

This Road We Traveled

**Presentation and Book-Signing by Jane Kirkpatrick & Stafford Hazelett,
With Art Show, Sandy, OR - Friday, April 12, 2019**

Art, history, and literature buffs; and the general public, are invited to attend this very special art show, author presentation and book-signing in Sandy on April 12. Verheyden Studios in Boring sponsored a 2019 Summer Read & Paint Program based on Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick's recent book This Road We Traveled. This is an enlightening story of perseverance, strength, survival, and the bonds of family, based on true events along the Oregon Trail. Tabitha (Tabby) Brown is the main character and matriarch of the Brown family. Tabby's strength is the force behind her family's group of wagons leaving Missouri in 1845, heading for Oregon. Most of the book's characters are true and based on real people and their accounts of the journey to Oregon. The Oregon Legislature named Tabitha Brown the "Mother of Oregon", and she was the founder of Pacific University in Forest Grove. Jane Kirkpatrick is a *New York Times* best-selling author and historical fiction writer who lives in Redmond, OR.

Art instructor Beth Verheyden invited her local art students to read Jane's book and create paintings based on people, places and events depicted in the book. As a result, 25 original, unique paintings will be on exhibit at the AntFarm Cafe in Sandy. Before the Art Show opens, Jane Kirkpatrick and Stafford Hazelett, author of Wagons to the Willamette, and descendant of Tabby Brown, will host a presentation and book-signing at the Sandy Public Library. Here is the schedule:

—Friday, April 12, 4:00-5:30pm- **Author Presentation, Book Sale & Signing**, Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy, OR, 97055.

—Friday, April 12, 6:00-8:00pm- **Artists' Reception, Book Sale & Signing**, AntFarm Café, 39140 Proctor Blvd., Sandy, OR, 97055 (near the Library). The reception will be catered by the AntFarm. Enjoy live music by Michael Swanson on Oboe and David Blanchard on Guitar. The Art Show at the AntFarm will be open to the public from April 12 to 29. All works of art will be for sale. Part of the sale proceeds will benefit the AntFarm's youth programs.