

ACE presents '#150mmchallenge' pop-up exhibit

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LA GRANDE — Art Center East has unveiled “#150mmchallenge,” a pop-up exhibit showcasing international forged ironworks, in the Orlaske Gallery, and a free reception with refreshments is set for Friday, May 27, 6-8 p.m.

Local blacksmith Peter Clark will give an artist talk at 6 p.m.

“This might be the single most important show of contemporary blacksmithing work ever assembled,” said Clark, whose work is featured in the exhibit. “It’s an international exhibit showing diverse and inventive ways to work within the constraints of a single starting point: one piece of steel.”

ACE is hosting 58 of the exhibit’s 150 unique pieces by artists from around the world.



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Art Center East is displaying “150mmchallenge,” a pop-up exhibit featuring ironworks from around the world. A reception is planned for May 27, 6-8 p.m. The show closes Saturday, May 28, at 2 p.m.

According to a press release, “Concept originator and Hereford (England) College of Arts lecturer

and blacksmith Ambrose Burne explored the size-constraint exercise as a self-imposed challenge first. Thereafter, he asked

his students to create something out of a small 150mm x 20mm x 20mm rectangular piece of steel. Using the power of social

media to connect, challenge, and empower other artists — amateur and professional — the #150mmchallenge emerged.”

Participants were asked to mail their #150mmchallenge works to Hereford. Once all 240 pieces arrived, the first #150mmchallenge pop-up exhibit, curated by Delyth Done, was open for in-person viewing.

The #150mmchallenge exhibit will be on its way from ACE to its next pop-up destination after it closes at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 28. Community members are encouraged to stay up to date on the exhibit’s progress through social media by following #150mmchallenge and #herefordanvils.

ACE, 1006 Penn Ave., is open regular hours Wednesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Exhibits can also be viewed online at artcentereast.org.

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