

Central Oregon artist honored

Central Oregon artist Dawn Emerson will exhibit "Just Passing Through" in the Governor's office of the Capitol Building in Salem from April 8 to May 30.

Emerson uses mixed media, printmaking, and pastel to create dynamic and colorful compositions that merge abstraction and realism. Her works often include specific details from the natural world—the graceful movement of a horse, a rabbit perking its ears to listen, an aging juniper yawning deeply through its roots. As she visually describes what she calls the "essence" of these subtle moments, Emerson expresses her keen observations and deep appreciation for the preciousness of life. The exhibition takes its title from the realization that we, like all living things, are on this earth so briefly—we are just passing through.

Emerson is an artist and educator based in Terrebonne. Originally from Massachusetts, she moved to Central Oregon in 1991. She began creating artwork in the pastel medium in 1992, building from a bachelor's in English with a minor in Art



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Dawn Emerson's "Just Passing Through," – mixed media on Evolon.

from Brown University and a career in graphic design, illustration and arts education. Emerson's training in pastels and printmaking occurred primarily through workshops and mentorships with accomplished artists. She has spent the past 26 years creating art, teaching and experimenting in her Central Oregon studio to push the boundaries of the pastel medium. Her work has been exhibited nationally, and is available through Mockingbird Gallery (Bend).

The Art in the Governor's Office Program honors

selected artists in Oregon with exhibitions in the reception area of the Governor's office in the State Capitol. Artists are nominated by a statewide committee of arts professionals who consider artists representing the breadth and diversity of artistic practice across Oregon, and are then selected by the Arts Commission with the participation of the Governor's office. Only professional, living Oregon artists are considered, and an exhibit in the Governor's office is regarded as a "once-in-a-lifetime" honor.

Sisters salutes...

Christy Rungay wrote: A thank-you from the family of Jenny L. Cashwell. Please allow us to express our most heartfelt appreciation for your thoughtfulness, generosity and support during our difficult time.

Thank you to all who donated items for the silent auction and those who came out to support it. Thank you to Sisters Saloon for hosting this great event and all the volunteers who made it possible.

We have been overwhelmed with the love and support.

Our sincerest gratitude, Lynn and Cathy Shores, Kayla and Piper Cashwell, Jon and Christy Rungay.

Sisters Realtor Jodi Satko was one of four finalists for the 2019 Woman's

Lifetime Achievement Award in the Bend Chamber of Commerce Women of the Year Awards. Satko was nominated by a peer because they recognized her for excelling and making significant achievements in a traditionally male-dominated arena.

The Bend Chamber created this award in 2014 to discover and honor exceptional women in the community.

In the message announcing the nomination, the Bend Chamber wrote: "Through your leadership, mentoring, innovative ideas, persistence and all the other lovely things your nominator says about you ... we thank YOU for all you have done and continue to do! You are truly a pillar in our community!"

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