

Malheur County Regional Report

Nyssa, Ontario and Vale high schools are preparing for the 4th Annual Malheur County Juried Junior/Senior Art Show. Robin Jackson, Treasure Valley College Chair of Fine and Performing Arts, and Charlotte Fugate, local patron of the arts, will again judge the show. The opening reception is Thursday, April 19th and will run till the 26th at the Four Rivers Cultural Center. All Ontario High School art students will visit the Cultural Center to view the show, picking their favorite piece for the People's Choice Award. The classes also play the game TOKEN RESPONSE, which is a fun way of engaging students to have aesthetic conversations about their peers artwork. For many students, this is their only visit to an art gallery or museum.

In addition, all three schools are preparing for their own spring art shows. Both Nyssa and Vale have a school wide art show in May. OHS has several shows coming up:

Jazz n Art Nite on May 7th in conjunction with over a dozen area school jazz bands. The Ballroom Dance Club will have their debut performance under the direction of OHS art teacher Brian Hobbs. The 2nd annual Senior Show is the evening of May 10th in art teacher Pam Helfrich's garden, and finally the advanced drawing students concurrently enrolled at both OHS and TVCC will have their show at TVCC on May 17th.

The OHS Art Club has been commissioned by the football coach to paint murals in the football locker and asked to paint a mural the local food bank. Both are in the planning and designing stage.