

First Friday art walk expands again in Redmond

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The August edition of the First Friday Art Walk, sponsored by the Dry Canyon Arts Association, is set for August 5 from 4-7 p.m.

This month's edition has expanded to feature eight local artists at seven different venues. A new venue this month will be Arome, the downtown kitchen store that will be celebrating its own grand opening on the same day.

Mel Archer

Mel Archer's impressive glass works will be displayed at the new Arome kitchen store, 432 SW Sixth.

Archer "paints" with glass — nothing but glass. Landscape scenes are assembled of many individually made elements, positioned together and fired in a technique known as fusing. The process is repeated several times as the completed painting slowly comes together.

Archer was recognized in 2006 as a top 20 "emerging artist" in Bullseye Glass' international biannual competition, "Emerge."

Jim Hensley

Jim Hensley's pen and ink creations will be on display at the Redmond Senior Center,

325 NW Dogwood.

Hensley sketches trees with unique shapes in all stages of their natural seasons of life and landscapes with visual character like abandoned and historic structures. He is challenged with bringing beauty to an ever-changing landscape by portraying the sketch in sim-

plification and allowing the viewer to fill in gaps with their imagination.

Gin Laughery

Printmaker Gin Laughery's work will display at Eqwine Wine Bar, 218 SW 4th Street. Laughery's work celebrates Oregon's High Desert with its

spare, elegant landscapes and panoramic views. Renditions of place are created with an etching press, multiple layers of ink and additional methods of markmaking.

"The results are suggestions of the land and mood to which I am so connected, a merging of external and internal landscapes," said Laughery.

Bill Lind

Bill Lind's wooden bowls will be part of the two-person show at the new Arome kitchen store.

Lind has a passion for bowl making. He finds joy in revealing the beauty hidden within each piece of wood. No live trees are harvested for his bowls.

He enjoys uncovering the color, texture and grain patterns that nature provided. The utility bowls are food safe.

Gary McPherson

The oil and watercolor paintings of artist Gary McPherson will be at the Junction Roastery for the August art walk.

McPherson discovered his love of art and penchant for detail drawings when he was about 10 years old by doing various pencil portraits. That continues today in both watercolor and oil. Many of McPherson's orig-

inations in graphic design, web and multimedia design.

She is the founder of ARTNIK, a nonprofit that offers arts education, community engagement, as well as a digital art magazine known as ARTNIK, Inc.

Kelley Salber

Kelley Salber's exquisite miniature book art will be displayed at the SCP Redmond Hotel.

Salber loves to experiment with the book as a sculptural form. Using her passion for texture and color, she forms miniature worlds in a variety of forms by altering old books. She also delights in inventing her own books as, well as building with bookboard and paper.

Laurel Werhane

Laurel Werhane's fused glass creations will be displayed at the High Desert Music Hall. Werhane said she is fascinated with the organic feel and fluidity of fused glass.

Her designs blend a number of techniques by combining sheets of art glass, repurposed glass, powdered glass and metals. Currently, Werhane's focus is on Paté de verre vessels which translates to "paste of glass."

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Fence project brings fresh look to Terrebonne school

Animals, icons (and a T-bone steak) decorate Terrebonne Community School

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A fresh coat of bright, multi-colored animals stalk the front of the Terrebonne Community School.

Mountains lions wearing Seattle Seahawks colors. Bedazzled vultures. Snakes and rockchucks in various shades of various colors.

The variety of critters and creatures, including some random and creative interpretations, adorn the fences that surround the school — the stellar craftsmanship created by its students.

The painted wooden cutouts are of items and animals emblematic of Terrebonne.

"Smith Rock, Monkey Face, they're so indicative of Terrebonne," said Linda Barker, an artist and Art on the River board member who helped organize the project. Her husband and two sons installed the artwork in May as the school year was coming to a close.

Whether it was a cougar painted in Christmas colors or a rock that was mistaken for a T-bone steak, Barker was passionate, excited and delighted about the designs that the third, fourth and fifth-grade classes came up with this year.

"The kids — they don't need any coaching, they just take off," Barker said. "There was no hesitation. They just came in and got with it."

The project was spearheaded by Art on the River, an annual event held at Eagle Crest until the COVID-19 pandemic ended the shows in 2020.

The organization's remaining funds helped supply Terrebonne Community School with supplies for the project and have gone to help fund art classes in Redmond schools as well.

"Art is an outlet for emotions and expression," said Joan Sheets, an art educator who's served on the board at the Portland Art Museum and is a founding member of Art on the River at Eagle Crest. "This is especially important to students who have been through the last couple of years when the pandemic brought so much uncertainty."

Sheets mentioned how academic growth improves when kids are exposed to artists, different styles and the process of creating.

Art on the River also received help from Sherwin Williams and Miller Lumber, which provided discounted materials for the kids to work off.

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Photo courtesy Linda Barker
Students paint snakes and other animals with Linda Barker, which have since decorated a fence around Terrebonne Community School.



Photo courtesy Linda Barker
Students painted wooden art to decorate a fence around Terrebonne Community School.



Photo by Nick Rosenberger
Linda Barker stands behind the completed section of a fence with artwork decorated and designed by students of the Terrebonne Community School on July 20 in Terrebonne.

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