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Take a virtual tour of May art shows

■ With a ban on gatherings of people, two Baker City art galleries moved their monthly art shows to an online format

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BAKER CITY — When the Oregon governor banned large gatherings of people to slow the spread of coronavirus, two Baker City art galleries kept the First Friday tradition by going online. Crossroads Carnegie Art Center debuted the annual April open theme show “The Power of One.” Churchill Hall Pass Gallery posted images and videos of featured artists, Mike and Barbara Meyer.

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For the Crossroads’ show, artists were invited to interpret the phrase “The Power of One.” This year’s show brought in more than 50 submissions.

Submitted works are posted on the Crossroads Carnegie Art Center Inc. Facebook page and viewers may vote on their favorite piece in the comments. The winner

of the People’s Choice Award will be announced at the end of April.

Viewers are asked to cast only one vote. Those who don’t have Facebook can vote by asking a friend to include their vote alongside theirs in the comment (include the name of the additional voter in your comment) or by emailing crystal@crossroads-arts.org.

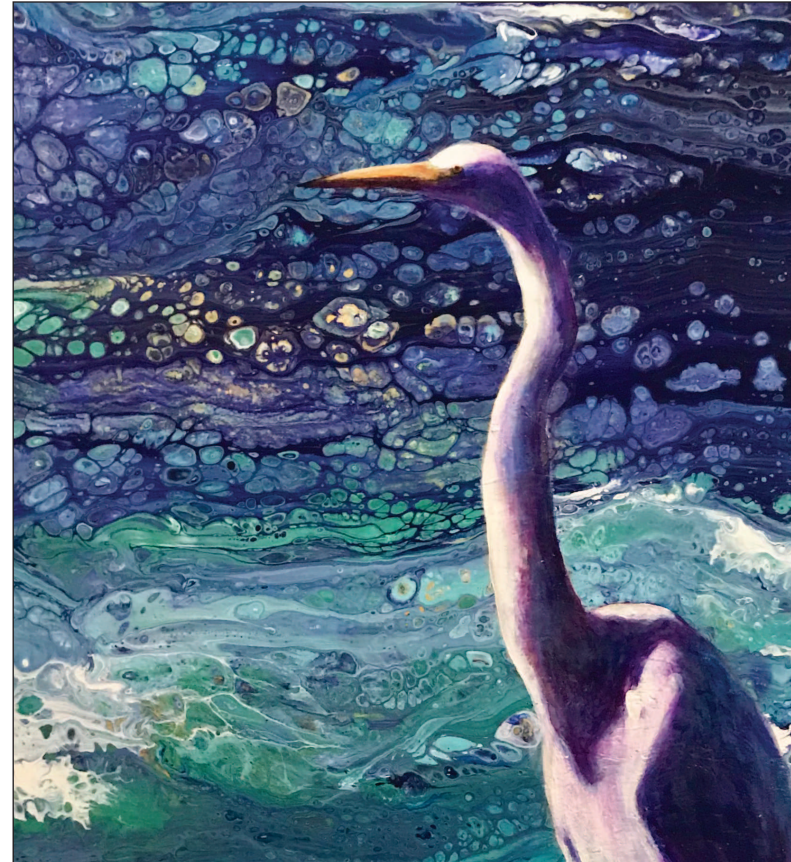
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Barbara Meyer took up painting again after moving to Baker City. She works in acrylics and paints nature scenes with landscapes and birds.

Mike Meyer creates all types of art including recycled art (“I like making something out of nothing,” he said), painting, and collage.

“I just like creating things,” he said.

Both sold art at the Vancouver Farmers Market. Since moving to Baker City, they have contributed pieces to the Little Big Show held



Submitted image

Denise Elizabeth Stone entered this work, “Once in Wild Waters,” in the April show at Crossroads.

every August and participate in the open studio tour held in the fall.

Find images of their work, and

links to interviews, on the Facebook page Churchill School Art, Music, Recreation-Baker City, OR.

Plans for the May First Friday art shows are still in planning and will depend on the state’s “stay home, save lives” mandate at that time. Check Facebook pages for updates.

Help clean up downtown

BAKER CITY — The Baker City Downtown design committee is organizing a downtown clean-up weekend beginning April 24 at 9 a.m.

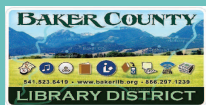
Volunteers should meet at Royal Artisan, 1912 Main St., to get assignments and spread out from there to main the physical distance protocol recommended by the CDC. Baker City Downtown is also coordinating with the City of Baker to schedule street sweeping.

Volunteers should bring gloves, brooms, dustpans and gardening and cleaning tools.

Volunteers will be working individually or in small groups to ensure social distancing. Clean-up efforts will include weeding, cleaning and planting tree wells, and cleaning sidewalks, storefronts, benches, bike racks and sidewalk fixtures.

“We know this is a challenging time for our community and we think this a great opportunity to come together (not too close) as a community and spend the day doing something really positive and proactive for our town,” the design committee stated in a press release.

Those wishing to volunteer can contact Kate Reid directly at 541-465-4547 or by sending a message to the gallery’s Facebook page.



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