

Splash down



Two-year-old Mason Goldbeck splashes in the water fountain in the Eugene Downtown Mall Wednesday afternoon.

Photo by Jeff Paslay

Women artists display work at Kerns center

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"Women's Struggles, Women's Visions," an exhibition opening Saturday at the Maude Kerns Art Center, features works by more than 35 female artists, including never-before-seen paintings by the late University professor for whom the gallery is named.

The exhibition's opening day was organized to coincide with Kerns' 116th birthday. The artist was the department head at the University's School of Art Education for 26 years, beginning in 1921.

Several of Kerns' paintings, 39 on paper and six on canvas, were recently restored to their original condition and will be on view and up for sale beginning Saturday evening from 4:30 to 6:30. Admission is free, but a \$2 donation is suggested.

Clare Feighan, administrative director of the gallery, said the paintings, done while Kerns was in her 60s, are difficult to define.

"She began doing abstract artwork late in her life and these paintings are from that time," Feighan said. "She began her works on paper, did most of design and color there and then did some on canvas."

In 1950, Kerns was a founding member, along with about 15 other artists, of the Eugene Arts Center. The center moved

into a building at 1920 E. 15th Ave. in 1963 when Kerns put the down-payment on it. She died two years later and the gallery was renamed in her honor.

Along with the restored paintings by Kerns, the latest exhibit features works of acrylic, oil, bronze, watercolor, print, photography, sculpture and quilting by contemporary artists from across the country.

Some are quite unique, such as the full-body cast of a pregnant woman, and several are abstract. But there is an overriding theme, interim director Martha Snyder said, of the depiction of women's struggles and visions.

The showing of this artwork will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and will include birthday cake and a celebration of Kerns' life.

The exhibit will run through Sept. 30 and during the two-month period, many workshops and panel discussions on women and art are planned.

Topics include women artists responding to war, art as therapy, feminist art criticism and many others.

For more information, pick up a flier at the gallery or call 345-1571. Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

DOE includes Oregon in Hanford emergency plan



SALEM (AP) — Oregon finally has been included in U.S. Department of Energy emergency plans for accidents at the Hanford nuclear reservation in southeastern Washington.

The major concern is possible contamination of water and crops in the food chain, Bill Sanderson, a state Energy Department spokesman, said Tuesday.

Typically, plans for a nuclear accident cover 50 miles around a nuclear plant. Although the Oregon border is only 35 miles away from Hanford, federal officials long have believed a range of hills and prevailing winds would prevent any contamination in Oregon.

A 1990 study showed that Oregon could face slight danger, Sanderson said.

"At 10 miles you evacuate people. At 50 miles you talk about airborne fallout on crops, pasture land, where contamination could be taken up into the food chain," he said.

Parts of Morrow and Umatilla counties in northeastern Oregon, including the cities of Hermiston, Umatilla and Boardman, are within a 50-mile radius and will be included in federal plans.

Oregon officials are chiefly concerned about the potential for an explosion inside one of 177 underground waste tanks containing high-level nuclear and toxic chemical waste at Hanford. The waste was produced from 1944 to 1988 by nine military weapons reactors and several chemical factories that purified plutonium for nuclear bombs.

"We agree with experts who say it is possible that a single tank could explode," said Mary Lou Blazek, a Hanford expert with the Oregon Energy Department.

Others, including Sonja Anderson, a former Hanford chemical engineer, believe an accident involving more than one tank is possible. Blazek said she has seen no evidence to support Anderson's theory.

Federal officials at Hanford say the risk of an explosion in some of the tanks is extremely low and that the risk is even lower that radioactivity could reach Oregon.

Wrecked train blocks I-84

MOSIER, Ore. (AP) — A lane of Interstate 84 remained closed Wednesday as workers tried to remove a derailed freight train from the south side of the highway.

Eight cars and two engines in the 36-car Union Pacific train jumped the tracks shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday.

No one was injured.

One derailed freight car carried wood pulp, another carried lumber and a third carried steel. The other five derailed

cars were empty, said railroad spokesman Alex Tice.

About 200 gallons of diesel fuel spilled from one of the engines when it overturned and caught fire, said Cliff Walkey of the state Department of Environmental Quality in Bend. He said most of the fuel was cleaned up, and the railroad had hired a company to remove the contaminated soil.

Damage to the train was estimated at more than \$200,000. The cause of the wreck was under investigation.

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An article in Tuesday's *Emerald* gave the wrong percentage increase in tuition recommended by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education as part of its plan to amend a reduced budget in 1993-95. Students can expect their tuition to rise 30 percent in the next biennium.