

Art Center East launches contest for aspiring artists

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LA GRANDE — In celebration of Art Center East's 45th anniversary this year, the organization has launched an annual Aspiring Artist Contest.

Each year in March, all aspiring artists ages 16 to 22 in ACE's 10-county service area will be invited to submit designs for an ACE iron-on patch. The contest is open to residents of Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Wheeler, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties.

The winning design will become the year's featured patch and the artist will receive an award. This year, designs must be submitted to ACE by Thursday, March 31. The winner will be announced April 1 at 5 p.m. on ACE's online and social media platforms.

The iron-on patch will be sold in the ACE Gift Gallery at the art center, 1006 Penn Ave., and online. All proceeds from the patches will go toward ACE's Youth Scholarship Fund. This fund provides youth up to 18 years of age with reduced-cost (50% off) classes and opportunities to engage in arts of all kinds (take-home art kits, music ensembles, etc.).

According to a press release, "Art Center East passionately supports youth artists and believes that



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Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, is celebrating its 45th birthday throughout the month of March 2022 with a membership drive and other specials, including an inaugural contest for aspiring artists.



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fostering a love of the arts helps give youth not only creative joy but also the confidence and skills to invest back into their communities in the future."

ACE will give four awards:

- Coulter Pinecone Award — Design is chosen as the annual Youth Scholarship ACE patch design; \$100 gift certificate for

ACE classes; \$50 Sorbenots gift certificate; ACE merchandise package valued at \$40; design posted on ACE social media and newsletter.

- Ponderosa Pinecone Awards — Three winners, whose designs will be posted on ACE social media and newsletter; \$25 Sorbenots gift certificate.
- All Participants —

ASPIRING ARTIST CONTEST: HOW TO SUBMIT ENTRIES

- ☒ ONLINE: Submit the online form and upload your artwork and a photo of yourself (a headshot or photo of you doing your favorite activity).
- ☒ IN PERSON: Drop off your submission at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. ACE is open Wednesday-Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Include your artwork, headshot and submission form.
- ☒ MAIL: Send to Art Center East, P.O. Box 541, La Grande 97850. Include your artwork, headshot and submission form.

Design archived on ACE's website.

The deadline to submit artwork is March 31. Artwork requirements: design size of 8-1/2 inches square; image must be of a pinecone or pinecones and include the numerals 2022 and the name Art Center East.

Mediums can include crayon, marker, pen and ink, acrylics, oil paint, oil pastel, watercolor, colored pencils, scratchboard, collage, chalk pastel, digital art, photography, charcoal, encaustic, or mixed media. To submit in a medium not listed, inquire by sending an email to info@artcentereast.org.

Visit artcentereast.org/aspiring-artist for full details about the contest.



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"Sunset Imnaha Canyon" by M.C. Reardon is an example of the artwork being sought by the Joseph Center for its 2022 Wild Landscape exhibit, which will focus on the terrain of the Imnaha.

Luncheon to kick off Wild Landscape exhibit

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JOSEPH — Submissions for the annual Wild Landscape exhibit at the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture are due June 19 by midnight, according to a press release.

This year, the exhibit focuses on the Imnaha terrain and what makes it wild. Artists are invited to a noon lunch and lecture Saturday, April 30, to kick off the event at the Imnaha Tavern.

Speakers will discuss the history and science behind the terrain at the lunch vent. Artists are not required to attend to participate in the exhibit. To attend the lunch and lecture, RSVP by emailing exhibits@josephy.org.

The exhibit will celebrate Imnaha's diverse

and wild lands, which means the landscape is the focal point, so no human-made objects or structures should be visible in the artworks.

Each submission is \$5 and up to three pieces can be submitted. All media are welcome. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Prizes will be announced at the opening reception on July 29. The exhibit will run through Sept. 9.

For full details about applying and submitting artwork to the 2022 Wild Landscape exhibit, go to www.josephy.org/imnaha-submission-form; contact Dawn Norman, Joseph Center program director, at programs@josephy.org or 541-432-0505 ext. 1111; or stop by the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

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BRIEFS

Orders due for weekend Irish dinner order

LA GRANDE — The Union County Senior Center is offering a special take-out St. Patrick's Day-themed weekend dinner, to be picked up Friday, March 18. The \$40 meal will serve a family of four, featuring corned beef and cabbage, colcannon, glazed carrots, Irish soda bread and bourbon chocolate cake.

Pick-up time for the meal is 2-3 p.m. at the senior center, corner of Albany Street and Cove Avenue, La Grande.

Orders are due March 15. Call 541-605-5556 for more information.

Wallowa Fiddle Camp returns this summer

WALLOWA — The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance announced the 16th annual Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp will be held July 10-15 at the Wallowa School campus.

This event was begun in 2005 with the goal of offering affordable, group fiddle instruction for individuals and families in a relaxed, week-long camp format. Participating in a musical community through music and dance

has resulted in the addition of instruction in other accompaniment string instruments as well as on-site technique of ensemble participation.

For more information and to register, visit wvmusicalliance.org. Registration fee for this year's camp is \$200, (\$100 for Kidz Fiddle and Beginning Ukulele), and lunches cost \$65 for the week. For questions about the camp, instructors and classes, contact camp director Robyn Burns at 503-423-7730.

Union's food pantry is open Friday, March 18

UNION — The Union community food bank will be open from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, March 18, at the Catherine Creek Community Center, 667 N. Main St. The food pantry is open to those who qualify on the third Friday of each month. Call the community center at 541-562-2038 for more information.

Celebrate the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with meal at Hurricane Creek Grange

JOSEPH — Hurricane Creek Grange, 82930 Airport Lane, Joseph, is hosting an Irish dinner on Saturday, March 19. The corned beef and

cabbage meal will be served from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$15 adults and age 12 and older and \$10 for children younger than 12.

Community Band Northeast begins rehearsals March 28

LA GRANDE — Community Band Northeast will begin rehearsals again on Monday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in Groth Recital Room in Loso Hall on the Eastern Oregon University campus, La Grande. Community Band Northeast invites all woodwind, brass and percussion players to join the ensemble in the pleasure of making music together.

All skill levels and ages are welcome: amateur and experienced players, middle and high school students through retirees. If you haven't played in a while, here is the opportunity to tune up your instrument and your musical skills.

Participation fees are \$40 for adults, \$10 for middle/high school and college students. College credit is available through EOU. The term ends with a free community concert May 31.

For further information, contact Linda at 541-786-4900 or birnbaum-linda42@gmail.com.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

12:57 p.m. — A caller on the 1900 block of Third Street, La Grande, reported suspicious circumstances. An officer made contact and took information.

3:30 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about harassment on the 1800 block of G Avenue. An officer made contact and explained options.

4:29 p.m. — A caller on the 300 block of North 10th Avenue, Elgin, reported harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

4:36 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of sex crime in an area outside La Grande.

7:04 p.m. — A caller complained about a careless driver in the area of Blackhawk Trail Lane and Mount Glen Road, La Grande. An officer responded and gave a warning for careless driving.

10:04 p.m. — Local law enforcement responded to the 1700 block of Russell Avenue, La Grande, on a report of a fight and separated and counseled the parties.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

2:10 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 2200 block of Adams Avenue on a report of a fight. Officers counseled the parties involved.

6:31 a.m. — A caller reported a possible trespasser at La Grande Retirement Apartments, 1612 Seventh St. An officer made contact, found the subject has mental health issues and provided resources.

11:15 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1900 block of Cedar Street on a report of a vehicle theft. Police arrested Alden Casey White, 87, for unauthorized entry into a vehicle, vehicle theft, trespass and felon in possession of a firearm.

2:22 p.m. — A caller at a business on the 11600 block of Island Avenue, Island City, reported telephonic harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy warned a person.

3:09 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about the theft of a vehicle on the 2700 block of Island Avenue. An officer

responded and took a report.

5:04 p.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a suspicious person in the area of 68800 Indian Creek Road, Elgin. A deputy responded and recovered a stolen vehicle.

7:18 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies at Division Street and North 10th Avenue, Elgin, arrested Maegan Renee Criswell, 36, for first-degree theft and vehicle theft.

8:33 p.m. — A caller at Sixth Street and K Avenue, La Grande, reported harassment. An officer responded and counseled juveniles.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

12:54 a.m. — Local law enforcement received a request for a welfare check in the area of 63200 Highway 203, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and arrested Rachelle Diahann Smith, 52, for assaulting an officer and resisting arrest.

1:05 a.m. — La Grande police during a traffic stop on the 2200 block of Adams Avenue arrested John Phillip Fellows, 40, for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

12:14 p.m. — A caller reported a domestic disturbance on the 1400 block of Hall Street, La Grande. An officer responded, found this was verbal only and the parties separated.

4:45 p.m. — La Grande police received a call about a burglary at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 107 20th St. An officer made contact and took a report.

7:06 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 600 block of Cedar Street, Elgin, for a disturbance. The subjects agreed to separate for the night.

9:22 p.m. — A caller reported a vehicle accident in the area of 59000 Foothill Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

9:59 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a disturbance on the 1500 block of Z Avenue. Officers responded and the parties separated.

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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES

March 26 — PATRICIA LEWIS: 10 a.m. graveside service, North Powder Cemetery; followed by 11 a.m. celebration of life, North Powder Grange.

March 26 — ANNETTE LECKENBY: 1 p.m. memorial service, Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

March 26 — JUDY HUNT: 3 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Seventh-day Adventist Church; followed by reception at La Grande Adventist Christian School.

May 19 — ORVA MURRILL: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Victorian Cemetery.

June 23 — DAN KRAMER: 2 p.m. memorial service, Grandview Cemetery, La Grande.

Please follow guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing at gatherings. Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande.

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