

BLOCK PARTY



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Andy Bridges tries a printmaking exercise under the guidance of Nancy Haver, left, Friday at Petrified Forest National Park.

Etched in wood

Painted Desert art exhibit chip off the old block

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PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. — For the past week, Massachusetts artist Nancy Haver has been demonstrating a centuries old form of art at the Painted Desert Inn.

Woodblock printing is one of a variety of art media that have been used over time to depict pictures and illustration.

“Its first widespread use was in the 1400s, when it was used as a way to produce illustrations in books,” said Haver, who was nestled in the artist’s cabin across from the Inn, the only housing inside the park. It’s the place where artists are allowed to stay as part of the Artist-in-Residence program of the National Park Service.

“In the 1800s and 1900s, wood engraving became widely used for magazine and newspaper illustration,” she said.

In essence, it is created by sketching, and engraving illustrations on the surface of



“Yellowstone” by Petrified Forest National Park artist in residence Nancy Haver.

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Off the bus

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John said that his wife brought this issue up to the WRUSD board and nothing was done.

But not only is the WRUSD seen as the problem behind the students being unable to rely on their school's bus for transportation, John as well as other community members have said that Gallup McKinley County School's Superintendent Frank Chiapetti is to blame.

John Platero, a grandfather of four who attend WRUSD, said that he had already fought this state-line fight in 2008. Platero said that he, the chapter, Fort Defiance Chapter Vice President and previous board member Lorraine Nelson, who has served on the school board for years until she was one of four that was voted out during WRUSD's board recall last March, spent a lot of time and money to get this issue resolved.

"We have worked on this before with Arizona ... Fort Defiance Chapter really spearheaded that," Platero said. "Safety is a major concern. We've got to think of our children ... I just wonder what kind of administration Gallup McKinley has ... If the superintendent there is thinking short of safety then he shouldn't be a superintendent."

Nelson also confirmed that there is a written agreement between McKinley County School District and Window Rock Unified School District from 2008.

"We spent a lot of time on it, the chapter even hired a lobbyist, Ron Lee, to help us," Nelson said. "The school district should have it and New Mexico school district should have it."

Solutions

In attendance of the meeting was Ariz. state Sen. Carlyle Begay, former Council Delegate Harold Wauneka and Deputy Director of Navajo Division of Transportation Benjamin Bennett.

Bennett said that N.M. state Sen. John Pinto and N.M. state Rep. Sharon Clahchis-chilliaje, along with Begay, will meet with the New Mexico and Arizona Departments of Education to address the chapter's issues. He also said that he has met with Lee Bigwater, manager of the Navajo Transit System to try to work out the transit bus schedules and offer assistance for the students in anyway they can.

"He's going to try to see if the schedule on his bus routes can be arranged to where they can at least pickup the school students at where ever they are dropped off at, and go back around and drop them off at Pigeon Springs," Bennett said.

The chapter expressed their desire for both WRUSD acting Superintendent Donna Manuelito and Chiapetti to address the community about the issue. Platero said they were blindsided by both districts and weren't given the opportunity to try and fix the issue before school began.

"If they would have given us a warning at the last school year, at least we would've had three months to work on this but this just came out at the start of this school year and they gave us no time whatsoever," Platero said. "Here we are baffled and lost. What are we going to do?"

Chiapetti and Manuelito did not respond to requests for comment for this story.

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Andy Bridges checks his print during a demonstration Friday at Petrified Forest National Park.

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wood, or other types of media. It's done so by sketching into the wood and then carving out the background, creating a relief product that can be applied to paper or most any kind of material.

On this day in the park, she allowed visitors to try their hand at relief art by using styrofoam instead of wood.

"It's the same basic concept," she said. "You're simply creating sketch relief on the styrofoam instead."

But her forte is doing the same to woodblocks, and some of her work at the park will become part of a permanent display — all of the artists in the program are asked to leave samples of their work for future visitors to see in the years to come.

"Wood is a great material to print from, and from one woodblock you can make thousands of copies of the illustrations," she said. "It's much the same way as newspapers and other publications used lead as part of the printing process."

Haver continues to study in New England, and has focused on this type of art as a way of helping keep the art form alive.

As is the case here in the



"Sequoia" by Petrified Forest National Park artist in residence Nancy Haver.

Painted Desert, she's focused on illustrations not just of the sweeping vistas, but also of

nature and its habitat. "But I'll also take one subject and do three different



Printmaker Nancy Haver works on a wood cut during her demonstration at Petrified Forest National Park Friday. Haver was finishing a two-week tenure as the park's artist in residence.

Gallup Police call log

Aug. 15

Accident

A.M. 7:25 N.M. Hwy 602
10:24 1650 W. Maloney

P.M.

12:47

3:20

3:00 W. Aztec

5:16 E. Nizhoni

Assault

P.M.

9:53

11:57

1100 U.S. 491

1009 W. Coal

Battery

A.M.

3:43

11:33

312 S. Camino De Chelly

1650 W. Maloney

P.M.

2:43

2:54

510 E. 11th

207 S. Woodrow

199 Western Skies

Burglary

P.M.

7:25

2620 E. Aztec

Child abuse

P.M.

5:16

8:57

199 Western Skies

PS Complaint

Property damage

P.M.

3:32

1650 W. Maloney

Disorderly

P.M.

11:46

2618 W. 66

Domestic

P.M.

2:17

2:51

650 Dani

2500 E. Aztec

8:04

9:47

3404 W. 66

207 S. Woodrow

Larceny

P.M.

4:43

6:00

11:20 E. 66

2654 E. 66

Vehicle theft

P.M.

5:14

61 Coal Basin

Narcotics

P.M.

2:19

2:25

2857 W. 66

111 N. 3rd

Neglect

P.M.

6:26

516 E. Nizhoni

Weapon

P.M.

6:20

914 E. 66

5:50

960 E. Buena Vista

11:51

2915 W. 66

On Aug. 15, there was a total of 73 Drunken Persons reports and 84 Other reports.

Arm severed

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much.

BNSF employees said

Thomas did not slow as the train

approached and that they heard a

"thud" as he disappeared from

sight. They said that he did not

seem to understand what was

going on, and began walking

toward the TA Travel Center.

Thomas was transported to a

local hospital for treatment.

National Park — just 75 minutes

west of Gallup.

How's the Weather?

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