

CENTRAL OREGON ARTS SCENE

# Out-of-this-world 'Cosmic Microscapes' lands at the High Desert Museum

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**E**xtraterrestrials are coming to the High Desert Museum. One of them is even a Martian. That's not "extraterrestrial" or "Martian" in the sci-fi sense the two words often connote, but it is otherworldly: Seattle photographer Neil H. Buckland and University of Washington geology professor and meteorite scientist Tony Irving, who use those words to describe meteorites in "Cosmic Microscapes," have collaborated to create a fascinating new exhibit that makes its world — the world we call Earth, that is — premiere Saturday at the museum just south of Bend.

## If You Go

**What:** "Cosmic Microscapes" premiere  
**When:** Saturday through July 18, during museum hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily  
**Where:** High Desert Museum, 59800 U.S. Highway 97, Bend  
**Cost:** Free with admission  
**Contact:** [highdesertmuseum.org](http://highdesertmuseum.org)




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**WHEN ENTERING** - All Guests and Team Members will have:



Their temperatures checked

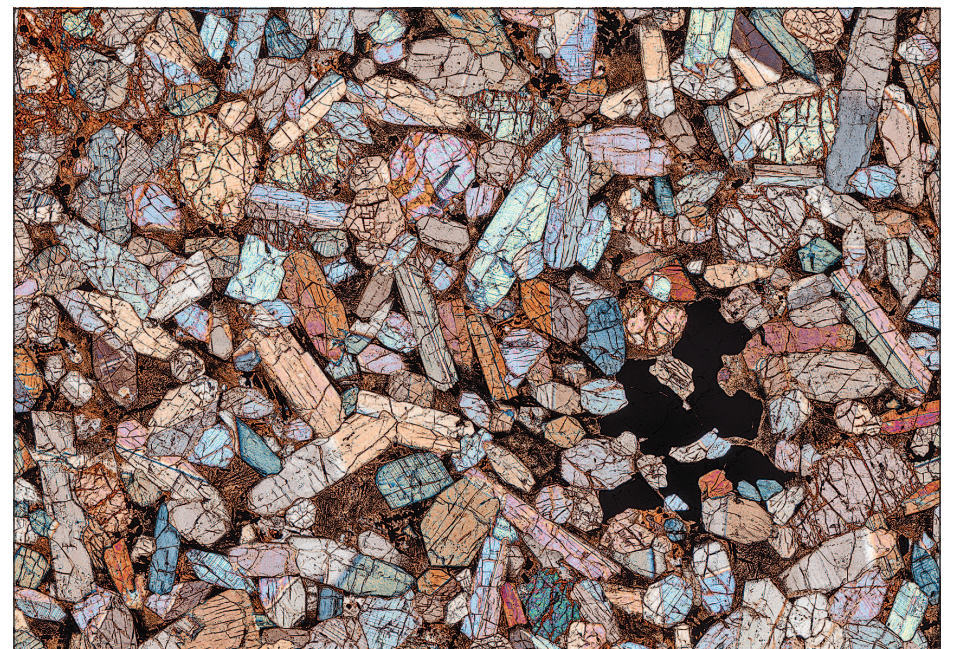


Must wear a mask



Maintain a minimum of 6ft. distance from others

No smoking or vaping will be allowed in the Casino, Restaurant or the Sleep Inn Hotel.



Submitted photo

Seattle photographer Neil H. Buckland created this image from a paper-thin sliver of a Martian meteorite called a nakhlite.

The two were in town earlier this week helping to set up the exhibit, which features 11 large panels as well as a number of terrestrial rocks not just from Earth, but also from the neighborhood, including basalt from Lava Butte and obsidian from Newberry caldera, both just a few miles south of the museum, as well as rocks from Mount Hood

and pumice from Mount St. Helens.

Irving and Buckland met when a private meteorite collector sought to have his substantial meteorite collection photographed. (meteors are what you see shooting through the sky, Irving explains; meteorites are the actual rocks from space).

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