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Jerome Sloan and some of his artwork he has on display for "Human Being," a collection of art giving humanity to the state's prison population, now on display at the Pearl District's Gallery 114, 1100 N.W. Glisan St.



# Human Beings, Not Numbers

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tute, which is located on the Oregon-Idaho state line in Ontario, is indicative of the isolation experienced by prison inmates. Snake River is the largest prison in Oregon. Sloan, one of the featured artists, is incarcerated at Snake River.

"You can't drive to it without a jeep in the winter," said Slader. "That isolation diminishes all of us."

Proceeds from Human Being will go to support the featured artists and the Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC), which is dedicated to providing legal help

to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated Oregonians.

Alice Lundell, director of communication for OJRC, says that the proceeds they receive will go toward the organization's general fund.

"We provide free legal services to currently and formerly incar-

cerated people in Oregon," Lundell told the Portland Observer. "We also work on broader issues of criminal justice reform, trying to make changes across the whole system to create a better criminal justice system for the state."

Slader says that he hopes that by exhibiting art created by incar-

cerated individuals, more everyday Oregonians will acknowledge the humanity of those who live within the state's prison system.

"If we can begin to accept that these are human beings," Slader said, "then we can realize they that need to be treated and acknowledged as human beings."

Human Being is currently showing at Gallery 114, located at 1100 N.W. Glisan St. The exhibition is open through July 28.

## Obituary

### In Loving Memory Ethel Simon-McWilliams

Dr. Ethel Simon-McWilliams, an accomplished educational leader in Portland for decades and the former chief executive of the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, now known as Education Northwest, died July 12, 2017. She was 78.

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