

Ellsworth Kelly art exhibit coming to Pendleton

Artwork loan from Schnitzer opens Thursday

East Oregonian

The work of one of the most influential post-war artists of the 20th century is coming to the Pendleton Center for the Arts.

The exhibit, “Ellsworth Kelly: From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation,” opens on Thursday in the East Oregonian Gallery with a reception from 6-7:30 p.m. at 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. It includes examples of his hard-edged color forms, his plant contour prints and a selection from his river series.

The all-ages event is free and open to the public.

Born in New York in 1923, Kelly created paintings, sculpture and prints over a 70-year career. His parents, skeptical that art could provide a living wage, agreed to pay his tuition at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn only if he studied technical art.

Kelly served during World War II in the 603rd Engineers Camouflage Battalion’s Ghost Army where he designed military propaganda posters and camouflage patterns and learned the art of silk-screen printing. After the war, he studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on the G.I. Bill. Kelly then



Photo contributed by Pendleton Center for the Arts

Kindergarten students at the Pendleton Early Learning Center recently learned about Ellsworth Kelly. Using sticker paper donated by Master Printers Northwest, the kids created art-work in the artist’s style. Works by Kelly are featured in an exhibit that opens Thursday at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

spent five years in Paris, studying everything from Romanesque architecture and Turkish art to Chinese calligraphy. He had his first exhibit there in 1951.

His practice of “transcribing” the structural essences of random, found objects formed the basis for much of his lifelong artistic exploration. Kelly is best known for his hard-edged, abstract contours that are

sharp and precise. In the 1960s, Kelly began applying his approach to color, form and line to printmaking.

Relentless about producing work until his last days, Kelly had a respiratory condition that kept him tethered to a machine. He died in 2015 in New York at the age of 92.

Area art enthusiasts continue to benefit from connections established

between Jordan Schnitzer and Pendleton.

Over the past few years, the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation has lent major works by Chuck Close and Louise Bourgeois for exhibitions at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

“Making great art accessible is my passion, and I hope that everyone in the community visits to understand why Ellsworth Kelly



Photo by Jack Shear, courtesy Ellsworth Kelly Studio

Ellsworth Kelly (1923-2015) in his Spencertown, New York, studio in 2012. “Ellsworth Kelly: From the Collections of Jordan D. Schnitzer and His Family Foundation” opens Thursday at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

is recognized as a master of contemporary art,” he said.

The Pendleton exhibit is one of more than 110 exhibits in 150 museums that Schnitzer’s foundation has sponsored over the past 25 years. Through the foundation’s support, many class groups will have an opportunity to visit the gallery, and schools will receive books about Kelly and his work, said Roberta Lavador, arts center executive director. She is excited to be a part of the Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation’s outreach efforts.

“It’s incredibly gratifying to see people in the community form a deep appreciation for an artist’s work after seeing it in person,” she said. “To see a local kid come in and connect with a great work of art, coming to

understand that art and culture is not something that’s above them or beyond their reach — that’s one of the best parts of my job.”

Schnitzer attended his first Pendleton Round-Up in 1987. He expressed appreciation for the town’s hospitality and cherishes friendships made with people in Pendleton.

“I feel like it’s my second home,” Schnitzer said.

The free exhibit will remain on display through May 3. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Groups can make arrangements for after-hours visits. For more information, contact director@pendletonarts.org, 541-278-9201 or www.pendletonarts.org.

BRIEFLY

Umatilla library sets book sale

UMATILLA — Hardback volumes are 50 cents each and paperbacks are 25 cents during the book sale at the Umatilla Public Library.

The event is Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library, 700 Sixth St., Umatilla. For information, call 541-922-5704.

Forest service looks to hire teens in Heppner

HEPPNER — The Umatilla National Forest Heppner Ranger District is soliciting interest from local teens to work in its Youth Conservation Corps.

Work may include noxious weed removal, fence removal and construction, trail maintenance, meadow restoration, campground maintenance, slash piling, removal of tubing from tree seedlings, and fireline construction on the Heppner Ranger District, a Monday press release states.

Four positions are open for 15- to 18-year-olds. No experience is required and the program will run for eight weeks, starting June 17. The job will pay the \$10.50 minimum wage through the end of June before rising to \$11 on July 1 to comply with Oregon minimum wage law.

The application period runs from March 15 to 2 p.m. April 15. Completed

applications can be submitted via email to rebecca.weseman@usda.gov or by person or mail at the Heppner Ranger District office.

For more information, contact the Heppner Ranger District at 541-676-9187.

Forum highlights government employment

PENDLETON — The upcoming Eastern Oregon Forum features a presentation about federal employment and the regional impact of government shutdowns.

The event is Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Science and Technology building at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Tickets are \$5 at the door and free for students.

The forum features Chris Rich and Jeff Blackwood.

Rich, from La Grande, moved to the area in 2015 after accepting the position of Eastern Oregon regional

economist with the Oregon Employment Department. Rich studies the labor market of eight Eastern Oregon counties. The region encompasses approximately 40 percent of the state’s land mass but only about 4 percent of its population.

Blackwood retired as forest supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest after spending his career with the U.S. Forest Service. Since retirement, he has been involved with salmon and steelhead recovery planning, watershed restoration and with the Pendleton Center for the Arts and the Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition.

The Eastern Oregon Forum is a collaborative effort between BMCC, InterMountain Education Service District, the East Oregonian, American Association of University Women and Harriet Isom, a former United States ambassador. For information, contact Karen Parker at 541-966-3177 or karen.parker@imesd.k12.or.us.

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12
SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. (541-278-2828)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE

LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-0138)

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W.

Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

MARCH 13

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Get some exercise even when the weather is bad. Free. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)



MARCH is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

With an emphasis on screening and prevention, the colorectal cancer survival rate has increased in the last 20 years. It’s also important that you be aware of the symptoms of the disease and share what you’re experiencing with a healthcare professional. Don’t feel embarrassed. Your life may depend on it and your loved ones will be so happy you spoke up!

Join us at these locations for refreshments and an informative discussion about colorectal cancer, plus instruction on how to use an at-home screening kit

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Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Heppner

March 14 / 2p - 4p

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March 14 / 11a - 1p



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