

# What's new @ Art Center East?

## OPEN DOORS & CLASSES

The doors are open again at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave., La Grande. Gallery and gift shop hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Masks are required, and occupancy is limited to facilitate social distancing. Art Center East exhibits are free and open to the public.

Both online and in-person classes are slowly returning. There are a few on the schedule for April and May, with more on the way. See the descriptions on page 4 of this week's GO! and keep an eye on [www.artcentereast.org/calendar](http://www.artcentereast.org/calendar).

Safety guidelines in place for in-person classes follow government guidelines on COVID-19 safety and cleaning procedures. Students are expected to research, assess and understand their own risk level before choosing to work in an indoor space.

A Plexiglas divider separates each personal workspace in the ACE studios, and students are required to wear a mask that covers both nose and mouth at all times and to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds upon arrival.

## MAKE & TAKE KITS

Beginning in May, ACE will be offering Make & Take Kits. These take-home art projects for adults will explore a different medium each month and will be available for purchase as a subscription or a la carte. A young artist version also is in the works. Stay tuned for more details.

## A CALL TO ARTISTS & MAKERS

Anyone who had ideas for a Make & Take Kit or children's activity, call 541-624-2800 or email [info@artcentereast.org](mailto:info@artcentereast.org).

Artists and makers who have skills to share are invited to fill out a class proposal at [www.artcentereast.org/artist/teach-at-ace](http://www.artcentereast.org/artist/teach-at-ace). The center's definition of art includes more than just the visual arts: music, dance, cooking, writing, traditional arts (like welding, blacksmithing, knitting, quilting, and basket weaving), healing arts, digital arts, and much more.

Need help developing your idea? Contact ACE at 541-624-2800 or [info@artcentereast.org](mailto:info@artcentereast.org).

## IN THE GALLERY

The 2021 EOU Junior Exhibit — "a point of connection" — will be up until May 1, featuring students from Eastern Oregon University. The pieces explore points of connection between the artist's interior experience and the outer world of interaction and physicality. The product of months in pivot and forced isolation, the art now steps out into a shared space.

## NEXT UP

The upcoming exhibit will be "Missing Your Face: Masks of Location, Isolation and Transformation" from May 7 to July 3, featuring work from two Oregon artists, Matt Fagan of La Grande and Tony Fuemmeler of Portland.

## A PROMOTION

Jennifer Durr is the new gallery director at Art Center East. "You have gotten to know Jennifer over the years and the positive impact she has made along the way," ACE stated in the announcement. "We can't wait to see the changes and improvements she makes to the ACE Galleries and offerings in the future." Contact Jennifer at [jenn@artcentereast.org](mailto:jenn@artcentereast.org) with any inquiries involving the Main, Co-Op and Gift galleries.

## NOW HIRING

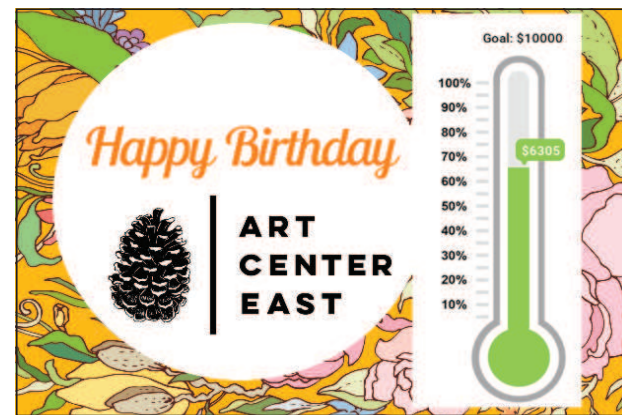
The art center is searching for its next programs director. The primary role of the position is to recruit, build, market and manage ACE's quarterly class schedule, including developing new classes and supporting instructors and program delivery. For complete details on the 30 hours per week position, call ACE or click on the "Now Hiring" floating tab at the top right of the website.

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## CELEBRATIONS & FUNDRAISING

Art Center East is belatedly celebrating its March 2 birthday by giving away art. All donations and any new, renewing or gift memberships purchased during the month of April will be entered to win an original Denise Stone painting (below). If the goal of \$10,000 is reached, another lucky supporter will win a Judd Koehn bronze piece. Winners will be announced May 6.



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Win "Dancing with the Dark" by Denise Elizabeth Stone (acrylic on canvas, 13" by 38") by contributing to Art Center East's birthday fundraising drive in April. See the details above.

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