CROSSROADS CARNEGIE ART CENTER

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Dates of Interest

New Years Eve: Closed at Noon

New Years Eve: TAN New Year's Eve Movie, Storytelling and Dance Party at the Elytrm Theatre

New Years Day: Closed

January 3rd: First Friday "Student Show" featuring work made by Baker High School Art Students and Crossroads Carnegie Art Center adult and children students. Music provided by Baker High School Jazz Combo.

January 10th: Second Friday Literary Night

January 17th: Baker Art Guild

January 30th: Thursday Art Night Movie

February 7th: First Friday featuring the work of Lauren Kistner of Boise and Hillery Lay of Baker City.

February 14th: Valentine's Day and Second Friday Literary Night

February 21st: Baker Art Guild

February 27th: Thursday Art Night Movie

March 1st: Night at Old Auburn Fundraiser for the Baker Heritage Museum

March 7th: Classes due to Ginger for Spring Schedule

March 7th: First Friday featuring Oregon Watercolor Society Traveling Show

March 14th: Second Friday Literary Night

March 20th: Spring Begins!

March 21st: Baker Art Guild

March 24th-28th: Spring Break

March 27th: Thursday Art Night Movie

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE WISH LIST

Rolls of paper towels, bathroom cleaner (like tilex or Mr. Clean), new microfiber towels, liquid hand soap, bubble wrap. ArtSpeak Snacks – apples, oranges, string cheese, granola bars, crackers, trail mix, etc.

2014 Looking Forward

As our 50th Year winds down, I have learned a lot about myself this year---as a person, a woman and as a leader. To say I am glad to see 2013 gone is not an understatement; I am ready for a fresh start in 2014.

Lessons Learned in 2013

Change is good — we have struggled with change this year. Our core mission is to make the lives of people in our community better. We do that through a wide variety of ways. Every second we aren't working to make people's lives better is a lost moment we can never get back. A few naysayers have suggested that I slow things down a bit. First, I can't --the nature of non-profit life is constantly finding the new projects which will lead you to a more sustainable future. Second, it's not in my nature to move slowly. Never once think that working quickly does not mean I have not done my due diligence. This year we finally got the steps replaced after years of work. We had 100% of the project paid for! Can't get any better than that! Right? Well, no! During construction, we had an unprecedented drop in income in every funding stream because many of you told us you weren't sure how to get into the art center during construction. So we played financial catch up the rest of the year and never got caught up. We got the gas kiln installed and currently the stone work is being done around the steps so we face a future with not one single capital project left looming! Good change and good news!

Growing Pains — we welcomed a new face to Crossroads; Derek Hosler who has jumped into the role of Communication Coordinator. We now have three staff people and with this we always have a paid staff person at the center. We are trying to make the organizational adjustments to best use our volunteers. Volunteers told us they don't enjoy the traditional shopkeeper role like they used to. Times have changed, and we have to change with it. The board and staff are committed to create a NEW volunteer model which will give Crossroads the support we need and value our volunteer's time. We will grow our volunteers in 2014, but it will look different then in the past. You can help by telling us what we need to do to get you down here to volunteer a least once a month. We have also felt growing pains with teachers and classes. Some of our steadfast teachers are cutting back because they are ready for a break. We need to find new teachers ready to tackle the new challenges. Please remember our teachers teach at Crossroads because they love to share their talents—nobody is getting rich. Please make sure to send us a quick email or stop in with any new class ideas, suggestions for new teachers or to talk about teaching a class yourself.

Back when it was just me and a very part time volunteer coordinator, we just "got by" as a business. Well now with three employees and more programs we have to be a "grown up" business. We now have to deal with job descriptions, evaluations, retention schedules, conference calls and even finding enough room for everyone to have a work space. We are struggling to have enough class room space at certain key times which is always a good problem to have. So please be patient with us as we make these adjustments.

We also need to add more people to the Crossroads Board—we have been short handed on the board for quite awhile. Can you help?

Technology is a great thing — we have made huge upgrades in technology this year and I know many of you are trying to grasp all of this. We have converted to new membership software and that has just taken longer than we planned. We continue to ask you all, as our beloved members, to keep us in the loop if you change ANY of your personal information. When I sent out the Fall Newsletter, I only mailed 67 copies the rest went via email. This saves us thousands of dollars a year. We want

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to make sure you are all getting your newsletter so if you hear some say they did not get their newsletter encourage them to contact us; it could be something as simple as a bad email address. We have also moved to using Constant Contact for the newsletter and all our First Friday Show reminders. Remember, every member with an email on file gets the newsletter and every month gets a First Friday Show reminder. If you are not seeing yours then give us a call or a quick email. Or check your trash file. Or give us a call about whether or not you are still a member. Have you become a Facebook Friend? We have not limited our communication in 2013; we just changed the delivery model.

Slowing down and appreciation — this year it became very clear I cannot keep the same level of workload and stay upright. Our boys have huge milestone years in 2014, and Kerry and I want to be there to enjoy those moments. So I need to make some changes to my workload. We are going to be reworking job descriptions and refocusing the staff and board on the key mission of Crossroads.

I have decided 2014 will be a year of thankfulness. Being thankful for what we have, but never settling for the status quo.

We always have a thank you page in the last newsletter of the year, but I want to start 2014 off on the right thankful footing. Thank you to our Board at Crossroads. I never say it enough how awesome they are!! Ann Mehaffy, Sharon Bannister, Terri Bell, Bill Albright, Brian Watt, Mickey Edwards and Pattie Vanderwiele. Thanks to Cynthia Newman, our Community Art Director, who is such an amazing advocate for artists and who does such a terrific job with the gallery. Derek Hosler, our Communication Coordinator, who brings a boundless energy to the center and a huge desire to make change to our membership and volunteer programs—plus he rocks at social media!

Thank you to you all for being part of this growing arts community in Baker City. I am so appreciative of the amazing gallery owners in Baker City and all our cultural partners who "get it" that by working together we can accomplish so much more.

So with great appreciation for our membership, sponsors, grant funders and citizens who believe in this "welcoming place where people meet and the arts speak."

Ginger Savage Executive Director

We are all Still Feelin' Groovy

WOW! What an amazing 50th Anniversary Gala!! It was a Blast from the Past and I will confess looking at a few of the wonderful residents of Baker County in a completely different light after seeing all of those amazing costumes. Thank you to Susan Sorenson for the amazing decorations including tie-dyed backdrops, rainbow tables, and lava lamps. The amazing Ann Bryan and her crew for the amazing dinner...plus they dressed up too! The wonderful BCPops of Baker Community Choir who sang and entertained us all evening. It was such a delight watching many of you sing-a-long to the songs of a generation. To the Baker High School National Honor Society who just showed up in huge numbers and made the night so smooth. The Warner Brothers (Fred and Scott) were fantastic as our auctioneers. All the wonderful items donated from so many people, all the sponsors and to all our helpers. From Terri Axness and her amazing group of ladies who made all the flower's, to Sandy Sturdy who rocked those Go-Go boots and was just a great helper, to Sandy Lewis; excuse me, Mrs. Kennedy and Flower Child Charlene Chase who did an awesome job at the Silent Auction. The list goes on and on...and we can't forget John and Molly Wilson who donated the beef for your dinner. We raised a much needed \$20,000 for the art center and our programs. The community support was remarkable, and we are already looking for helpers for the 2014 gala but do expect we will move it back into October. We will be convening a focus group again to see what kinds of ideas our members have to make gala even more fun!

Make It and Take It

A huge thank you to an amazing group of volunteers who made Make It and Take It Kids Craft day such a success at Festival of Trees. We are now party of Festival of Trees and this has been a great partnership making it easier on parents to get everything done on a busy day. All projects this year had a Pet Theme, and I think they all turned out so cute! Thank you to Susan Sorenson , who is the coordinator of the event, who did a great job on a stressful day for her! Thanks! A Special thanks to Suzanne Fouty, with the Mollie Atwater Spay and Neuter Fund who put us in contact with the other organizations most involved in animals. We were thrilled to partner with the humane organizations to help at the tables. Thanks to the volunteers from the Mollie Atwater Fund: Suzanne Fouty, Dixie Driggers, the Seidell's and Jean Murphy and from New Hope for Pets: Cheryl and Carly Thayer, Karen Skeen and Terry Drever Gee. Thanks to volunteers from Crossroads: Bill Albright, Andrea and Delaney Stone, Nancy Coffelt, Terri Bell, Ann Mehaffy and Brian and Susan Watt. Thanks to Sharon Bannister who brought lunch for the volunteers. A HUGE thanks to BHS and BMS Art Students who came and volunteered for the day: Rebekah Campos, Arianna Maupin, Joe Longden, Journey Gerard, Malachi Knox, Charlie Carpenter, Chloe Deputy and Hope Collard.

Communication Coordinator Report

Hope everyone is having a great Holiday Season!

With the Holiday Season upon us, I think it is time to reflect back on the year; and I find so many things to be thankful for and a few things to wish for.

Thank you to everyone for all of your great support and generosity; we absolutely could not do what we do for our community without each and every one of you!

Thank you to the Members and Volunteers of Crossroads for helping us fulfill our mission for over fifty years which has been to create opportunities for the entire community to be engaged, inspired and transformed by the arts through participation in classes, workshops, exhibits, mentorships and partnerships. Always a welcoming place where people meet and the arts speak.

This past year we successfully implemented our new membership data base which has been a great success. We celebrated our 50th Birthday with a huge Gala 60's themed party that was so groovy! Our membership base has grown; and we continue to offer outstanding classes, workshops, lectures and exhibits to our community.

My wish for the New Year is to expand our membership and volunteer base and to improve how we utilize our volunteer time, and to better organize events and tasks around our fantastic group of volunteers.

Thank you all for the incredible support and wishing only the best for you all in the New Year!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Crossroads!!

Derek Hosler Communication Coordinator

Featured Artist Shows in 2014

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Annual Student Show featuring the artwork of Baker High School Art students and Crossroads art class students. This is a great opportunity for students to show the art they have created under the tutelage of an instructor. This is also a great opportunity for you to see the wide range of classes available at Crossroads and the exciting new artwork being created at Baker High School with instructor Kristen Bell Anderson. Be sure to check our website for the latest class schedule for children and adults.

The First Friday Art Walk opening reception is Friday, January 3rd from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Light refreshments provided by Friends of Crossroads and live music by Baker High School Jazz Combo. The show is open through Saturday, February 1st.



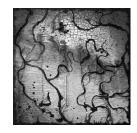
February

Featuring the artwork of Hillery Lay of Baker City and Lauren T. Kistner of Boise. Hillery Lay is a 1999 graduate of Baker High School; she will be showing a series of mixed media paintings stating, "The beginnings of my pieces are very fast and abstract. I use acrylic and watercolor washes with found materials to create a base painting." She then uses stencils and spray paint to "glam up chores like tending the flock, gardening, and bringing in wood for winter." Lauren Kistner was born and raised in Idaho, and

states she "has a deep fascination with geothermal activities and other natural phenomenon...my work is very textural and I always look to create art that reflects my intrigue for nature and light as well as line and texture."

The First Friday Art Walk opening reception is Friday, February 7th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Informal artist talk starting at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments and live music. The show is open through Saturday, March 1st.



March

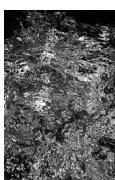
Watercolor Society of Oregon traveling show. The 48th Transparent Show will feature 20 touring paintings. "The Watercolor Society of Oregon is an organization committed to furthering the interest of watermedia. The primary activities will be to hold exhibitions of members' work and to provide educational opportunities for both its members and others interested in the creation and appreciation of the visual arts." The juried show will feature the watermedia work of artists from throughout Oregon.

The First Friday Art Walk opening reception is Friday, March 7th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Informal artist talk starting at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments and live music. The show is open through Saturday, March 29th.

April

Open Regional Theme Show – "Water" "Let's explore water – together! The Powder Basin Watershed Council is pleased to collaborate with the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center to sponsor the April open show around the theme "Water." Water is that precious natural resource that 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. To do this we work with local citizens, landowners and various city, county, state and federal agencies.

Water has inspired artists in virtually every medium ranging from music to dance; sculpture to painting; literature to architecture throughout human history. We play in it, drink it; crops and stock depend on it. What inspires you about water? How would you promote better understanding of how critically important water is in our community? Help us spark a dialogue about the meaning of water in our community. The Powder Basin Watershed Council invites you to explore the theme of water in the 2014 Crossroads Open Show."



Johanna Sedell of the Powder Basin Watershed Council offers her suggestions for inspiration – "Consider Handel's "Water Music Suite," and Franz Schubert's "Trout" Quintet (Piano Quintet in A Major), installations such as Maya Lin's "Pin River-Hudson" and "Dewpoint 18," and Monet's Water Lilies Series' Cezanne's paintings of the Mediterranean in the south of France, such as "Bay of Marseilles, Seen from L'Estaque"; Allen Ginsberg's poem "Cezanne's Ports," the architecture and fountains of the Alhambra that inspired music by Debussy, essays by Washington Irving, and tessellations by Escher."

Clockwise from top: Hillery Lay, *The Sweet Life*, 14" x 7.5", mixed media, 2013; Lauren T. Kistner, *Bogg Hot*, 12" x 12", mixed media; Slade Elbert, *Finding the Light Within*, photography, 2013

Community Art Director Report

As 2013 comes to a close, I want to thank all of you our faithful members who believe in the mission of Crossroads and the importance of art and creativity in all of our lives. I also want to thank our business and personal sponsors who have generously donated their support to bring a great group of shows to our community, and to our Board members who have donated so much of their time and energy to help accomplish our mission. I want to give a special thanks to our enthusiastic, hard-working Gallery Committee who manage to transform the gallery each month, and to all of the local and regional artists who share their talent with our community. The artists we represent are a special group of people who come from varying backgrounds and lifestyles, but who aren't afraid to express themselves through their artwork and share it with our community. Thank you to the musicians and food sponsors who have shared their talent with us at First Friday and to all of you for your continued support.

I hope you will find time in 2014 to enjoy the arts, whether it is your own artwork, joining in on the First Friday Art Walk, attending a performing arts event, listening to an author read from their book, or taking a class and to learn a new skill. As a special reminder, the informal artist talks start at 5:30 pm on First Friday and are free and open to the public; we hope you will join us.

Best wishes for a great New Year.

Cynthia Newman
Community Art Director

CALL TO ARTISTS

Accepting Work

Monday, March 31st and Tuesday, April 1st from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

Opening Reception

Friday, April 4th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm Informal talk by the Powder Basin Watershed Council starting at 5:30 pm

The show is open through Saturday, April 26th

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