

*Happy Birthday
to Betty's Books!
Congratulations on 35 years,
and thank you for bringing
the world of great books
to our community.*

DATES OF INTEREST

Friday, May 9th

Literary Night at Crossroads

Friday, May 16th

Free Lecture by Golden Visiting Artists Corrine Loomis Deitz talking and demonstrating about Acrylics

Friday, May 23rd

Baker Art Guild 6:00pm at Crossroads *Note special date

Monday, May 26th

Memorial Day Crossroads Closed

Thursday, May 29th

Thursday Art Night Movie at Eltyrm "Monument's Men"

Saturday, May 31st &

Sunday, June 1st

Marty Rudolph Artist Development Workshop, "Relationship Marketing for Artists"

Friday, June 6th

First Friday Art Walk. Featured Artist Rachel Harvey, oil paintings, "Songs of the Earth." 5:30pm till 8:00pm. Sponsor: Garchar and Colton, CPA's, Music by Nancy Ames, No-Host Wine Bar by Copperbelt Winery of Keating

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE WISH LIST

9 x 13 Manilla Envelopes
liquid soap refills
disposable punch cups
disposable coffee (hot) cups
forks, spoons, and small plates

A Note from the Executive Director

WAITING....

As I sit and write this, the staff and board at Crossroads wait to hear about some very large and important grants. To say that the waiting is gut-wrenching is an understatement. Please keep your fingers crossed for Crossroads!

THANKFUL...

This week, Kerry and I take our parents to celebrate our son BJ's college graduation. I am so thankful to have such amazing staff in Cynthia Newman and Derek Hosler so I don't have to worry about business and can enjoy this special family time. I am even more thankful for the Board of Directors of Crossroads who supports the staff and help out all the time.

APPRECIATIVE...

Of the members of Crossroads who look every month at our Wish List of needed items at Crossroads and drop off supplies. For every dollar I save on paper plates, toilet tissue, vinegar or copy paper is a dollar spent on programs. I am appreciative for our sponsors who make our programming possible.

JOYFUL...

Back at the gala, Kerry and I purchased dinner at Richard and Kathleen Chaves home for six people. As a VERY late Christmas present we asked Cynthia and Doug Newman and Derek Hosler and his wife, Nancy Coffelt to join us. What a wonderful evening and an amazing meal! Richard and Kathleen, with much help from Mary Tomlinson, had an amazing meal including Richard's perfectly cooked Rib-eye Steaks. We then got to watch a movie in their home theatre. What a lovely evening to thank the staff at Crossroads and their patient spouses for all they do!

HOPEFUL...

That our community will bring their summer guests by Crossroads and see the amazing shows we have this summer. We hope our community signs up for classes in large numbers. We hope to have lots of activities all summer long. Hopeful we have a FULL cast for Missoula Children's Theatre and two days of FULL SOLD OUT houses for the performances guaranteeing that MCT can come back for three years!! We still need sponsors for MCT so drop off your donation of \$30 to sponsor one child in MCT or \$466.00 to sponsor one day of MCT.

Fleetwood Circle

Derek Hosler our Communication Coordinator and a group of Board Members will be reworking our membership program. Specifically, levels of giving and what benefits you receive as a member.

I suspect they will eliminate some of the levels and maybe add a few. I know I will support the idea of a new Fleetwood Circle Sustaining Membership at \$1500.00 a year.

This membership would be a \$500 membership, a \$500 First Friday Sponsorship and \$500 to the individual/businesses choice of supporting the Hand to Heart Scholarship Fund or to support the Crossroads Carnegie Heritage Endowment Fund.

Be looking for the new membership form soon!

As we are moving into summer, many families are noticing the difference in pricing on our classes. We try to make the split between member and non-member classes to be the value of a membership.

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Fleetwood Circle, cont.

Why should a family buy a Crossroads membership?

For every program we bring, every time you enjoy the Carnegie Library, the match for our grants, and all general operating costs need to be funded via membership.

You receive a discount for our class you or your family takes at Crossroads; you get the newsletter in your email once a month including the class schedule. The email version of the newsletter is received well in advance of the paper delivery.

Many families tell us they will just get the information off our web page. We are thrilled to have a webpage, and it is an amazing tool to help keep you informed and to welcome our guests. But isn't Crossroads being open 6 days a week in Baker City, providing you and your family the amazing programming we do have worth a \$40 family membership a year?

We like to think so! So join today and save on your kids summer classes!

Get Involved – Make A Difference – Become A Volunteer

We invite you to experience firsthand the importance Crossroads Carnegie Art Center plays in our community by becoming a volunteer. As the longest active non-profit art center east of the Cascades we have spent decades impacting the lives of our community. As a non-profit organization we rely heavily on volunteers throughout the year. We place a high value on your time. Bring your talents and skills to help make Crossroad an even stronger community asset.

There are many volunteer opportunities available to you:

- Gallery Sales
- Receptionist and hosts for First Friday Art Walk
- Mail Team
- Maintenance Person
- Special Events, Gala, Asst'd Fund Raisers
- Janitorial, cleaning
- Gardening

If you would like to be part of a dedicated team whose mission is to create opportunities for the entire community to be engaged, inspired and transformed by the arts, please contact us and volunteer today. We cannot do it without you!

Please contact Derek or Ginger with any questions regarding volunteer opportunities.

June in the Gallery

In June we welcome Rachel Harvey from Mt. Hood with her exhibition titled Songs of the Earth, a collection of oil paintings exploring Eastern Oregon and Washington. Rachel hopes to inspire her audience with a new appreciation for the wonder and beauty to be found on the "dry side." Rachel is a Portland native, but spent a significant portion of her childhood in the Midwest, in wide, open spaces. As a result, she has a distinct "coming-home" feeling any time she is east of the Cascades.

Her focus is "the moment of visceral connection, when man-made objects fade and the universe radiates from one's own location. One's hold on life and love and family seems insignificant in the vastness of it all and yet is acutely precious and vital."

The show opens with a reception on First Friday, June 5th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Rachel Harvey will give an informal artist talk starting at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served along with a no-host wine bar by Copper Belt Winery of Keating Valley. Nancy Ames will perform live acoustic guitar and vocals. This exhibit is made possible through the generous support of Garchar & Colton PC CPA's.



Thank You's

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

Donation to Art/Write: Alice Surber

Donation to Missoula Children's Theatre in Memory of Ray Jones: Jessie Ritch

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

New or Renewed Members (April 5- May 5)

Alice Surber
Betty's Books
Caroline Barton
Claire Hobson
Connie Flanagan
James Cotts
Jeanne Schroder
Marla Mayer
Mary Lou Palumbo
Melissa Robertson
Rushton Podiatry
Teresa Smith
Terri Stoltz

Show Sponsors: Garchar and Colton PC CPA's

Refreshments: The great cooks of Halfway, Friends of Crossroads, Copper Belt Winery

Musicians: Full Measure Singers, Full Measure Players, Bill Schuhle, Nancy Ames

Featured Artists: Rachel Harvey

Student Gallery Artists: Baker Middle School (May)

Special Thank you to all our members who have dropped off supplies for the Art Center. Your donations are extremely important to us!

Thank you to Safeway for your remarkable donation of snacks for our after school Kids programs.

Thank you
Ash Grove Cement
for sponsoring and
providing \$1000 in cash
prizes for our Annual
Art at the Crossroads
Show in September