

Quick Takes

Take an in-person painting workshop

LA GRANDE — Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande, is offering two upcoming in-person painting classes. Jan Clark leads a two-day “Sunflower Patch” workshop (see below), Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. All experience levels are welcome. Cost is \$85 for ACE members, \$100 for non-members.



On Saturday, May 15, Jan Clark and Denise Elizabeth Stone partner to teach a batik watercolor workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for ages 14 and older. Participants will create batik paintings (see below) using watercolor or acrylic paint, wax and ink on a special type of paper. Cost is \$70 members and \$85 non-members.

In-person classes at ACE will follow government guidelines on COVID-19 safety and cleaning procedures. Every student must wear a mask at all times, and workspaces are separated by Plexiglas dividers.

To register and see the supply lists, go to www.artcentereast.org/calendar and click on the workshop of your choice.



EOFF presents 'Beast Beast' screening

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon Film Festival is presenting the film “Beast Beast” Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. Afterward, the audience can participate in a live virtual Q&A with the maker of the film, Danny Madden.

The showing is part of the “Path to The Liberty Theatre Screening Series,” a campaign to raise funds for EOFF’s use of the historic Liberty Theatre under renovation in downtown La Grande.

A small live audience will view the film at HQ, 112 Depot St., La Grande, and the movie will be available online as well. To purchase tickets, visit www.eofilmfest.com and click on the information about the event.

Paint wineglasses at free weekly gathering

JOSEPH — Those who purchase opening night tickets for the annual Wallowa Valley Festival of Art each receive a hand-painted wineglass. In preparation for the event, wineglass painting gatherings are held every Wednesday evening under Pam Beach’s guidance at the Joseph Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

Walk-ins are welcome between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wineglasses, glass paints and brushes are provided. Experience is not necessary, but face masks are.

Learn to make cards with linoleum blocks

BAKER CITY — Ginger Rembold will teach a class on linoleum block printing on Thursday, April 29, from 6-8 p.m. at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., Baker City.

Students will learn how to cut a unique linoleum/rubber block to make a personalized card. All tools are provided. Once a block is cut, participants can make prints. Cost is \$16 members, \$24 non-

members. There is also a \$5 supply fee. Class size is limited to six participants.

To register, go to www.crossroads-arts.org, click on “Classes” and again on the class description.

It’s puzzle time again at Art Center East

LA GRANDE — Art Center East hosts a puzzle exchange on the third Saturday of the month from 1-2 p.m. The monthly in-person exchange requires face coverings and social distancing. ACE staff will disinfect puzzles and surfaces.

The next exchange will take place Saturday, May 15, at the center, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. Bring a puzzle and take one home.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 per puzzle taken home or exchanged, with proceeds going toward ACE’s continuing effort to stay open during the pandemic.

Annual spring cleaning set for April 23-24 in Baker City

BAKER CITY — The Baker City community is invited to help spruce up the downtown area during the second annual Spring Clean event on April 23 and 24.

Those interested in helping can meet at 9 a.m. at Court Plaza (Main and Court streets) to get assigned an area and task.

Chores will include touching up paint, sweeping sidewalks, sprucing up benches and flower boxes, cleaning tree wells and around garbage receptacles, pulling weeds, planting flowers and washing windows.

Bring your own gloves, and your tools if you like.

There will be a contest to see who has the best “before and after” photo. To enter, volunteers should send their photos to witmcknight@gmail.com.

Any specific questions can be answered by Kate at Royal Artisan: 541-465-4547 or katephill843@gmail.com.

Tour the historic Geiser Grand Hotel

BAKER CITY — The historic Geiser Grand Hotel, 1996 Main St., Baker City, is offering a “Step Back in Time” tour every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Topics cover the history of the hotel, as well as stories from Baker City’s past.

Tickets are \$5 per person (or complimentary for hotel guests). Masks are required of all attendees. Tours are limited to 18 people to allow for distance between guests.

Special tours by appointment are available for groups of 10 to 20.

Advance reservations are recommended by calling 541-523-1889 or emailing info@geiser-grand.com.

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The Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City opened in 1889. It received a restoration and reopened in 1993 after closing in 1968. Tours are given three times a week.

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