

# 'You Are Here' — Exhibits return to Tamastlikt

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MISSION — Tamastlikt Cultural Institute in February opened its first guest art exhibit since 2019. "You Are Here," the mixed-media exhibition, curated by Sheehan Gallery at Whitman College, was created for a college course on Indigenous aesthetics. It explores themes related to place and identity. Artists exhibited are of Indigenous ancestry, drawing on personal memories and collective histories.

The exhibit at Tamastlikt, east of Pendleton, runs until May 14. Most of the art works Sheehan collected are on display. Some pieces belong to Whitman College, while others are on loan from private collections or the artists themselves.

Tamastlikt curator Randall Melton viewed "You Are Here" at the Sheehan Gallery last fall. He said he asked then if the gallery had plans for the exhibit after it was over.

"They said, 'Would you like it?'" he recalled.

On the left wall as visitors enter are eight dramatic landscapes by internationally renowned Pendleton native James Lavadour, a member of the Walla Walla Tribe. Next are seven painted portraits by Ric Gendron, who belongs to the Arrow Lakes Band of the Colville Reservation. He has exhibited at Tamastlikt before.

Three lithographs by Apsaalooke (Crow) artist Wendy Red Star follow. They merge historical photos with traditional



This blown and sand-carved glass piece by Marcus Amerman and Preston Singletary appears in the "You Are Here" exhibit showing at Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, Mission, through Saturday, May 14, 2022.

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quilt patterns. Six beadwork creations by Choctaw artist Roger Amerman are displayed in the corner, including a prominent horsehead blanket. The Whitman-educated geologist also goes by Abcha-ha ("High Above").

Nineteen paintings by Melanie Yazzie of the Navajo Nation adorn two walls. More were installed at the Sheehan. In the center of the wall on the right are impressive glass sculptures by Roger's younger brother, Marcus Amerman, and his Tlingit collaborator, Preston Singletary.

"We always install exhibits carefully, but took extra care with the glasswork," Melton said.

Staff took the greatest care with the heaviest piece in the middle, a large red circle with green designs reminiscent of Mayan jade.

By the entrance are displayed fiber art pieces constructed from wool blankets and embroidered by Marie Watt, of the Seneca Nation.

Seminole artist C. Maxx Stevens created nine dollhouse exhibits, displayed in three sets on different sides of the room. Some were inspired by his experiences at what is now the Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas. Others move nature inside the houses.

"These appeal to me," Melton said. "In my youth, I was attracted to dioramas. With the dollhouses, you can read into them what most speaks to your own experiences."

The centerpiece of "You Are Here" is a statue, "Creation with Her Children," by Mohawk-Blackfoot artist Merritt Johnson, a mother

and stepmom of six, and Tlingit-Unangax Nicholas Galanin.

"Creation" is carving her own face, letting the chips fall at her feet, where golden mannikin arms hold open the jaws of two carnivorous mammals. The artists worked with plastic tarp, fabric, cord, wood, horse hair and other materials.

Melton said he looks forward to returning to a regular program of visiting exhibits.

"We are circling back to some of the exhibits we had lined up for 2020 and 2021 but couldn't install due to the pandemic. The exhibit from the National Bison Foundation was already here, but we never took it out of its crates. We just paid shipping to send it back. We'd already paid for it."

The bison are returning later this year.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### MEETINGS

• **COVE** — The Cove Community Association will meet Monday, April 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Founders Hall on the Ascension School grounds, Church Street. Everyone within the Cove School District is welcome to join the monthly CCA meetings.

• **SUMMERVILLE** — The Summerville Cemetery Board of Directors will meet for a regular session on Wednesday, April 6, at 9 a.m. in the chapel at the Summerville Cemetery. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the potential purchase of a columbarium, upgrades to the sprinkler system and various groundskeeping items. The public is welcome to attend all open sessions of the cemetery district.

• **LA GRANDE** — Members of the Union County Democratic Party

will meet virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, April 6, beginning at 7 p.m. To register for the meeting, call 541-562-6289 or email a request to rknop@eoni.com.

### BRIEFS

#### Cove Community Association hosts game night

COVE — On Saturday, April 2, the Cove Community Association is throwing a Community Game Night from 5-8 p.m. at the Ascension School Founder's Hall (brown building on Church Street).

New neighbors, old neighbors, all ages are invited to bring their favorite games, their friends and their families. The association aims to help new and longtime Cove residents get to know one another and reconnect with their neighbors.

#### Give blood next week in La Grande

LA GRANDE — According to the Red Cross' website, the organization is experiencing the worst national blood shortage in more than a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer patients from major surgery, including organ transplants.

An opportunity to give blood will be available next week in La Grande. A community drive will be held in the gym at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1802 Gekeler, on Tuesday, April 5, from noon to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Schedule an appointment at red-crossblood.org, or download the Blood Donor app. Call Linda Strand at 541-910-1973 for more information.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

### MONDAY, MARCH 28

11:12 a.m. — A caller on the 110 block of North Main Street, Union, reported harassment. A Union County sheriff's deputy made contact and explained options.

1:12 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of mail theft on the 100 block of Polk Avenue. An officer made contact and took a report.

2:18 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty at Fifth Street and K Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer responded and resolved the situation.

2:59 p.m. — La Grande police received a report of a disturbance at Banner Bank, 2720 Island Ave. Officers responded and took a report.

3:33 p.m. — A caller reported a person with mental illness on the 63300 block of Gekeler Lane, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and warned a person for disorderly conduct.

4:14 p.m. — A caller reported an ongoing problem with theft on the 2400 block of Empire Drive, La Grande. An officer made contact and took information.

6:54 p.m. — A caller reported someone going through mail boxes on the 62100 block of Mount Glen Road, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and arrested Gracee Leonette Shelley, 22, for attempted mail theft, second-degree trespass and mail theft.

8:44 p.m. — The Moon Motel, 2116 Adams Ave., La Grande, reported someone left behind two dogs in a motel room.

9:05 p.m. — A caller reported someone was looking in mail

boxes near Fuller Automotive, 2301 Jefferson Ave., La Grande. An officer checked the area but found no one suspicious.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 29

7:33 a.m. — A caller made a complaint about barking dogs on the 62900 block of Monroe Lane, La Grande. An animal enforcement officer warned the dog owner.

8:28 a.m. — The Union County Sheriff's Office received a complaint about a sex crime in Union. The sheriff's office took a report for sex abuse.

9:19 a.m. — A caller reported the theft of a trailer on the 10700 block of South Walton Road, Island City.

9:51 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about a transient camp in the area of the 2200 block of Jefferson Avenue. An officer responded and would follow up.

11:10 a.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about vandalism at Racom, 301 Cherry St., La Grande. An officer responded and logged information.

12:43 p.m. — A caller complained about aggressive dogs on the 1300 block of Penn Avenue, La Grande. An animal enforcement office responded,

found the dogs were inside a residence and left a card at the property.

3:41 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Kyle Everett Banyard, 29, on a secret indictment warrant charging third-degree assault and first-degree criminal mistreatment.

6:21 p.m. — A caller reported vandalism on the 2000

block of X Avenue, La Grande. A Union County sheriff's deputy responded and took a report.

11:35 p.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy and medical emergency agencies responded to the 73000 block of Gordon Creek Road, Elgin, on a report of an vehicle crash with injuries. The deputy took a report.

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### In Loving Remembrance of Michael Christopher Dunn

#### Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only we could have you back, for just a little while.

Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do.

You always meant so much and always will too.

The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain, But you're forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Sunrise on July 15, 1999 in Hermiston, Oregon  
Sunset on February 20, 2021, La Grande, Oregon  
**Memorial Service - April 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**Catherine Creek Community Center, Union**  
Words of Comfort - Denny Langford  
Cherished Memories of Mike, shared by His Family and Friends  
Video Tribute  
Honorary Pallbearers - Adam Chandler, Trevor Loftin, Seth Swartout, Derek Schmittle  
**Friends are invited to join the family for a reception to be held here at the Center, Following the Service.**

## DEATH & SERVICE NOTICES

### Hubert 'Merle' Comfort

La Grande

Hubert "Merle" Comfort, 86, of La Grande, died Nov. 12, 2021, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of his life will be held April 9 at 2 p.m. at the La Grande Nazarene Church. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Cheryl K. Hafer

La Grande

Cheryl K. Hafer, 77, of La Grande, died March 29, 2022, at a local care facility. A viewing will be held April 1 from 5-7 p.m. at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande. A funeral service will follow on April 2 at 10 a.m., also at Loveland Funeral Chapel. Casual dress is preferred by the family. Interment will be at the Cove Cemetery.

### John J. Hagan

La Grande

John J. Hagan, 76, of La Grande, died March 30, 2022, at a local care facility. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Donald L. Hough

Joseph

Donald Leroy Hough, 89, of Joseph, died March 23, 2022. A graveside service will be held April 7 at 3 p.m. at the Joseph Cemetery. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

### Jo Anne (Garrison) Hunt

Enterprise

Jo Anne (Garrison) Hunt, 89, of Enterprise Oregon, died March 20, 2022, at Wallowa Valley Senior Living. A memorial service will be held April 8 at 3 p.m. at the Enterprise First Baptist Church. Arrangements are by Bollman Funeral Home, Enterprise.

### Marcus J. McDowell

Joseph

Marcus J. McDowell, 48, of Joseph and formerly of La Grande, died March 29, 2022. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

### Laura McKinnis

Imbler

Laura McKinnis, 86, of Imbler, died March 21, 2022, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A celebration of her life will be held April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Summerville Cemetery Chapel. Arrangements are by Daniels-Knopp Funeral, Cremation & Life Celebration Center, La Grande.

### Richard L. Springer

La Grande

Richard L. Springer, 70, of La Grande, died Dec. 17, 2020, at a local care facility. A celebration of his life will be held April 16 at 2 p.m. at the Elgin Community Center. Arrangements are by Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory, La Grande.

## UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



**April 1 & April 2 — CHERYL HAFER:** Friday, 5-7 p.m. viewing, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; Saturday, 10 a.m. funeral, Loveland Funeral Chapel (casual dress preferred).

**April 2 — DIANNA BRAY:** noon memorial service, Calvary Baptist Church, Cove; followed by reception and meal.

**April 2 — ROBERTA TRUAX:** 1 p.m. celebration of life, Island City Cemetery; followed by reception at 209 S. 18th St., La Grande.

**April 7 — DON HOUGH:** 2 p.m. graveside service, Joseph Cemetery.

**April 8 — LAURA MCKINNIS:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Summerville Cemetery Chapel.

**April 8 — MICHAEL DUNN:** 3 p.m. memorial service, Catherine Creek Community Center, Union; followed by reception at the center.

**April 8 — JO ANNE HUNT:** 3 p.m. memorial service, Enterprise First Baptist Church.

**April 9 — JUDY & BILL ROSS:** 11 a.m. joint graveside service, Joseph Cemetery; followed by gathering at the Stubborn Mule.

**April 9 — MERLE COMFORT:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, La Grande Nazarene Church.

**April 16 — RICHARD SPRINGER:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Elgin Community Center.

**April 24 — MICHAEL ROBINSON:** 2 p.m. celebration of life, Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande; followed by reception at Riverside Park Pavilion, La Grande.

**May 7 — TODD McCOY:** 1 p.m. graveside service, Prairie Creek Cemetery, Joseph.

**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.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

### Linda L. Dudley

February 5, 1939 – March 22, 2022

Linda L. Dudley, of Union, Oregon, passed away on March 22, 2022. She is survived by her three children, Sherri Croft (Daniel Croft), JulieKay Dudley and Lee Dudley; sisters, Kathleen Abbott and Colleen Rikard; and seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Gerald Dudley.

Linda was born Feb. 5, 1939. She was a proud and loving wife and mother, with a generous heart. Her greatest joy was being able to give to family and others in need. She loved quilting and collecting quilts. She was a lifelong LA Rams and California Angels fan and was thrilled to see her Rams win the Super Bowl this year. She will be deeply missed by her family and her best friend of 50-plus years, Betsy Paxton, also of Union.

Linda chose not to have a service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Special Olympics Oregon (www.soor.org) or Autism Society of Oregon (www.autismsocietyoregon.org).