

Art in the Park on Flag Day August Art Camp & Talent Show



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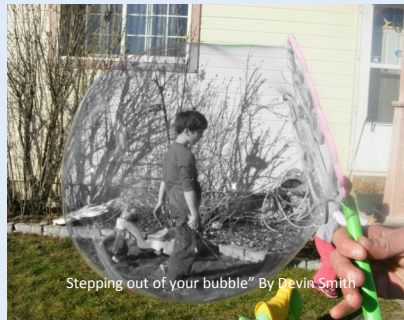
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As part of Oregon Public Health Week, Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF) and the Oregon Public Health Division (OHA) sponsored the 2015 Oregon Youth Photo Contest for ages 12-18. A local teen, Devin Smith was a winner, making the cut in the top 20 for the entire State of Oregon. He submitted a unique photo and caption essay about “Stepping out of your bubble” and getting involved. The theme of the contest was “My community makes me better!” Drexel H. Foundation was a local partner marketing the event and loaning cameras to students so they could enter this contest. “The Drexel Foundations Teen Film Project, Annual Childrens film festival, and the Crash Course in film all relate to photography. We had many talented youth photographers in our community submit entries into this contest.



Stepping out of your bubble” By Devin Smith

The Vale park was not its usual quiet at 9:00 am on June 14th when 15 kids and 18 adults took part in Drexel H. Foundation’s annual “Art in the Park, on Flag Day” on June 14th. Not only did the park playground equipment get a brand new coat of paint, the participants got the chance to win a trophy for 1st place in 5 age divisions in a mini-mural painting competition. This is the 15th year for this event. It all starts with picking up the litter in the park, then painting the metal playground equipment, followed by games, food, the mini mural competition and ends with awards & prizes.



2015 Art in the Park participants

The Annual Art Camp was kicked off on August 12th at 9:00 am. Art Camp was held at the Rex Theater Monday- Wednesday. This was our 20th year holding this fun filled event. On Monday the participants learned about Children’s Theater. Sandijeane Fuson was the leader of this activity she covered basic vocal skills and acting with the children. Each child had a chance to get on stage and participated in performing the three little pigs play. Next on Monday the children made Mosaic art with leader Angela Smith. The last activity for the day was making your own puppet. On Tuesday VHS dancers came and taught the children a dance that they performed later in the week at the Talent Show. Also on Tuesday leader Andrew McLaughlin showed them how to make juggle sticks. Followed by 3d art and Making your own musical Instruments. On Wednesday the children made Christmas ornaments to hang on their own trees this holiday season as well as one for the community tree. Mrs. Lattin showed them how to do origami. Followed by Andrew McLaughlin instructing the children in an animation session. Each day we had over 35+ participants and many wonderful volunteers.

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The Red carpet was out for the “Shining Stars” when the Drexel H. Foundation held their 19th Annual Talent Show on August 14th on the stage at Vale’s beautifully restored 1914 Rex Theater. (Which is the oldest theater in Oregon.) This Free annual event was a pinnacle to “August Art Camp” week put on by the Drexel H. Foundation. The show was a huge success, and approx. 200 people enjoyed this great family fun event to end the summer. There were 27 individual contestants, some performing more than once with others in groups or other age categories. The first place winner in each age category went home with \$100.00 cash, a huge trophy and lots of cool prizes. The Second & Third place winners also received trophies & gift certificates. Everyone who performed received a big sack of prizes with over a \$50 value in addition to gift certificates.



Pictured left from right: 1st place winner from the adults Diane, 2nd place went to Brandon O Brien and 3rd was Santana Branniff. 2nd place from the high school category Devin Smith and Nate Harland winning first. Catherine Booth & Elisa Gaston from the 12-14 category winning first place. The youth category 3rd place was Darin Smith, 2nd place was Daniel Padgett and 1st place winners Giana & Jae Rojas

The Drexel H. Foundation’s 10th Film Festival competition had another successful year with entries from Vale, Ontario, LaGrande, Nampa, and Boise artists. The film competition 1st place winner in the Youth 4-11 category Gold sponsored by Oregon Shakespeare Festival, was Alex Tale by Dude Jaway Jr, taking 2nd place was On the Farm by Mikayla Cooper, third was Magic Cat by Dusty & Roper Muncy and 4th was Baby Who Thinks She is a Cat by Caitlyn Hyde. In the 12- 14 age category with Gold Sponsor Sharon & Steve Kinder 1st place went to Parody of Intervention by Illiana Carrillo, 2nd was Lip-Synch By Catherine Booth. In the 15- 19 category the Gold Sponsor was Hanigan’s there was a 1st place tie, with Bombing Keeney Pass by Andrew McLaughlin and the 3-D animation You Have Got to be Kidding by Jeni Davison, 2nd place was also a tie between Sam’s Snapchat Compilation by Sam McLaughlin and Do you Believe? By Devin Smith. Third place went to The Great Debate by Clayton Smith and Sam McLaughlin, and fourth place was Apparition Finders by Caleb Voechting, Jake & Caitlin Hyde. The Adults 20+ category Gold Sponsor was Veterans Advocates of ORE-IDA with first place Floater by Dude Jaway. Winning 2nd place was Talent Show by Tammy Booth. New this year to the Film Festival was a FOOD category for all ages with special Sponsor Peter Lawson director of Oregon Food Bank Inc. personally putting up the \$100 cash prize for this category. Winning first place and \$100 cash was Food! by Angela Smith. Second place was won by Devan Noblit with a slide show of A year in the Community Garden in LaGrande Oregon. Third place was a cute film Best Friends by Darin Smith, and in 4th place was Feeding America a photo slide show by Amy Wiedeman. Also winning a 5th place trophy was Fighter Pilot, a movie by 5 year old Rayanna Hansen where she learns to appreciate eating her vegetables. The “Best of Show”, winning a \$100 cash was Floater.



Art Builds Community

Drexel H. Foundation's rural Oregon multicultural youth & family programs build audiences, art appreciation, promote personal growth and tie the community together using various art opportunities. The foundation worked with Amy Bond on this collaborative public art project as a result of planning by local high school youth, artists, the Drexel Foundation and the mayor of the city of Vale, who all indicated a desire and need for artistic improvement to our city streetscape. The goal of this 2015 public art project was to create long lasting quality public art, foster new partnerships, and empower youth and the community through art. The project is composed of decorative tiles displayed in the



patio area adjacent to the Grand Opera House. Each art piece was created by Vale High School art students and features the work of Kacie Shaffer. Students were assigned the task to create a unique piece that showed how art has shaped their community/themselves and how art creates

individuals. The artists were guided by their talented teacher, Kacie Shaffer, and the artwork of over 60 students and community members are showcased in this project. This public art project embodies the different cultures and communities that pertain to Vale, and is supported in part by an Art Builds Communities Grant, which is a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency.



The artist reception and celebration took place on the patio of the Grand Opera House. Over 45 guests attended, there were many students that brought their parents, grandparents and siblings. Everyone that attended was able to enjoy refreshments as they looked at the art work and voted for their favorite piece of art. At the end of the night those votes were added up and the winner of the People's Choice Award went to Hannah Mizuta. Her piece included her name in Japanese to stand for her cultural background along with a beautifully drawn corn and onion. She drew the onion and corn to represent the farming community we live in, Mizuta said "what really got me into art was the art camps and everything Drexel has had over the years."

After Bond graduates she plans on pursuing her education in the engineering field or graphic designing. At this point Bond has limited her choices down to two schools and is still deciding on which one will best fit her long term goals. "I am happy to have been able to bring together the work of so many artists. The project as a whole was difficult but it was a good challenge" said Bond.



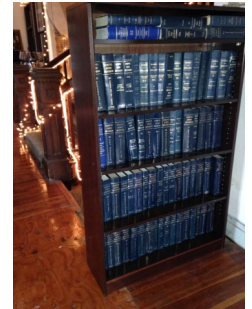
Matching Gifts Multiply Impact

With donations last year we matched the Oregon Art Commission Art Recognition Grant for marketing outreach in 2015. With this grant we were able to reach out to the Latino population and to the John Day and Canyon City community with a mini film festival. All event flyers were available in Spanish and we also had Spanish speaking volunteers at all of our events. Help us reach our 2016 goal of \$10,000 needed to match the Oregon Cultural Trust 2016 grant awarded for historic restoration.

Open House

The Drexel H. Foundation is holding their 21th Annual Holiday Open House for the Vale Hotel & Grand Opera House on December 31st from 9:00am - 12:00 noon at 123 Main Street. Beginning in 1994, this annual event was created because both buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the State Historic Preservation Office had the Drexel Foundation provide an annual public tour of these special buildings located on the authentic Oregon Trail.

There will be FREE tours of the buildings led by Sandijeane Fuson & Mike McLaughlin. Hot drinks, and refreshments will be available. The Drexel H. Foundation is a non-profit organization. To help raise money for next years restoration & art programs unique items will be sold. We encourage people to come visit and enjoy viewing the art created for the public art project by the Vale High School 2015 artists. You will be able to vote for your favorite piece of art work. The winning student will receive a special gift certificate.



Recently, there has been much progress in the rehabilitation of a local heritage treasure, the old Malheur County Law Library collection which was dismantled during 1996. For over 19 years the books from that Law Library had been stored in boxes inside the hotel in unrestored rooms. During 2014-2015 a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust through the Malheur County Cultural Coalition Committee supported the purchase of six more bookshelves. Volunteers cleaned the books and put them on the new library shelves. It has been a 19 year journey for some books to make it to a shelf.

How to Donate

If you would like to donate to the Drexel Foundation you can do so by making a check payable to the Drexel H. Foundation and mailing it to 301 A Street Vale, OR 97918. Or visit our website at www.thedrexelfoundation.org and make a donation using paypal.

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