

# Start September with art shows

## Baker City First Friday art walk is Friday, Sept. 3

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**B**AKER CITY — Labor Day weekend starts with new art shows at downtown art galleries and businesses. Here's a look at what you'll find during this month's First Friday art walk on Sept. 3.

### CROSSROADS

Join Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn Ave., for the 23rd annual "Art at the Crossroads" open regional show featuring artists from around the region. The judge's comments and presentation of awards will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

The show officially opens from noon to 8 p.m. Friday. This year's judge is Emily Somoskey, visiting assistant professor of



Painting by Hillery Lay

Hillery Lay is the featured artist this month at Royal Artisan in Baker City. Her show opens during the First Friday art walk, Sept. 3.

art at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

Patrons can enter a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to the Eltrym Theater (donated by Mike and Barbara Meyer), and also vote for the People's Choice award.

Ash Grove Cement is sponsoring the awards for first, second and third place, as well as Best of Show, People's Choice,

and Honorable Mention. Quail Crossing Studio and Gallery sponsors the award for the Realistic Watercolor award, an anonymous donor is sponsoring the Outstanding Photography award, and Rich Bergeman sponsors the Outstanding Black and White Photo award. The Blue Door Inn provided the judge's housing.

Somoskey will meet with artists and the public for an informal

talk and critique on Saturday, Sept. 4, beginning at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join this free, two-hour, educational event.

According to a press release, Somoskey teaches courses in painting and drawing. As a 2-D mixed media artist and painter, she uses representational and abstract methods as well as recognizable surfaces and digital imagery to urge her viewers to slow down and experience the sensation her complex work evokes.

"Art at the Crossroads" will be on display Sept. 3-25, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

### ROYAL ARTISAN

Baker City artist Hillery Lay will open her show "Satellites" at Royal Artisan Gallery, 1912 Main St. An opening reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Lay is a mixed media artist. She describes her approach on her website: "I create artwork rooted in my place and my

people. Blending nature with human figures and abstracting both elements allows me to tell the story of my contemporary rural life."

### SWEET WIFE BAKING

New to the First Friday art walk is Sweet Wife Baking, 2028 Main St. The bake shop will feature porcelain and stoneware pieces by Mary Sue Rightmire in a show titled "Coffee, Tea and Cake."

In keeping with the show theme, the evening will include coffee, tea and cake from 5:30-8 p.m.

### CODY'S GENERAL STORE

This shop, located in Basche-Sage Place at 2101 Main St., will stay open late during the First Friday art walk.

### WHITE HOUSE ART & DESIGN

This store, at 1829 Main St., features a number of regional artists and stays open late for the First Friday art walk.



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