

# PUZZLE out new art show at Crossroads

■ Baker City art center's April open show invited artists to interpret the theme of "Puzzle"

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BAKER CITY — Patrons are invited to check out the newest art exhibit at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center for April's open theme show.

This year's theme is "Puzzle." The show drew 44 entries.

Artists were encouraged to create works that related to the theme in some way.

Some are literal interpretations, such as art created from actual puzzle pieces.

Others offer a more abstract view of the theme, such as a tranquil landscape where one may go to puzzle out a problem.

"From the medium to the subject matter to abstract thinking," Crystal Rainwater, community art director, described the display. "Some are straightforward; some you have to puzzle at."

Paul Hoelscher, for instance, used a background of crossword puzzles for his mixed media entries.

Pam Bingham's ceramic eggs offer an age-old puzzle: Which came first — the chicken or the egg?

Nancy Coffelt created three different pieces under the heading of "Stories Are How We Solve Puzzles."

The show opened Friday, April 2. Patrons at the First Friday opening reception voted on their favorite for the People's Choice award.

"Puzzle Bench" by Michael Meyer — a bench created out of large wooden puzzle pieces — snagged first in the contest.

Second place went to "Four Seasons by Four Artists," a collaborative painting created by Patti Burrows, Vicki Maddox, Ann Eriksmoen and Pat VanAlstyne.

Third place was "Frogger" by Tera Taylor.



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People's Choice, first place, is "Puzzle Bench" by Michael Meyer.

## SEE THE SHOW

The show will be on display until May 1. It can be viewed during Crossroad's from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, at 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

The "Puzzle" exhibit also may be view virtually at <https://crossroads-arts.org/gallery-sales/200-299/207-april-theme-show-2021-puzzle>.

Stay updated at <https://crossroads-arts.org/>.



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People's Choice, second place, is "Four Seasons by Four Artists" by Patti Burrows, Vicki Maddox, Ann Eriksmoen, and Pat VanAlstyne



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People's Choice, third place, is "Frogger" by Tera Taylor.

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