

Día de los Muertos RETURNS TO ART CENTER EAST

LA GRANDE — Día de los Muertos returns to Art Center East's Main Gallery.

Because everything in 2020 is a little bit different, so is ACE's annual Day of the Dead celebration — but, as ACE's press release pointed out, different doesn't have to mean not as good.

Go to www.artcentereast.org for more details on ACE's Day of the Dead's socially distanced in-person activities and links for virtual events.



Take-home kits

These free take-home kits have art supplies and a guide for making a "shoebox ofrenda" as well as

tamales from La Fiesta. Participants may submit a photo of their ofrendas once they are complete to add to an online exhibit that will be posted to ACE's website.

Kits must be reserved in advance (while supplies last) and are available for pick up Oct. 30 from 4-6 p.m.

Community ofrenda

The annual community ofrenda will be set up in the gallery.

"It feels especially relevant this year in the midst of a global pandemic to give the community a place to remember lost loved ones and reflect on the transitory nature of life," stated ACE's press release.

There will be a limited selection of student art on display as well as an interactive art piece that visitors can add to. The ofrenda will be up from Oct. 30 to Nov. 9.

Online artist talk

Berenice Chavez, a recent EOU grad, will give an online presentation of her photography and discuss how the themes of family, separation and loss run through her work. Get the link and join the talk Nov. 1 at 4 p.m.

Hello from Lockdown

JOSEPH — "Hello from Lockdown" is the newest exhibit at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph — and the subject of the next Brown Bag lecture, planned for Tuesday, Oct. 27.

For the October exhibit artists submitted artwork made during their in-shelter/stay at home order. This theme illustrates an individual's time at home, social distancing and the psychology behind isolation and the collection includes a variety of mediums, such as Erl McLaughlin's piece at right.

McLaughlin, of Upper Alder Slope's Sunrise Iron, will be in the gallery at noon to lead Tuesday's Brown Bag to talk about the delightful contraptions he put together for the "Hello from Lockdown" exhibit. (Maybe he'll talk about his tractors too.)

The exhibit runs until Nov. 18. The pieces are viewable online and are on sale. For more go to www.josephy.org/hello-from-lockdown.



DON'T MISS THE HALLOWEEN TRAIN!



SUMPTER — Sumpter Valley Railroad is planning several days of "short runs" for the Halloween season. Halloween trains will depart from the Sumpter Station Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and passengers may visit the "haunted" Sumpter Dredge.

On Oct. 24, the trains will leave at 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. On these trips, passengers may tour the haunted dredge and also have the opportunity to gather goodies at the annual trunk-or-treat.

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