

Art Center East showcases 'Fiber Focused on Color'

Sixth annual Fiber Arts and Jewelry Exhibit opens Feb. 4

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LA GRANDE — Art Center East opens its sixth annual Fiber Arts and Jewelry Exhibit, with the theme "Fiber Focused on Color," in the Co-Op Gallery featuring work from Northeastern Oregon fiber and jewelry artists.

The community is invited to attend a free opening reception Friday, Feb. 4, 6-8 p.m., at ACE, 1006 Penn Ave. At the reception, local cottage bakery Teahouse will offer a variety of whole-grain baked goods for purchase as well as a curated selection of loose leaf teas for sampling. The exhibit will run Feb. 4 through March 26.

According to Jennifer Durr, gallery director, the fiber arts and jewelry exhibit "creates a platform for this underrepresented branch of the visual arts." The exhibit's theme of



Art Center East/Contributed image
This cotton fabric piece by Jo Cowling, titled "Dawn Chorus," can be seen at the Fiber Arts and Jewelry Exhibit at Art Center East. The show opens Feb. 4, 2022, 6-8 p.m.

"Fiber Focused on Color" challenged artists to relate their artwork to one or more of the 10 Pantone colors in the 2022 Spring and Summer New York Fashion Palette. The 10-color palette will be displayed in the Co-Op Gallery to guide visitors

in discovering the color connection within each artwork. "A fun theme in common brings fiber artists and jewelers in the community together," Durr said.

A quilt created and donated by local artist Joy Cleaver will



Art Center East/Contributed image
Crystal Collier created this necklace crafted with lemuria, kyanite and sterling silver for the Fiber Arts and Jewelry Exhibit at Art Center East in La Grande.

be on display and raffled off as a fundraiser for the art center. Visitors may purchase raffle tickets in the Gift Gallery or on the ACE website. Art Center East has also collaborated with the Union County Warming Station for this exhibit — visitors who bring one item from the warming station's wish list (see ucwarmingstation.org) will receive one free raffle ticket in exchange (one exchange per visitor).

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the end of the exhibit. The quilt is valued at \$275.

The public closing reception for the exhibit is set for Friday, March 11, 6-8 p.m.

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Also opening Friday, Feb. 4, at ACE is the exhibit "New Works by Sarah Bird" in the main gallery. This show features oil painter Sarah Bird. The opening reception is Feb. 4, 6-8 p.m. The exhibit runs through March 26.

Regular gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Exhibits can also be viewed online at artcentereast.org thanks to a partnership with John J. Howard Real Estate. Galleries are open to the public and admission is always free.

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