

Art Center East presents 'Fire Stories'

Photographic exhibit on display through Oct. 23

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LA GRANDE — An art show featuring photographs by John F. Marshall is now open in the Co-Op Gallery at Art Center East, 1006 Penn Ave.

The exhibit, titled "Fire Stories," will be on display through Oct. 23. A digital artist talk and virtual exhibit tour is available at www.artcentereast.org.

"Fire Stories" looks back in time through pairings of panoramic images taken from forest fire lookouts — comparing those of today to ones from the mid-1930s. Marshall was assisted in telling the story by Dr. Paul Hessburg, U.S. Forest Service

research scientist and University of Washington professor. Narrated photographs take the viewer through the maze of history, fire ecology, fire behavior and land management.

"Someone needed to put fire into perspective over long time frames. I have had an opportunity to do just that," Marshall said.

Marshall, who has a M.S. in wildlife resources from the University of Idaho, started taking photographs of razed landscapes on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in 1994. He has replicated historic panoramas at more than 75 fire lookout sites in

Oregon and Washington, a sample of which are shown in this exhibit alongside classic nature photography.

Find out more about this event and others at www.artcentereast.org. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday

from noon-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Exhibits can also be viewed virtually on ACE's website. Gallery admission and receptions are always free, open to the public and family-friendly.



John F. Marshall/Contributed photo
This photo, which shows the torching of trees in the Granite Gulch Fire of 2019 in the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area, is part of the "Fire Stories" exhibit now on display at Art Center East in La Grande.

ABOUT ACE

Art Center East, based in La Grande and housed in a historic Carnegie Library, was founded in 1977 and is a member-based nonprofit organization. ACE hosts art classes, art exhibits in three galleries and cultural events such as Dia de los Muertos celebrations, Guinean drumming workshops and literary readings. Art Center East programs are supported by its members, community donations, local businesses, and regional and statewide foundations. For more information, visit www.artcentereast.org or call 541-624-2800.

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