

NEW ART SHOWS DEBUT JUNE 4 IN BAKER CITY

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BAKER CITY — Friday, June 4, brings new art shows to galleries during Baker City's First Friday art walk.

CROSSROADS

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn, Baker City, will feature "Western Heritage: The Legacy Works of Jerry Kencke" during the month of June.

This retrospective show will exhibit the works of the late Jerry Kencke and his photographs of the Western lifestyle.

First Friday will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. June 4. Jerry's wife, Cindy Kencke, will be in attendance after 5:30 p.m.

This legacy exhibition also is accompanied by a special raffle of the "Belgian Stud," which was chosen to hang in the office of Gov. Butch Otter at the Idaho State Capital from 2007-2009.

Cindy is working with Crossroads for this raffle. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Jerry's estate, and a percentage will go to Crossroads' ArtSpeak program.

ArtSpeak was created more than 30 years ago to support at-risk Baker County youth by providing free after-school art classes.

To see the virtual show and to purchase a raffle ticket, visit www.crossroads-arts.org.

CHURCHILL

David Mespelt will display a variety of works crafted from wood this month at Churchill's Hall Pass Gallery, beginning Friday with an opening reception at 5:30 p.m.

He'll have natural-shaped bowls, wall art and cutting boards. Wood varieties include pine, fir, black walnut, maple, cedar, elm and spalted birch.

"It'll be an eclectic mix," said the artist, who has worked with wood for about 50 years.

"I started woodshop in seventh grade," he said.



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A raffle for Jerry Kencke's "The Belgian Stud" photograph is underway at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center in Baker City.



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Sarah Greenman's "Startling Truth" series is featured at Royal Artisan.

He recently retired as head custodian at Baker High School.

ROYAL ARTISAN

For June, Royal Artisan will feature the work of Sarah Greenman.

An open house reception will be Friday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Royal Artisan's gallery, 1912 Main St., Baker City.

Greenman will exhibit a new series of artwork titled "Startling Truth."

"I've created a new series of paintings and the title comes from Maya Angelou's seminal poem 'A Brave and Startling Truth,'" Greenman said.

"My tendency as an artist and writer is to look at things through a creative microscope and to focus on the joy and grief of the day-to-day human experience. 'Startling Truth' is my way of telescoping way out, of flipping the microscope and focusing on the macro."



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Sherri Linnemeyer is the featured artist at White House Art & Design.

She had several questions in mind while creating this series:

"When we stand at the edge of all we know, listen for the untranslatable language of the cosmos, and peer into the unquenchable darkness, will we finally acknowledge that the possibility of our existence — that we lived at all — is miraculous? And who might we be, as people of earth, and how might we treat each other, if we could embody that startling truth in the powerful now?"

Royal Artisan is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Greenman's show will be on display through June 30.

WHITE HOUSE ART & DESIGN

Sherri Linnemeyer's colorful, whimsical creations will be featured during the month of June at White House Art & Design, 1829 Main St., Baker City.

An artist's reception will run Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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