

Local couple bring art to area teens

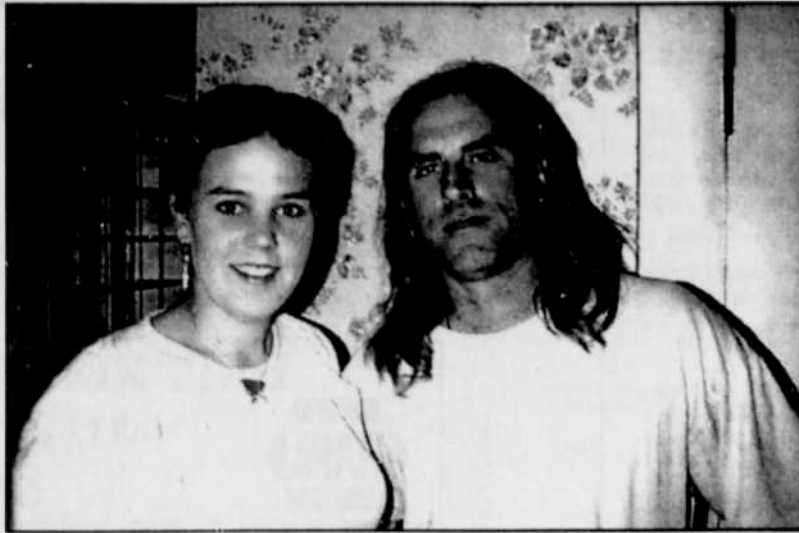
By Nova Rietmann

Mark and Astrid Bruno came to Ione one year ago and began having art classes in their home for teenagers in the area. Since then they have received money from the Morrow County Arts Council so they can continue operating the classes. And now their house has been properly named "Heart Works House." They have classes for teens on Thursday evenings from 7-10 p.m. at their house at 220 C Street. The classes are free of charge for teens. For information call them at 422-7305.

Astrid was born and raised in Sweden. She always enjoyed art but in her late teens her interest increased. Astrid attended two art classes in Sweden: The Fundamentals, where she went to paint in places including Italy and Spain, and Experimental Textile Work. Then at 18 she came to America.

Mark came from a small town in California called Martinez. He lived in Santa Barbara for two years and began taking classes: Live Figure Clay modeling, and a stone carving class where Mark and Astrid met. In Santa Barbara, Mark was involved in the art community and started a gallery. Mark vacationed in Ione and fell in love with the scenery, landscape, and the small town atmosphere. Astrid has loved Ione from the first day that she came. They say that the people of Ione and Morrow County responded to them with open arms.

Mark and Astrid feel that they are filling a void and bringing art back to Morrow County. Their classes let people explore and find the medium they want to work with. Mark works with stone, copper and recycled materials to create his



Astrid and Mark Bruno

art. Astrid has several mediums she works with: embroidery, textiles, water colors, oil paint, stone, assembled art and sculpting.

Mark has other projects in Ione such as being a volunteer fire fighter. He also works with the Morrow County Arts Council and helped design and build the stage in Ione's city park. Astrid is working on showing and promoting her art.

In the near future Mark and Astrid want to expand their art classes. They also want to have guest artists come in and teach work shops.

"I encourage everybody to explore their artistic side and keep culture and art alive in Morrow County because it's needed," says Mark. "Art can't

hurt you." Astrid says, "Art is as necessary as air, math, or PE to develop into a mature well being person. My mission is to make it possible for others to do that. Everyone should support the arts council."

"It's nice that Mark and Astrid are providing this for kids," says Elizabeth Allen who attends Mark and Astrid's art class. And the kids in the class look forward to having one night a week when they can express their artistic side.

Mark and Astrid are now planning the days ahead, and as their classes are expanding, their excitement builds. They are ready for it. The Heart Works House is always open, and so are the hearts of Mark and Astrid Bruno.

Guitarist to perform in Ione

By Nova Rietmann

Classical guitarist James Russel Hunley will perform October 6 and 7 in Morrow County on Monday at Beecher's restaurant in Ione, and Tuesday at Dodge City Inn in Boardman. Performances start at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$8.

James Russel Hunley has

traveled all over the U.S. and will be in the North West performing throughout the month of October. Hunley gives a new meaning to the phrase classical music. When not traveling, he hosts a local TV show entitled the Acoustic Experience. He also has CDs and videos.

Hunley's music is best described as "exquisite, beautiful, and non-traditional". Concerts are an attempt to reach out to people who usually eschew classical music because of its formality. Hunley best describes his music as "Something you can come in jeans and drink beer to."

His performances promise to be impressive and inspiring. Hunley is an energetic musician who incorporates jokes and stories in with his spell binding music. Reviews throughout the country describe his music as a sensation that relates with the title of his latest CD, "Lasting Impressions."

EMT classes

set in Heppner

An Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course is being offered at two locations in Morrow County beginning Tuesday, September 16.

The course will be held at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and Morrow County Ambulance Station in Boardman on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m.

This extensive course runs through March 21, 1998. Instructors are Carl Lauritsen, EMT-P and Sandra Dooney, EMT-P.

Cost for the program is \$350 for tuition (10 credits), \$55 for lab fees and insurance, and \$65 for books for a total of \$470.

Students are requested to bring a check or an authorization to bill their ambulance service or fire department for the textbook and workbook. Book prices are estimated. Oregon State EMS and NREMT registration and testing fees totaling \$70 are not included in the total, but are payable near the end of the class.

For information contact Anne Morter, BMCC Morrow County coordinator, 541/422-7040 or 541/481-2099, or Carl Lauritsen, 541/676-9133.



Artists Astrid Bruno (standing left) and Mark Bruno (seated second from right) assist art students during classes held in Ione.

Holly Rebekah

Lodge holds meeting

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met for their first fall meeting following summer vacation on Thursday evening, with the Noble Grand Dorothy Jackson in the chair.

Plans for the fall and winter months were discussed, with card parties starting the second Saturday in October. Besides cards and refreshments, this will be a costume party with the costumes judged and a prize awarded for the best costume.

Everyone is invited to join the group for the beginning of the series of card parties.

Reports of members and friends who are ill were given. The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 18.

The state assembly president Shirley Wilson will visit Holly Rebekah for her official visit on Nov. 6, Saturday, Sept. 27 will be her official visit to the McNary District, held this year in Hermiston. Members from Holly Rebekah with offices are Conductor, Virginia Peck, RS Chaplain, Geri Martin, and LS Vice-Chairman, Delpha Jones. The meeting will be held at the Grange Hall on Diagonal Road, with lunch served at noon there.

Tourism meeting scheduled

A Morrow County Tourism meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 19, at 3:30 p.m. at the Driftwood RV Park in Boardman.

Agenda items include: dates for 1998 quarterly meetings; goal setting for 1998-2001; Oregon Tourism Commission small

grants program for tourism brochures; Tourism Committee page link to Heppner Web site; involvement with 1998 Eastern Oregon visitor guide; county request to revise the Morrow County brochure for 1999; review/update for 1998 community event calendar; vice-chairman position vacancy.

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