

Wallowa County Cultural Trust grants available

JOSEPH — Oregon is the only state in the union that provides a 100 percent tax credit to inspire cultural giving. Via the Oregon Cultural Trust, these funds are distributed across the state, protecting and promoting cultural vitality from Enterprise to Portland.

This funding is distributed on a local level with the aid of 45 county and tribal coalitions across the state. Using these funds the Wallowa County Cultural Trust Coalition (WCCTC) is pleased to announce that \$6,000 dollars in grants for the 2019 season have been awarded to six organizations: Fishtrap, The Joseph Center for Arts & Culture, MidValley Theatre, Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland & Chief Joseph Days' Encampment, Wallowa Mountain Quilters' Guild, and Wallowa Valley Music Alliance.

The WCCTC was founded in 2004 to facilitate funding local projects in arts, heritage and humanities with grant money from the Oregon Cultural Trust. WCCTC grants are typically \$250-\$1,000 and support projects that promote and strengthen Wallowa County culture.

Applications are currently available for 2020 online at wallowavalleyarts.org or can be requested by email at WCCTCoalition@gmail.com. The applications are due October 31, 2019.

Purchasing an Oregon Cultural Trust license plate from the DMV is one way to support the Trust (and your local artisans). There will be a reduction in Oregon Cultural Trust grant making for the 2020 funding cycle unless there is a statewide increase in support by June 30.

Free transit starts July 1

Enterprise Community Connection on June 2, 2019, announced the start of Free Transportation in Wallowa County on July 1, 2019.

On July 1, 2019, Wallowa County Transportation will increase the Dial-A-Ride from two days a week to five days a week. The upper valley will

be served by Dial-A-Ride five days a week, while the lower valley will be served two days a week.

Public Transportation will be fare free except for the La Grande "Link" & Medical Rides.

These extended and free services are funded by the Statewide Transit Improvement Funds.



Enterprise Library patron and mom JoAnna Perren holds her daughter Rosalie while daughter Stella chooses her next reading project.

Enterprise Library buys books with grant money

By Denine Rautenstrauch
For Wallowa County Chieftain

The Enterprise Public Library was awarded an \$800 matching grant for children's books from the Pilcrow Foundation. Wallowa County Soroptimist stepped up to the plate, providing \$400 as the matching amount. "With the \$1200 total, we were able to purchase nearly 100 new children's books,

fiction and nonfiction," said librarian Denise Rautenstrauch.

The Enterprise Public Library now has the books ready for checkout. The variety of books includes fiction and non-fiction, and books for ages 4 through young adult. Titles include "The Girl who Drew Butterflies," by Joyce Sidman, which won the Robert F. Sibert Medal.

Other noteworthy additions to the

library's collection include "When the Whales Walked," a non-fiction science book by Douglas Dixon; "At Home in the Barn," an exquisitely-illustrated book for younger readers by Jerry Pinkney; and "Basketballology: Super Cool Facts about Basketball," by Kevin Sylvester.

"They are all great reading for kids," Rautenstrauch said. "It's fun, fun, fun reading for all summer long!"

Summer Fishtrap includes Molly Gloss keynote

By Mike Midlo
For Wallowa County Chieftain

The public is invited to the 32nd Summer Fishtrap Weekend Gathering, July 12-14 at Wallowa Lake Lodge

Every year since 1988, curious people have gathered together at Wallowa Lake for three days of inspiration and connection at the Summer Fishtrap Weekend Gathering. Experience it for yourself July 12-14 at the Wallowa Lake Lodge. Award-winning author Molly Gloss gives the keynote address Friday, July 12, to launch what is sure to be a memorable weekend.

"Summer Fishtrap is truly a community event. It's a chance for locals and visitors to come together and share a love of writing, reading, and Wallowa County," says Fishtrap Executive Director Shannon McNeerney. "From the free evening readings to the Weekend Gathering, there's a Summer Fishtrap experience to fit any budget."



Novelist Molly Gloss, author of *The Hearts of Horses* and *Jump-off Creek*, will deliver the keynote address at Summer Fishtrap.

The unique community of writers and thinkers that make up Summer Fishtrap will stir your ideas about our place in the West. The weekend schedule is filled with readings, the popular youth showcase, craft talks, and exploring art outdoors right on the shores of Wallowa Lake. Registration for the Weekend Gathering is \$300 and includes meals at Wallowa Lake Lodge Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast. See the full schedule at Fishtrap.org.

Ticketed Events

Can't attend the whole weekend? Reserve your seat under the big tent on the beautiful lawn at Wallowa Lake Lodge as we round the corner on the 32nd Summer Fishtrap Gathering of Writers with two very special events. Friday, July 12, Jamie Ford kicks off the evening with reading fol-

SUMMER FISHTRAP SCHEDULE

Evening events begin at 7:30pm on the lawn of Wallowa Lake Lodge

Monday, July 8 – Free Admission

Opening Address with Luis Alberto Urrea

Tuesday, July 9 – Free Admission

Readings from Beth Piatote, Scott Russell Sanders, Sharma Shields

Wednesday, July 10 – Free Admission

Readings from Perrin Kerns, Kim Stafford, MOSley Wotta

Thursday, July 11 – Free Admission

Readings from Anis Mojgani, Laura Pritchett, Gary Ferguson

Friday, July 12 — Ticketed event \$25

Keynote Address with Molly Gloss

Reading from Jamie Ford

Saturday, July 13 — Ticketed event \$25

Screening of the award-winning documentary *Worlds of Ursula K. Le Guin*

Panel Discussion

Dreams and Tales: Remembering Ursula with Molly Gloss, Luis Urrea, and Scott Russell Sanders

Free Admission Monday through Thursday; Friday and Saturday are \$25 ticketed events.

Reserve tickets at Fishtrap.org or buy tickets at The Bookloft and Joseph Hardware.

See the full schedule and register at Fishtrap.org or call 541-426-3623.

lowed by the Summer Fishtrap Keynote address given by Molly Gloss. Saturday night, we celebrate Ursula K. Le Guin with a screening of the award-winning documentary *Worlds of Ursula K. Le Guin* followed by a conversation with Luis Alberto Urrea, Molly Gloss, and Scott Russell Sanders about their memories of Ursula and the impact of her literary legacy on writers everywhere. Both events start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per night or \$40 for both events. Get your tickets at

Fishtrap.org, or buy them at The Bookloft, Joseph Hardware, and Dollar Stretcher.

Free Events

Everyone is invited to come up to the lake and attend free faculty readings each evening Monday, July 8, through Thursday, July 11. Readers include Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford, World Slam Poetry Champion Anis Mojgani, Gary Ferguson, Beth Piatote, Perrin Kerns, MOSley Wotta, and Laura Pritchett. All events start at 7:30 p.m.

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— Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Joseph Canyon Hike

FREE!

Saturday, June 29th
8am - 3pm • Meet at Wallowology!

Ecologist David Mildrexler will lead a hike exploring the Joseph Canyon country that includes expansive grasslands, old growth forests, stunning views, and fascinating cultural history. Learn about the importance of this area as a key corridor for the region's plants and animals.

Pre-registration required • 541-263-1663

Wallowology!
Natural History Discovery Center
508 N. Main • Joseph • 541-263-1663 • wallowology.org • Tues - Sun, 10am-3pm

To our Friends and Business Community

The July 4th fireworks will soon be upon us. We have a long ways to go to reach our goal. We need \$13,500 for the fireworks and \$500 for public services.

So far we have raised \$5,579

We are asking residents and businesses to support the fireworks with a donation of \$25, \$50 or \$100 or more. This amount, when added together with all of the other fundraising activities, will make it possible to pay for insurance, public services, and the support of the fireworks crew. All donations of \$25 or greater will be entered into a drawing to win a two person Jet Boat Trip in Hells Canyon. This year Beamer's Landing has provided the drawing prize.
ALL DONATIONS ARE IMPORTANT.

Fireworks will be Thursday, July 4 at approximately 10 PM

Please help us keep this celebration alive in Wallowa County. Donations can be sent to the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 427, Enterprise, OR 97828. For further information contact the Chamber, 541 426-4622 or info@wallowacounty.org.