

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE ART CENTER

Member Newsletter

March 2014

Milagro Theater
performs
April 3 and 4

DATES OF INTEREST

March 19th at 5:30pm – Crossroads Annual Meeting of the Corporation at Crossroads. Welcome to all members.
6:00pm – Membership Focus Groups about the programs at Crossroads.

March 21st – Baker Art Guild

March 22nd – Free Kids 1960's Craft Day at Crossroads from 11am to 3pm for Spring Break

March 27th – Thursday Art Night Movie at Eltrym Theatre

March 29th – Free Kids Modern Craft Day at Crossroads from 11am to 3pm for Spring Break

March 31st – Accepting work for the April Theme Show – 9:00am to 5:30pm

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April 3rd – Milagro Theatre Traveling Company at Baker High School all day

April 3rd, Evening – Community Dinner to welcome Milagro Theatre. TBA

April 4th – Milagro Theatre Community Workshop at BHS

April 4th – Milagro Theatre Performance of Cuéntame Coyote at Iron Gate Theatre in Basche Sage Mall, 8pm. Tickets on sale at Betty's Books.

April 4th, 5:30 -8:00pm – "Water"
April Open Theme Show sponsored by the Powder Basin Watershed Council

April 4th – All classes for May turned into Crossroads

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE WISH LIST

Rolls of paper towels, toilet paper, Windex, toilet bowl cleaner, white vinegar, gallon ziploc bags, 9x13 manila envelopes, Kleenex, multi-purpose cleaner (like 409,) plastic forks and spoons, white napkins, liter bottles of 7up or Sprite.

A unique request: A small chest deep freezer for food donated to Crossroads for our afterschool programs

Welcome to the New Crossroads Newsletter!

Things are going to start looking different on the newsletter from Crossroads. Members will now start to receive their newsletter once a month, we hope every Second Friday. The newsletter will be shorter and quicker to read. Our goal is to communicate more effectively with you and more frequently. We will also be able to better inform you about upcoming classes. We will also use the Crossroads Blog and Facebook more frequently to update new and exciting happenings.

Fleetwood Circle

Since I have been at Crossroads, one of our goals is to start a legacy giving program to help support Crossroads and the Carnegie Library Building's long term care. A huge thank you to Cheryl Ikemiya from Oregon Public Broadcasting who worked with the Crossroads staff in February on how to create a legacy giving program—we thank her for her time and efforts. We are thrilled that board member Bill Albright has stepped forward to help the staff move this initiative forward. We currently need volunteers for a small committee to work on the programs to help keep Crossroads sustainable for decades to come.

The Fleetwood Circle will encompass our Membership and Donation Programs which will allow us to develop long term giving programs to include opportunities to leave funds to Crossroads in your will or estate, to leave property or assets for the benefit of Crossroads and even give your required minimum distribution from your IRA to Crossroads. It will be a multi-faceted approach, and each month we will focus on a new aspect of the Fleetwood Circle in the newsletter.

Please note these are often difficult discussions for some people to have and in no means do we mean to offend in anyway. Our hope is to educate our membership on the opportunities we have to help Crossroads, and you must follow the advice of your tax advisor or attorney in all matters.

Our first step was to start out simple. Crossroads now has a beautiful "In Memory Card" for donations in lieu of flowers for funerals of friends or loved ones. Stop by and make your donation directly to Crossroads. You can dedicate if you wish, to the Hand to Heart Scholarship fund, general support or to the Crossroads Carnegie Library Heritage Endowment Fund. We will provide you with this beautiful card, at no charge, on which you can write your personal note to the family. We will also do follow-up with the family as well.

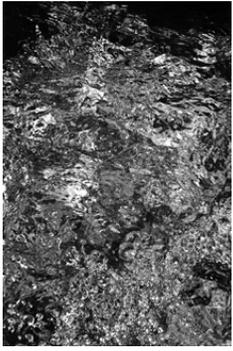
If you would like to sit down and talk about what options we have available, please call me at 541-523-5369.

Crossroads General Meeting on March 19th

We hope you will join us for the annual meeting of the Corporation on March 19th at 5:30pm in the upstairs studio. Refreshments will be provided. We will have our short meeting of the corporation and announce the outcome of the ballots which were mailed to you. We will then go right into small focus groups with our members to ask you how we can make our programs better for our membership. We will have groups talking about how to improve our membership and volunteer programs, a group discussing the direction of the gallery and yet another chatting about our fundraisers and community engagement programs. Our goal is to be done by 7:00pm.

It is with deep sadness that we share that Sharon Bannister has decided to step down from the Crossroads Board. Sharon has been a LONG time volunteer of the organization and in the last five year one of our most valued board members. Sharon's corporate business background gave the board a truly diverse set of voices. She has always been the first one to help and usually the last board member to leave any project we do. Sharon is staying on in an advisory role and continues to be our main proofreader on all grants and newsletters. We will miss her so much!

April in the Gallery



This month The Powder Basin Watershed Council is collaborating with Crossroads to sponsor the April Open Regional Show around the theme "Water." Water is a precious natural resource which inspires yet is essential for our

survival. The Council's goal is to ensure there is sufficient water to meet all our needs by retaining, restoring, and maintaining healthy water supplies. The Council has asked artists to share their interpretation of water. Two awards will be presented to the artists, a People's Choice Award and a Gallery Award.

The show opens with a reception on First Friday, April 4th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. We will have an informal talk by the Watershed Council starting at 5:30pm. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be live music by the Baker High School Jazz Combo. Awards will be presented at 7:30pm. We hope you will join us for this unique show.

Volunteers and Membership

I'm very proud to let you, our members, know that Crossroads Carnegie Art Center received the 2013 Non-Profit Business of the Year award from the Baker County Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau! If you received this letter, give yourself a pat on the back, as a member of one of the most successful and oldest Community Art Center east of the Cascades. Your support of Crossroads Carnegie Art Center through your membership contribution has been instrumental in providing the necessary funding so we can continue our mission. THANK YOU!

We work with a small staff with a multitude of projects to accomplish, and without our great volunteers from our gallery and pottery committees to volunteers staffing the gallery and hosts for First Fridays it couldn't be done. Without volunteers we would never realize all of the success that we are blessed to experience here at Crossroads. At our annual membership meeting (March 19th at 5:30,) we will be asking for and listening to members and volunteers for ideas and thoughts on how to improve the utilization of our volunteer's talents and time (like a SWAT team of people available on short notice to help when needs arise.) So please put that date and time on your calendar, and think about how you might want to give some time as a volunteer.

Milagro Theatre/Miracle Theatre Visit to Baker City

We are thrilled to welcome Milagro Theatre, one of only 5 Latino Theatre companies in the country, to Baker City for a two-day residency and performance of *Cuéntame Coyote*. Crossroads, Baker High School, and Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre are all part of this wonderful residency April 3rd and 4th.

Thursday April 3rd- Milagro's Actor/Educators will be working in Baker High School classrooms all day talking about some of the central themes of the play. Thursday evening there will be a free evening meal open to the public to share the amazing stories of how we all came to America including the voices of Baker City's Latino community. An evening not to be missed!

Friday April 4th—we are inviting a wide and diverse group of community members to join Baker High School for a special artistic and community building experience. Through image theatre exercises, participants will realize common goals and possible solutions to building community inclusiveness. In the afternoon, select community members and BHS Students will receive the rare opportunity to work with Tamarind Master Printmaker Frank Janzen from Crow's Shadow making prints based on the morning experiences. These prints will then be on display at the Iron Gate Theatre during the one-evening performance of *Cuéntame Coyote* Written & Directed By Dañel Malán starting at 8:00 PM. Tickets are available at Betty's Book and all proceeds go to Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre. This residency and performance is funded by the Oregon Arts Commission and the Ford Family Foundation with additional support to Miracle Theatre from Juan Young Trust, Bloomfield Family Foundation, Carpenter Foundation, Autzen Foundation and The Ventura Group, Inc.

Thank You's DECEMBER 19TH - MARCH 5TH

A Huge Thank You to the Herbert Templeton Foundation for a \$6,000 grant for our new Art/Write Program and the Tim Fetzer Foundation which made a \$10,000 grant for general operating support in Memory of Zona Clarke.

Donations for Art/Write to meet the Herbert Templeton Foundation:

Laura Livingston • Marilyn Laughlin • Anonymous Donor • Blaine and Joan George • Richard Hindman • Joyce Walter • Barbara Haynes • Allen and Susan Gerig • Blake and Dana Marlia

Donation to BHS Art Scholarship:
Werner and Nancy Buehler

Donations to Crossroads:

In Memory of Zona Clarke:
Joe and Sharon Hindman • Dennis and Terri Axness • John and Fran Burgess • Kerry and Ginger Savage

In Memory of Rhea Bunch:
Kerry and Ginger Savage

In Memory of Schyler Miller (for Missoula Children's Theatre):

Kerry and Ginger Savage

In Memory of Chet Smith:

Kerry and Ginger Savage • Sharon McKim • Barbara Tylka • Chaves Consulting • Baker Literacy Coalition • Anonymous Donor • Nan King

Crossroads Endowment Fund:

Gary Dielman, Katherine Jensen and Bruce and Wanda Raffety

Crossroads Hand to Heart Scholarship Fund:

Della Ault •Kata Bulinski •Lola Taylor •Della Steele •Mari Nicholson • Beth Grimes •Tom Dimond

Thank you to our Members who renewed or joined:

Alice Trindle • Amanda Yates • Ann Eriksmoen • Antonia Carriere • Beth Grimes • Beverly Watson • Bill Albright • Bruce and Wanda Raffety • Candy Collins • Corrine Vegter • Cristina Simoni • Cynthia Newman • Della Ault • Ethelyn Carr • Gail Daniels • Gary Dielman • Gary Marlette • Ginger Ellingson • Gloria Cropp • Gunnar Carnwarth • Gypsy McFelter • John Anderson • Judy Stultz • Julee Hicks • Kata Bulinski • Katherine Jensen • Mari Nicholson • Mary Jones • Pam Petterson • Patrica Bell • Paul Lewis • Ramon and Caroyln Lara • Ron Edison • Rustin Smith • Sabine Brown • Sarah Crump • Shane Alderson • Sharon McKim • Sue Orlaske • Susan Hinzpeter • Suzanne Findlay • Tom Dimond • Veronica Johnson

Show sponsors:

Eric & Kristy Sandefur • Ace Nursery

Food sponsors:

Recovery Village • Head Start Staff and Parents • Friends of Crossroads

Musicians:

Jeff and Gina Sizer • Dan Sizer • Cody Gyllenberg • Sarah Spaugh • Riley Carter • Matt Barnes • Casey Brashler • Matea Huggins • Margie Mae and Hank Williams

Hosts:

Sandy Sturdy • Bill and Jenny Albright

Featured Artists:

Baker High School Students • Students of Crossroads Classes • Hillery Lay, Lauren Kistner • Watercolor Society of Oregon

Student Gallery Artists:

South Baker students • Head Start students • Brooklyn Kindergarten students