

New art exhibit opens at Josephy Center

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JOSEPH — A new art exhibit featuring nature-inspired works opens Jan. 7 at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St.

An opening reception is planned for Saturday, Jan. 8, 3-6 p.m. Live music starts at 4 p.m.

The show is titled "Nature in the Abstract." It will be on display through Feb. 22.

The curators are Ellen Morris Bishop and Debbie Lind. The judge is Susan Murrell, art department faculty at Eastern Oregon University.

Here is the show description:

"We usually observe nature as discrete, recognizable subjects: a mountain, a bird, a tree, a river, etc. But in reality, our view of nature is composed of textures, shapes, forms and colors. We often fail to recognize these telling patterns when viewing a familiar object or scene. This exhibit encourages artists to examine and reveal nature beyond the fa-



Josephy Center/Contributed image
"Climates Through Time," photo on wood, by Ellen Morris Bishop



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"Ocean Dreams," aging experiment iron and acrylic on vintage cloth, by Jennifer Hawkins-Connolly



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"Basalt," ceramic, by McKenzie Keffer

miliar, especially now in a rapidly changing world."

Cash awards will be given for first, second and third place in all categories (\$100 \$50, \$25). People's Choice will earn a prize of \$50.

Categories are:

Nature in the Abstract: Work that depicts a pattern or composition displayed by a subject as it

exists in nature. Work must be based upon the elements of abstract art: texture, shape, form, color, and value and not be an easily-identifiable representation of any particular natural object or subject.

Interpretations of Nature:

Work, inspired by subjects in the real world, that employs shape, form, lines and colors to create a

composition or interpretation of the subject, showing subject as the artist understands it, not as it is. This category includes digitally altered/manipulated photographs, abstract painting and interpretive abstract sculptures.

Youth: Work produced by artists under the age of 18 that fits in either category above, in any eligible media.

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