

Elkton RV Park – May 14 – 17, 2021
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Thirty women in twenty-two rigs of various shapes and sizes gathered on the shores of the lower Umpqua River for this, our third outing of the season. The weather was glorious with daytime temps in the upper 70's and low 80's and the night time cooling off into the upper 40's. So, we started each day in several layers of clothing, shed some as the day progressed and reached for our fleece and jackets when the sun went down. Because the CDC has now eased masking requirements, members were told they could use their own judgment regarding masks, but if they hadn't yet received vaccinations, they were asked to continue wearing them.

Friday evening started with a meet and greet and we were treated to some stuffed peppers made by Jeanette (Jet) Hankins, one of our newest members. Several adjustments were made to the weekend's activities and then brief introductions all around. After dinner, some members gathered in the covered area for our usual game of Square Nine.

Saturday, our morning started with several flavors of delicious scones provided by members Joan Lease and Kathy Johnson. President Michelle Pelkey offered to teach a CPR class to members at the Crooked River Rally. She described how the class is somewhat different than it used to be. It was decided by the group that the chapter will pay for the participation of the members as our treasury is quite healthy. It appeared as though she would have enough from today's participants to fill her class but she can offer another one, possibly in October,



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During the afternoon, Lynda Haghan offered a class on alcohol painting which drew a lot of interest. She described the process and then turned the group loose to create their masterpieces. Each one was different and all were quite beautiful. And even after you have taken them home, you could spray them with alcohol and change them a bit if you weren't quite satisfied. Several gals also got together to play some games and work on puzzles.





And, of course, people were also free to explore the area – walk along the river, visit the Butterfly Pavilion, Fort Umpqua or one of the many local wineries. Elkton is also considered the bass fishing capital of Oregon.

At 5:30, those

interested gathered to roast hot dogs over a fire in the huge fire pit. A variety of hot dogs and trimmings were contributed by members. And of course, the evening brought another round of Square Nine. This time with two tables while a couple of puzzle lovers continued working on one of the jigsaw puzzles.



The high bidder on the silent auction for the quilt donated by Joan Lease (right) was announced Sunday morning and Deb Johnson (left) will be taking it home. Two rigs were christened on Sunday morning and a small group gathered around 4:00 to play Card Bingo.

And once again there was Square Nine Sunday evening with what seemed like a marathon – starting at 6:30 and ending at almost 10:00. Jeanette came to our rescue with extra clothing, blankets and snacks as the evening was much colder than Saturday night. And of course, we were there much later with one table of eight gals bound and determined to complete nine hands.



Some gals left on Sunday and the rest said their farewells Monday morning until our next gathering at Crooked River in June.

