

Expressions of "Unity" at Global Art Project exhibit in St. Helens

Columbia Center will participate in an International art show in April, along with galleries around the world.

The show, called the "Global Art Project," will feature artwork that expresses visions of global unity. When the display closes in late April, the local works will be exchanged with participants from around the world.

The display will open on April 1 and continue until April 22. An opening, "First Thurs-

day" reception is set for 6-7:30 P.M. on April 6, at Columbia Center, 375 S. 18th ST., St. Helens. All are welcome to the reception, which will feature refreshments and a chance to meet with the artists. The Columbia Center display is sponsored by Leila Otto.

The Global Art Project is a grassroots effort that focuses on the value of the arts as a pathway to understand the world as it is and how it might be. It connects people of di-

verse cultural backgrounds, provides exposure to new ideas and creates a feeling of connection to the whole world. Each registered participating artist has been matched with a participant in another part of the world. Each artist will send their work to the artist they have been matched with, and will receive that artist's piece. Columbia Center will display those works. The art sent to

the assigned partner is not returned, but becomes gift of global friendship.

"The Art Committee is really looking forward to participating in the Global Art Project," said Maeona Urban, chair of the committee. "We have distributed registration forms to many interested artists, so we hope Northwest Oregon will have a good showing globally.

The art program is operated

through Columbia Foundation, the non-profit group formed to build Columbia Center, where the St. Helens Public Library and Columbia Technology Center operate. The Columbia Center Art Committee, which plans art shows, welcomes

new members to its monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 A.M., at Columbia Center.

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- Campfire Boys & Girls, Lower Columbia Council, \$1,242
- Chehalem House, \$2,250
- Columbia Pacific Food Bank, \$20,315
- Columbia Community Mental Health, Drug Prevention/Intervention, \$7,733
- Community Access Services, \$3,215
- Community Home Health and Hospice, \$15,966
- Community House on Broadway, \$4,288
- Council of Seniors, \$14,171
- Emergency Support Shelter, \$5,446
- Girl Scouts, Columbia River Council, \$2,524
- Girl Scouts, Pacific Peaks Council, \$1,528
- H.E.L.P. (Help in Emergencies for Local People), \$22,612
- H.O.P.E. (Help Our People Eat), \$18,691
- Parents Place, \$2,069
- RSVP Foundation (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), \$4,617
- Riverside Training Centers, \$16,734
- Salvation Army, \$5,405
- Turning Point Community Center, \$27,444
- Vernonia Cares, \$8,760
- Women's Resource Center, \$25,081
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