

# Veterans' art showcased

JOSEPH — "Art Out of War" is a July exhibit of ceramic art by veterans from LH Project Residency Program. The opening reception will be at the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture on July 10. Doors open at 6:30, with a 7 p.m. reception planned. The exhibit is in conjunction with the LH Residency Program for the month of July.

The Josephy Center will present two "Live and Up Front: Artist Lecture Series," the first on July 14 and the second on July 21, both at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Josephy will also host a tour of the LH Project's ceramic studio campus on July 17. The tour meets at the Josephy Center at 5:30 p.m. Events are free with donations welcome.

This exhibit features the work of six artists from across the country — Daniel Donovan, Jesse Albrecht, Ash Kyrie, Giuseppe Pellicano, Jill Allen and Al Tennant. Each artist draws upon their experience as veterans to create their work.

During the month of July, each artist will create a variety of works, as part of their LH residency. This new work along with the exhibit at the Josephy Center will become a



"It's Important to Stay Hydrated" is a 2015 work of stoneware, glaze and wood by artist Daniel Donovan. This piece, along with other works by veterans from across the country, will be on display at the Josephy Center during the month of July.

Courtesy photo

traveling exhibit.

The LH Project offers an intimate, private setting for nationally and internationally recognized artists to nourish their creative process surrounded by the beauty of the

Wallowa Mountains. This residency, dedicated to artists who are also veterans, is an opportunity unavailable anywhere else in the country. The work created here arises from deep exploration facilitated by the

serene environment, the diverse facility, and the sense of community.

For more information contact Cheryl North Coughlan at 541-432-0505 or visit [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org).

# Maxville snares Kinsman grant

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain.

Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center Director, Gwendolyn Trice, is seeing daylight shine on the hard work she and others have invested in the project. A June 6 open house at the new MHIC home at 103 N. Main St., one of the busiest foot traffic blocks in Joseph, received a steady stream of visitors. MHIC also recently received a \$20,000 grant to help move, restore and renovate the last building left from the 1920s logging town located above Wallowa.

A new Experience Works employee started work on June 22 as did an Eastern Oregon University intern, which gives Trice more time to work on fundraising and the logistics of the building restoration.

The open house provided some validation for Trice's efforts. "We normally close at four, but we didn't get out of here until 5:30 because people just kept coming in. People were excited we were open, and it's just what we wanted to see," Trice said.

Bob Kavanaugh, U.S. Bank's district manager in Eastern Oregon, attended the open house with his wife Sherry to show both the family's and the bank's support for MHIC. "What Gwen is doing is awesome. She's a gift. She's bringing history back to life with this project," Bob Kavanaugh said.

The \$20,000 grant is from the Kinsman Foundation and earmarked for the

renovation and work to the log building. "We already have Dave Rogers of Logs & Timbers LLC and Jim Platz of Pilgrims Progress, two people at the top of their field in restoration work for log structures," Trice said. Rogers has already completed a draft for the next steps of the project, including costs and plans for taking down, restoring and reassembling the cabin.

Trice also said that MHIC is seeking a \$5,000 matching grant from the community to accomplish the first phase of the project. Donate online at [maxvilleheritage.org](http://maxvilleheritage.org), at the MHIC office or by mail to MHIC/Cabin, PO Box 492, Enterprise, OR 97828.

MHIC has already found property on which to restore the cabin and its two-story stone and mortar chimney as they wait for the acquisition of property for its permanent home. Trice added that MHIC is in negotiations to obtain property located between Joseph and Enterprise to become that home.

Trice said the dismantling process of the building and chimney is rigorous and detailed. "We'll get to bring Clatsop Community College

back, and we're looking at a way to connect EOU (Eastern Oregon University) to the project, too."

"This is a place that's begging for students to come out and work on it at different levels," Trice said. The process of actually dismantling and removing the cabin is expected to start sometime in July.

Trice also said that the

Wallowa Valley community can play a part, too. The building will need to replace some timbers as the work progresses, and opportunities to attend workshops for window restoration and stone masonry are of interest to contractors seeking restoration work in the area. MHIC is open from Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# Water ski course rejected by state

By Steve Tool  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Picture an August afternoon on Wallowa Lake with roaring motorboats, a water skiing course and multitudes of skiers on the formerly placid waters. Turn off the picture; it's not happening. The Oregon Marine Board recently shot down an April 25 application by Wilsonville resident Steve Gregg to install a temporary slalom course from Aug. 10-29.

The proposed course ran 400 feet off shore and parallel to the lake shore and was approximately 850 feet long and 75 feet wide. The preferred location was at the west side of the foot of the lake, with a proposed alternative location on the west side of the lake near the state park. Buoys marked the course, and the application stated that access was open to anyone.

Once word of the request got around, it didn't take long for several residents to voice their protests to the Oregon State Marine Board. Resident Geoff Whiting, who is an attorney for the Nez Perce tribe and lives on the west side of the lake, wrote a letter to the Oregon State Marine Board outlining his objections to the ski course. Whiting cited several Article 37 provisions in the Wallowa County Land Development Ordinance that stipulate maintaining the unspoiled character of the lake, including regulating the placement of portable docks or floats more than 200 feet from the high water mark of the lake. He also cited concerns for local wildlife.

Randy Henry, Boating Safety program manager for OSMB who reviewed, and ultimately denied the application, said he was very surprised at the overwhelming response from local citizens regarding the course. He said the state encourages community input on such permits, including the sheriff, local land managers and adjacent landowners.

Henry emphasized that the state does not deny permits simply because a respondent to the permit doesn't like the sight of water ski boats. "I did, however, see a lot of concern about impacting the traditional use of the waterway," Henry said. As some of those uses include fishing and paddle boating, Henry said that installing a ski course during the height of the season would be disruptive to those traditional purposes.

"We decided that it's not a benign use, it will have impact, and we denied it. It's really a judgment call between reading letters and talking to local law enforcement, and there wasn't any support expressed anywhere, but by the individual (who made the application)," Henry said. He added that no application would have been required if the individual had daily installed and removed the course.

Henry said his department received over 30 letters and six to eight phone calls about the application. "I've spent more time on this application than almost any other because of the volume of responses and trying to sort out what was relevant," he said.



*Thank You*

I would love to "THANK" all the family and friends who made Harold's "Celebration of Life" a very special day. For all of you that brought all the fantastic food and beverages along with the gifts and cards was very much appreciated.

A special thanks to Dave Staigle and the band (Will Wehinger, Buzz Cates, Dave Schieber (COWBOY) and Alyssa West) for the great music!

Dave Staigle your delivery of "Old Dogs & Children and Watermelon Wine" was amazing.

A very "HEARTFELT" thanks to Mr. Ron Thies for a job "WELL DONE" with all the speaking responsibilities and directing the day's event. "YOU ARE A CHITWOOD"!!

John Smith, where do I start? The remembrance of your childhood memories with Harold made us all cry and laugh. This is truly what life long friendships are all about. "SUPER BOWLS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME"!!

Don Bronson, the stories you shared of working with Harold at the mill and how everyone had much respect for him as a "Boss", made our family very proud of the man he "Truly" was. Belinda Buswell, for the very touching poem that you wrote. (Until I See You Again)

Sherrie Cornett, the sharing of your Mother's stories of her childhood memories with her brother and your "Uncle Har" were wonderful.

Most of all, I thank my FAMILY that has helped me through it all. I couldn't have done it without them. Dan, Deb, Darren, Richelle, Casey, Audrey, Jay, Kayla, Doug, Tonya, Eric, Ellyce, Chad, Jessie, Tony, Darla, Melissa, Tom and Amanda.

I love you all very much and what a "Beautiful" tribute to my Soulmate, Husband, Dad, Grandad, Uncle, Brother and Friend.

All My Love,  
Mom

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for Independence Day.

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to the Chieftain staff!  
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