

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE ART CENTER

Member Newsletter

August 2014

SAVE THE DATE

*Crossroads
Annual Gala
Dinner & Auction
Saturday, October 18*

DATES OF INTEREST

August 6th - Happy 40th Birthday Oregon Community Foundation

August 14–17th - We Like 'Em Short Film Festival at the Elytrm Theatre

August 18th–23rd - Missoula Children's Theatre presents "Rapunzel" at Baker High School. Performances Friday August 22nd at 6:00pm and August 23rd at 3:00pm. \$5.00 a person, free for children under 12 when accompanied by an adult. \$30.00 per student to participate for the week.

August 20th - Crossroads Board Meeting at Crossroads

September 2nd - All Day—Bring in artwork for the Open Regional Show

September 5th - Annual Art at the Crossroads Open Regional Show First Friday Reception. Sponsored by Ash Grove Cement with food by Zephyr Bakery, Music by Hannah Violette, Judge Barbara Noonan.

September 20th - The Great Salt Lick Auction at Baker Event Center

Save the Date! Crossroads Gala - Saturday, October 18th

CROSSROADS WISH LIST
Copy Paper
#10 envelopes
9x 12 Manilla Envelopes
Gallons of white vinegar

Missoula Children's Theatre – Rapunzel

With Missoula Children's Theatre miracles happen in a week! Crossroads is proud to once again bring MCT to Baker City. We need your help to you pass this information along to the kids in your life for an experience they will love. Then mark your calendar to come and see the performances! On August 18th we start one week of supreme "fun-ness" at Baker High School Auditorium. It costs \$30 for a child to participate for a week with MCT—the best deal in town!

Performances are open to the public, Friday August 22nd at 6:00 PM and Saturday August 23rd at 3:00 PM. \$5.00 a person, free to children under 12 when accompanied by an adult.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

If we get 580 people to attend these performances, we will have paid for Missoula Children's Theatre to return next year – It's that simple!

The following people have generously donated to help bring MCT to Baker City: Dennis and Terri Axness, Richard and Kathleen Chaves, Werner and Nancy Buehler, Peter and Ginger Ellingson, Dr. Eric & Kristi Sandefur, Della Steele, Matt & Gypsy Burks, Mike & Charlene Chase, Heidi Dalton, Mickey Edwards, Beth Grimes, Bob & Linda Haynes, Rod & Sandy Lewis, Phillip & Andrea Stone, Rebecca Van Cleave, Brian & Suzy Watt and Anonymous Donor.

Quench your Thirst for Art!

Every once in awhile, something so unexpected and remarkable occurs in our little arts world that I need to share it with our members. Each year Terri Axness generously donates her time and talents -with help from friends- to make a beautiful clay item that is sold at the Gala. This year Terri and I decided to have her group make pitchers. Since each table at Gala will be based on a famous artist, the glazed image on the pitchers would also be inspired by famous artists! Oops, did I give away a secret?

Many people have stopped into Terri's studio and have admired the pitchers being made. To say that they are beautiful is an understatement. They are remarkable!!! It became clear to us that these pitchers have become something more than our table ceramics piece. Lots of suggestions were offered and the Board has worked with Terri, as we always try to honor the artists' wishes. Though they deserve it, we can't live auction each of the 30 pitchers off as it would just make the auction too long! So we have decided to use them as our ambassadors to this year's Gala. We plan on asking local businesses to place them in their windows. They are priced by Terri herself and are available for sale the minute they go into windows. All of the pitchers will be at gala to admire and to purchase if they have not already sold. Once they have been photographed, we will post a list of the pitchers and their location so you can go around town and be inspired! Thank you to Terri Axness and her amazing helpers: Sue Henry, Pam Bingham, Lorna Swiger, Nancy Coffelt, Betty Ann Clark, Judy Schroeder, Stohban Knowles, Kathy Gregg, Claire Duncan, and Joyce O'Neal. Thank you to Peterson's Gallery and Gypsy Burks for assisting with the photography.

Legacy Giving Corner: Great News!

Crossroads announced to you a couple of months ago that we received an Oregon Community Foundation grant to help create materials for our legacy giving program. We are thrilled to announce that Crossroads just received an Oregon Cultural Trust Grant to bring PARC Resources to do a two-day training with the Crossroads Board of Directors and staff to create this program. We are thrilled to get the expertise of PARC Resources to assist us in developing the plan and giving us the support to get the project up and going! As soon as more details become available we will let you know and we hope to have significant membership involvement. Thank you Oregon Cultural Trust!



The Importance of Membership

I want to take a moment and speak to the importance of your membership and how your contribution assists Crossroads in fulfilling our mission to engage and inspire our community in the arts.

A fine arts education – including music, theatre, drawing, painting, or sculpture – has been a part of any well-rounded curriculum for decades – but that has been changing. Many schools today are cutting back or eliminating art programs due to budget constraints. Students who don't have access to art classes may not only miss out on a key creative outlet, but might also face greater difficulty mastering core subjects, higher dropout rates and more disciplinary problems.

Crossroads has tried to balance those losses by offering art education programs for children, and with the Hand to Heart Scholarship Fund, generated through donations of members and non-members alike, we turn no child away due to financial reasons. This is one way your donation(s) can enrich the life of a child.

Another way your membership allows Crossroads to pursue our mission is ArtSpeak. A program established by Crossroads in 1998, working with the school principals and counselors to refer students who are at-risk to the program.

A 2005 report by the Rand Corporation called "A Portrait of the Visual Arts" argues that art education does more than just give students a creative outlet. It can actually help connect them to the larger world, ultimately improving community cohesion. (<http://rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG290.html>)

A bold assertion, but not one without merit. Students from lower income families often get little exposure to the arts if they are not provided by the schools. The report shows that arts education can help close the gap between socioeconomic groups, creating a more level playing field between children who may not be exposed to these enrichment experiences outside of school.

In 2007, just to be balanced, Ellen Winner and Lois Hetland, published a study stating that arts don't actually improve academic performance, but it shouldn't matter. (<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/04/arts/design/04stud.html>) They believe it shouldn't matter whether or not art courses improve test scores or grades, and that art education should garner support for what it offers on its own merit – not in relationship to anything else. It helps students improve visual analysis skills, learn from mistakes, be creative and make better critical judgments.

The children of our community deserve the right to the benefits arts education affords. As a Crossroads member you have the opportunity to help change a child's life for now and even into their future. As a member please invite someone else who would jump at the chance to make a difference for a child by having yearly membership to the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

September in the Gallery



In September we welcome artists from around the region for our **16th Annual Art at the Crossroads Open Exhibit**. This is a great opportunity to see some of the best artwork from the artists we represent and also other artists throughout the region. Cash awards totaling over \$1000 will be awarded at the judge's discretion including a special Northwest Pastel Society Award and Barbara Noonan Pastel Workshop Award. The People's Choice award will be selected by those attending the opening reception.

2014 ART AT THE CROSSROADS CALENDAR FOR ARTISTS:

Tuesday, September 2
9:00am – 5:00pm

Deliver Artwork to Crossroads.

Friday, September 5
5:30 – 8:00pm

First Friday opening reception.
Judges Comments and award announcements starting at 5:30pm

For show guidelines please visit the forms section of our website.

The show opens with a reception on **First Friday, September 5th, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**. The show judge Barbara Noonan of Seattle, Washington will give an informal judge's talk along with announcing the award winners starting at 5:30pm. We are pleased to have special refreshments by Zephyr Bakery & Deli and live piano music by Hannah Violette. This exhibit is made possible through the generous support from Ash Grove Cement and The Ford Family Foundation. This exhibition will be on display through Saturday, September 27th.



Special Thanks to the following for their support:

Show Sponsor: Ash Grove Cement
Show Awards: Ash Grove Cement, Northwest Pastel Society, Barbara Noonan
Show promotion: The Ford Family Foundation
Show Judge: Barbara Noonan
Refreshment Sponsor: Zephyr Bakery & Deli
Musicians: Hannah Violette
Housing for judge: A Beaten Path Bed & Breakfast

top: Best of Show 2013, *Nest Series #2 with Antlers* by Tom Dimond
right: *Citrus* by Barbara Noonan

Thank You's – as of August 6th

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Linda Peterson

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Anonymous • All who attended and donated at the Ice Cream Social

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Steve & Mickey Edwards and Threadbender's Weaver's Guild

New or Renewed Memberships
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