

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE ART CENTER

Member Newsletter

June 2014

*July 18th & 19th
We Welcome BHS
Class of 1947*

DATES OF INTEREST

June 13th

Second Friday Literary Night

June 18th

Crossroads Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

June 20th

Baker Art Guild Meeting

June 26th

Thursday Art Night Movie at Eltyrm
"Half the Road" by Kathryn Bertine.

June 3rd or 5th

Tracy Miller Artists Development Class
"Mind your own Art Business"

Fourth of July –

FIRST FRIDAY –

"Wildlife and
Woodlands"

featuring Wildlife Painter

Tracy Miller from Colorado Springs,
Colorado and Woodworkers Bill
and Matthew Shields from Halfway.
Opening reception 5:30-8:00pm.

Informal artist talk starts at 5:30pm.



FIRST FRIDAY FOOD WISH LIST FOR JULY: 4TH OF JULY BBQ

Hot dogs, hot dog buns, ketchup,
mustard, potato chips, watermelons

Please call and let us know if you want
to help bring food for First Friday.
Perishable items can be dropped off on
July 3rd.

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE WISH LIST

Hot and cold cups, plastic forks and
spoons, small plates, 7up or Sprite
for punch, toilet paper, rolls of paper
towels

Good news

Well it has been a difficult month for the staff at Crossroads. We were incredibly disappointed to not have received the Oregon Community Foundation Studio to School Grant. We believe we were strongly positioned with our working relationship with Baker 5J School District. Behind every gray cloud is the sun shining brightly!

We received over \$7000 from the Ford Family Foundation Visual Arts Program to help us better promote our Open Regional Shows.

We also received \$8000 from the Oregon Community Foundation to help us expand our Legacy Giving programs which I will talk about later in the newsletter.

By the time you get this newsletter, I will have 5 grants in the pipeline and with a commitment to write 26 grants this year there is constant pressure on my time. I am so appreciative of Ann Mehaffy, Sharon Bannister and Gypsy Burks who are my proofreaders.

Summer Pledge Drive

Our members are getting a letter from the Board asking for additional financial support to Crossroads. Yet again Board members and staff had been hearing from community members about the myths of how we are funded. We addressed those myths in our mailer. We are funded not by government but by "You" our members. We encourage you all to share the extra membership form in your mailer to someone in our community and to invite them to join Crossroads. You can also use it to give a gift membership to a friend or family member.

Grant funders look to memberships and donations to see the commitment level of a community. Your membership helps us leverage those important dollars.

Legacy Giving Corner

A huge thank you to Oregon Community Foundation from the Robert W Chandler II Fund, Glen and Jean McKenzie Fund and the Northeast Oregon Heritage Fund for \$8,000 grant to help Crossroads build our legacy giving program. These funds will allow us to start the process of creating the documents, resources to increase our legacy giving and give us operating support to complete this. Thank you OCF!

We are currently working to sell the remaining tiles on our donor wall. Please note you can purchase a tile now but you DO NOT need to engrave it immediately.

Making an impact! Linda Jones of Hermiston came to me at the passing of her beloved husband Ray and chose Crossroads as one of the charities that Ray would have supported. As lovers of theatre, she designated those funds to Missoula Children's Theatre. The gifts totaling \$650.00 pays for one full day of MCT coming to Baker City! We are thinking of Linda at this difficult time and thank her for helping Crossroads!

Thank you Bill Harvey Construction!

For the last two years the Crossroads Board of Directors has been having our monthly Board meetings at the office at Bill Harvey Construction. Thank you to the Harvey's for their amazing donation of space; we are blessed to have such terrific community partners who support the arts.

Membership and Contributions

You our members play an important role at the Crossroads Art Center, we rely on our community for our financial support, without your contributions it would not be possible to keep these wonderful doors of the old Carnegie open! By becoming a member you acknowledge that you support the arts and culture in our community, which is especially important in our rural local. Access to high quality arts and education is a vital part of any community's social health and well being. Exposure to arts and culture expand and promote community learning. When you become a member, we show our appreciation

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Membership and Contributions, continued

by extending to you certain benefits that in many cases will more than pay for your membership! Crossroads member benefits include discounts on classes, building rental rates, use of studio spaces and discounts on purchases in the gallery. Additional benefits include receiving our monthly newsletter, email or snail mail, early notice on upcoming classes and events at Crossroads.

Membership and donations enable us to provide art education programs for all ages. It also plays a huge role in just keeping this iconic "art home" maintained. As a member you will have the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting a vital cultural resource for our community.

Your support provides access to all - with the ongoing contributions from local businesses, members and individuals supporting the Hand to Heart Scholarship Fund, we are able to ensure that classes are available to all, regardless of financial considerations, we never turn anyone away.

Never let financial means get in the way of showing your support for the arts and culture in your community, there are many ways you can lend your support, membership can be offset with volunteer work including teaching and in many other ways.

We can always use donations of supplies and materials. In the newsletter we have our "Wish List" of needs for the art center, please take a look and see what you may be able to donate. We run a delicate balance of always providing snacks and beverages for the kids classes and visitors to Crossroads. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact us. We welcome and appreciate your generosity and all donations are tax deductible. The more donated materials we have on hand, the cheaper we can offer classes to the community.

Crossroads is a community based 501(c)3 nonprofit that plays an important part in the economic development of Baker City and the county. We operate on grants, memberships, donations and class income. Your contribution is a commitment to our community and to the arts.

If you have donated in the past we thank you. Would you consider additional donations or perhaps increasing your membership donation(s) in the future?

Please support Crossroads Mission to provide the opportunities for our community to be engaged, inspired, and transformed by diverse forms of art, classes, workshops, lectures and exhibitions by donating or becoming a member today!

Again, thank you to all of our donors and members who have given in the past and we look forward to your continued support. Crossroads - A welcoming place where people meet and the arts speak.

July in the Gallery



In July we welcome artists Tracy Miller from Manitou Springs, Colorado featuring a collection of her Contemporary Western Expressionist paintings, and Bill & Matthew Shields from Halfway featuring a collection of their fine handcrafted furniture in an exhibition titled **Wildlife & Woodlands**.

The show opens with a reception on **First Friday, July 4th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**. The artists will give an informal talk starting at 5:30 pm. Live acoustic guitar and vocals performed by Marvin Sundean and light refreshments are provided by Friends of Crossroads. This exhibit is made possible through the generous support of Kerry and Ginger Savage. Wildlife & Woodlands will be on display through Saturday, July 26th.

Tracy Miller's Contemporary Western Expressionist Paintings are based on her love of the West. Her mom encouraged the artist in her, and her dad exposed her to the great outdoors instilling a love of the land and wide open skies where she learned to slow down and appreciate nature. She grew up riding horses and camping in National Parks, and animals in nature are her passion. Her subject matter is primarily animals of the West, done in bold brushstrokes and bright colors. The paintings start as pure abstract expressionism, integrating emotion and movement through color and shape. The animal reveals itself to her in the process of applying paint. She then refines the detail which makes the animal immediately recognizable, capturing its essence and spirit.

Bill and Matthew Shields are father and son wood workers. Father Bill began his interest in woodworking as a house painter, color remains an important part of his work. Matthew has been a builder, finish carpenter, and craftsman in Oregon, California, and Hawaii. While living in Hawaii, Matthew worked with many of the fine furniture makers of the Hawaii Wood Guild. Both Bill and Matthew are influenced by the blending of West Coast and Asia that is Hawaii. They are both committed to using locally sourced materials from our surrounding woodlands. They generally use materials that have little or no commercial value. In addition, Bill incorporates many salvaged, found, or reclaimed items. They produce furniture that is respectful of its materials, unique in its design, and with a touch of whimsy.



Spotlight on Sales Gallery Artists

We represent a great collection of local and regional artists in our Sales Gallery and we would like to introduce one Sales Gallery artist to you each month by giving you a little more information about the artist's background and approach to their work. We welcome you to stop by and see what is new in the Sales Gallery.

Thank You's

Sustaining Members: Chaves Consulting and Garchar and Colton, CPA's

In Memory of Ray Jones to support Missoula Children's Theatre: Jessie Ritch, D Hayashida, Linda Wooters, Linda Jones, Donna Moeller, Barbara Haynes, John & Pat Leonard, Dorthy Wooters, VerJean Simpson, Linda Collins, Janet Hentze, Sally Farmer, Betty Duncan, Lyla Eddy, Guyer and Associates, Glenda Cole, Thomas & Janet Groat

In Memory of Sid Johnson to the Endowment Fund: Robert and Marie Savage

To support to Crossroads: Gypsy Burks and anonymous donor

Hand to Heart Scholarship Fund: Rushton Podiatry and Betty's Books

First Friday Sponsors: Kerry and Ginger Savage

Refreshments: Friends of Crossroads

Musicians: Marvin Sundean

Featured Artists: Tracy Miller, Bill Shields, Matthew Shields

New or Renewed Members from April 6th to June 3rd: Esa Murrell, Glennis Phillips, Harley Wilson, Holly Coleman, Judy Baker, Kathy Vaughan, Lisa Davis, Pat Blanchard, Ritha Wilcox, Sandra Zimmer, Sherry Younger, Verilyn Richmond

Thank you to all the members who dropped by goods from our wish list—it is so appreciated!