

Oregon Folklife Survey-Presentation

On Friday, May 13, at 7:00pm, the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City will present **From Stone Masons to Horse Whisperers: Keepers of Tradition in Eastern Oregon**, a gallery talk by folklorist Douglas Manger, fieldworker for the Eastern Oregon Folklife Survey. Light refreshments provided, and this event is free to the public.

DATES OF INTEREST

May 6th – First Friday – “Related Perspectives” - Clarke family exhibit. Refreshments by Friends of Crossroads, music by Shannon Gray. Sponsored by Clarke & Clarke Insurance. Student Gallery: Baker Middle School.

May 26th – Thursday Art Night
Movie - TBA

May 30th – Memorial Day - Closed

June 3rd – First Friday – Featuring George Keister. Refreshments by Triple C Redi-Mix, music by Marvin Sundean. Sponsored by Rob and Dianne Ellingson.

June 13th – First MCT Camp for the summer starts auditions – *Sleeping Beauty!*

CROSSROADS WISH LIST

Plain white cocktail napkins, plastic silverware, small paper plates, small paper bowls, number 10 envelopes, white copy paper and basic office staplers. Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Windex.

Garden Tools: It is getting to be spring time, and we need to spruce up the Garden areas around the Art Center. We desperately need: garden tools, rakes, shovels, hand trowels/spades; we need just about anything you can think of for the maintenance of the garden.

Challenge Grant Update

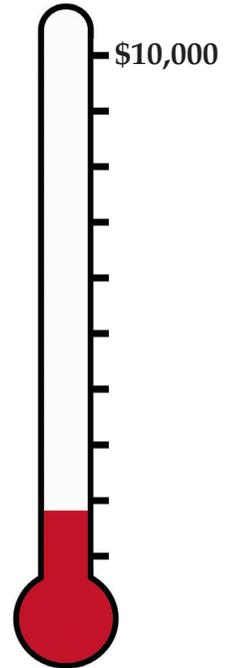
We are making progress on the Miller Foundation Challenge Grant for Crossroads. We have increased membership by 10 new members each month for the last two months, and we are seeing increases in your donations to Crossroads which count toward the challenge.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

First, as this newsletter contains our complete summer schedule of classes once you have signed up for classes, pass the class schedule onto a neighbor with kids, someone at church or in your service group. We have so many terrific kids programs. Help us get them filled; it keeps kids busy in fun, positive, and artistic programs. You are helping us get a new person through the front door, and we can share with them the benefits of a Crossroads membership!

Second, respond to our Spring Plea letter which we sent a few weeks ago. This outlines all the details about the Challenge Grant and now you can help Crossroads. It includes an extra membership form. If you are already member pass it along to friend or family member. It also includes an envelope for an additional gift to Crossroads! Already our members have found the EFT option; we now have the option to pull your membership directly from your checking/savings or credit card account and your membership will never lapse!

So help out any way you can to our \$10,000 Miller Challenge Grant!



“Burgers, Beaches and Boats” Crossroads Gala 2016

Boy, in the last few months I have learned a lot about copyright laws in regard to song titles! There are some pretty strict rules.

So our Gala won't be titled what we thought... but I love “Burgers, Beaches and Boats,” and I think you all know “who” this gala is inspired by!

SOME EXCITING THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN:

- We are getting a DJ this year to help take the pressure off of me and cover some of the MC'ing responsibilities. Plus contests – Ugliest Hawaiian Shirt, Best costume, maybe even a “moustache” contest... plus limbo and hula dancing!
- the gala auctions will be changing, and we are just starting to work on this... so no details yet... watch for future newsletters.
- Erin Hansen and the team at the Little Pig will be our caterer, and she is already preparing the most amazing, over the top, crazy mad “Cheeseburger” Bar and all the goodies. Oh and she is planning a signature “Margarita” too!
- Adirondack Chairs – we will have local artists paint 8 mini and 8 full size Adirondack chairs which will be out and about to promote the gala this year! The 8 big chairs will be in the live auction! Nothing puts you in the summer place of mind like sitting with your “toes in the sand” in a great comfy chair – plus they are works of art!
- So mark your calendar for October 15th at the Baker Event Center – that's a “Saturday Night!” Tickets will go on sale September First Friday – September 2, 2016. That's a Friday... not a “Monday!” Our goal is to sell 300 tickets this year... invite your friends, especially the ones over “40” – cause we are going to have so much fun!

The 2016 Gala Committee is: Katie Lamb, Janet Kahn, Terri Bell, Ginger Savage and Cynthia Newman, and we are always looking for helpers! So call us 541-523-5369 if you would like to join the committee.

Executive Directors Report – Summer Activities

Crossroads has some terrific classes for kids and adults this year! So check out the class schedule with the newsletter.

EXCITING HAPPENINGS THIS SUMMER:

Three Missoula Children Theatre Camps! Week of June 13th we have Sleeping Beauty; week of July 18th we have Rumpelstiltskin and the week of August 15th we have The Frog Prince. Ages to join—students must, “have completed Kindergarten and are entering 1st grade” through age 18. Price for each camp is \$30 for members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Crossroads goal: Fill all three camps with excited kids who want to perform! Our next goal is to sell out the theatre for EVERY PLAY with paid audience members. We hear all the time—“why should I have to pay-it’s a “kids” play!?” Well, it’s simple it’s more than a kids play!

MCT is watching magic happen in a week!

Missoula Children’s Theatre is an internationally respected theatre company, and you get to watch the kids in your community put on an amazing play which includes sets, props and costumes in a week! All for \$5.00 a person! Thanks to those who came last year because we were able to bring MCT three times this summer.

Check out the terrific kids classes from Becky Litke, Ginger Rembold and Paul Hoelscher. Something for just about everyone’s busy schedule.

Dance Classes — We are thrilled with the diverse dance classes we can offer this year. We welcome back Amy Martin Friedman from San Francisco to teach kids and adult Latin classes. Welcome to Luke Coomer, who is the president of the Oregon State University Country Western Dance Club, who will be teaching on Monday’s this summer. Miss Emma will be having a section of Tiny Tots Ballet and Hip Hop so get signed up today!

We are thrilled to partner with Eastern Oregon Regional Theatre for a Stage Magic Class for kids with Professor Algernon. Signup at Crossroads, but classes will be at EORT with a final performance at the theatre.

Fun classes in May — remember to drop into Corrine Vegter’s Metal Clay workshop! We welcome SK Cothren and Mo Quinn for two fun, dynamic and quick classes in May. Check them out and support these two new exciting teachers with your support!

We have only a couple of spots in Terri Axness and Kevin Flynn’s legendary Raku Workshop in June so call Crossroads! We thank Becky Litke, Amy VanGaasbeck and Paul Hoelscher for having weekly classes which you can drop in to. We know that everyone is busy enjoying the summer weather, but there is always time to enjoy art classes at Crossroads.

If you are interested in teaching please contact Crossroads at 541-523-5369; and if you don’t see a class you would like, give us a call and we will try to make it happen. We always love the exciting energy of lots of kids and families in and out of the art center during the summer!

June in the Gallery

We are pleased to welcome Baker City artist **George Keister** to Crossroads for the month of June. George approached Crossroads with a unique idea of auctioning his paintings off in a month-long silent auction – this is a first for Crossroads.

George Keister talks about his artwork:

“I like to paint.

It’s about solving problems. It’s a way to be totally absorbed in the present. It usually gives me a sense of accomplishment. I like to paint most all subjects: landscape, still life, and portrait.

I prefer to paint from life as much as possible; however, I sometimes use photos as reference to develop

an idea. For plein air studies, I try to paint economically and quickly to record the essence of the scene before the light changes too much. For studio paintings, instead of just recording a scene, I have a chance to interpret the information to create a mood. I strive for a good abstract design while appearing realistic (Abstract Realism). I am still working on it.”



Spring Storm, Oil, 16" x 20", 2016

After some research, we decided to create a live on-line auction with www.winningcause.org, which works with non-profits. The staff will be available throughout the month to answer questions and help buyers set up an account which they can use to monitor the artwork they are interested in. The exhibition will be on display, and the on-line auction will be live until 5:00pm on Saturday, June 25th.

We welcome you to join us on **First Friday, June 3rd from 5:30 to 8:00pm** for an opening reception with an informal artist talk beginning at 5:30pm. Light refreshments will be provided by Friends of Crossroads. Live music by Marvin Sundean. In the Student Gallery – see the artwork of Baker Middle School students.

This exhibition is generously sponsored by
ROB AND DIANNE ELLINGSON

Art Access Pass

Lifelong Learner Lecture Series



Join us **Wednesday, June 8th from 10:30 to 11:30am** for a tour of the latest exhibit in the gallery and a demonstration by **George Keister** on painting a still life with oils.

Light refreshments will be served by Tricia Everson. This series is free and open to the public and generously sponsored by The Oregon Community Foundation.



Members Going Green Going Electronic

Crossroads is continually looking at ways to deliver greater value to our membership. We have added member discounts on purchases of a hundred dollars or more in the gallery, and membership at the Friend Level or above receive the NARM (North American Reciprocal Museum) pass, giving you reciprocal benefits such as free admission and shop discounts at over 650 institutions across North America.

Other ways we are adding to that value – keeping costs to a minimum and still delivering an outstanding product to our members and community.

GO GREEN – GO ELECTRONIC

We are asking you our members to help keep our costs down by encouraging you to go green - go electronic by utilizing our secure website for joining, renewing membership or making a donation. From the website you may also choose to utilize our new monthly or annual pledge payment process for membership payments. Just go to the website and sign up online and your membership will automatically come out of your chosen account (checking, savings or credit card).

Crossroads will be encouraging utilizing our secure website for all transactions in the near future. Eliminate the waste and needless use of paper and postage !\$\$!

Membership renewal notices and funding pleas will be directing you to our website to make those transactions. Of course you will always have the option to print from our forms library on the website if you would like to use that method, fill out the form and simply return to Crossroads with payment.

JAMES AND MARION MILLER FOUNDATION – MEMBERSHIP AND DONATIONS MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE

With Crossroads receiving a \$20K two year challenge grant from the Miller Foundation there has never been a more beneficial time to join, renew your membership at an increased level or make a new or increased donation with Crossroads Carnegie Art Center. For the next two years, Crossroads has the challenge to increase our membership and donations by \$10,000 each year and the Miller Foundation will *MATCH IT!*

Help us spread the word! Be an Ambassador and share with your friends, social groups and such about the Challenge Grant! We always have membership forms available at the front counter, bring some friends to a First Friday Event or an Arts Access Pass Lecture.

We are confident that with your support we can meet this challenge. Help us show the value our community places in the arts!

Thank You

Crossroads welcome Baker Community Orchestra to the Crossroads family. Crossroads will be the Fiscal Sponsor for the orchestra so all donations made to the Orchestra are tax-deductible.

GRANTS RECEIVED:

Ford Family Foundation Visual Arts Program

SUSTAINING MEMBERS:

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Thank you Sherri Linnemeyer!

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Al Durgan	Jeanne Schroder
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Celinda Linscott	Mandy Peterson
Cheryl Tholen	Mary Davies Kerns
Cynthia Roberts	Mary Tegel
Darcy Raymond	Mckenzie Lyon
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