black Butte Ranch (just 7 miles west of Sisters) will be alive with art and people throughout Labor Day weekend for the annual Art at the Ranch event. Host to live music, a silent auction, kids' activities and, of course, art, the event is free and open to the

For the 28th year, the Black Butte Ranch Art Guild will sponsor Art at the Ranch which, through various scholarships, supports the arts in the Sisters School District.

The event begins Saturday, Aug. 30 with live music by local musicians Katie Yates and Dakota Wagner and ends its first night with a silent auction and music from Brent Alan, sponsored by Deschutes Brewery. Sunday features Wagner again as well as Dennis Mc-Gregor during the live music segment followed by children's crafts and face painting in the afternoon.

The art is available for purchase throughout the event, with proceeds supporting local artists. The event will also allow participants to vote on the murals that have been created by Sisters high and middle school students to be used on the construction fence for the remodeling of the Lodge

For more information on this event, call Black Butte Ranch at 541-595-6211.

Photography in the Aspens

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

Breathtaking visuals are not hard to come by among the aspens and nature of Black Butte Ranch. Those who can capture such moments with a camera can expand their talent with the 10th annual Photography in the Aspens.

The workshop is led by Rick Schafer, a professional photographer based out of Portland. His expertise will be at the disposal of those attending the weekend workshop among the varied nature that surrounds Black Butte Ranch.

The workshop is intended for intermediate to advanced digital photographers and will focus on techniques in Adobe Photoshop to create photos that have a professional and finished quality. Students should bring their personal cameras and computers.

A registration fee of \$295 includes the workshop with photography instruction from Rick Schafer, meals from Friday evening dinner through Sunday morning breakfast and access to the Ranch and its amenities. Lodging is not included in the total

To learn more about Photography in the Aspens and for pre-registration, call Black Butte Ranch at 541-595-1506.

Handcrafted FUN

Sisters Harvest Faire returns to Hood Avenue in October

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Central Oregon in October is a sight to behold. The trees quickly turn from green to hues of orange and red, the air smells crisper and carries with it the promise of winter. Events such as the annual Sisters Harvest Faire give people a chance to celebrate fall.

Taking place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11-12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, the event is free to the public and has a little something for everyone. With more than 200 juried vendors in attendance, Hood Avenue in Sisters is filled to the brim with unique handcrafted items that have local flair.

For more than 30 years, the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce has been hosting this annual event for the community. Because the vendors are juried, a committee accepts them based on the craftsmanship and uniqueness of their work. Of the vendors this year, participants can expect products such as jewelry, textiles, metal art, wood carvings, Christmas ornaments, pottery and furniture, according to Jeri Buckmann, the visitor center manager for Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce.

One such unique and returning vendor is Hunt's Hazelnuts from Gervais (just north of Salem). The family has only missed one faire in the past 20 years and has seen it evolve into what it is today. The Hunts grow hazelnuts and bring a wide variety to their booth including roasted, smoked and garlic hazelnuts; varieties of candy-coated hazelnuts; hazelnut butters; pancake mix, syrup, coffee



Phyllis Hunt, of Gervais, and Hunt's Hazelnuts has a loyal following and returns to this year's faire.

and cocoa; and even hazelnut flour.

"We love it. We love the returning customers," said owner Phyllis Hunt. "We have such faithful people who just keep coming year after year."

In addition to the vendors lining the streets, guests can expect live music the band had not yet been confirmed at press time - and multiple food vendors to give them energy while shopping throughout the day.

Kids will also have a dedicated area during the faire in the U.S Bank parking lot. The Kids Zone "has been put on by Sisters Park and Recreation and usually includes games, bounce houses, face painting and other activities," said Buckmann.

The faire is a time for the community of Sisters and beyond to enjoy one another's company in the fresh fall air, celebrate the hard work displayed by the craftspeople who attend and perhaps even get started on their holiday shopping.

"It is a fun show because of the time of year," said Buckmann. "You can sense the changing of the season."



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