

newsletter

General meetings are held at the Bellingham Library on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM

MEETING SCHEDULE

July 28

August 25

September 22

October 27

November 24

December—None

Next Board Meeting
Monday, August 10
at 7 PM

Important Notice To All Members:

We hope you are enjoying the benefits that a WAG membership brings to you! WAG is offering members more quality professional opportunities than ever before!

As you know, all of these opportunities are in place and running smoothly because of the volunteers willing to contribute their time and talent to provide the leadership and organization needed.

Our BIG thanks go to the board and heads of committees who have served so successfully for the last several years.

It is time now to give them a rest (Temporarily, we hope!) and have other members step in to insure our existing opportunities can continue.



Many positions need to be filled for the 2016 year including ; President, Treasurer, Chairs for the Publicity, Venues and Show committees. We Need you! Please consider helping fill some of these positions. Your fresh ideas are what makes WAG vibrant. Training can be provided, sharing positions is an option. Please contact Michael White, James Weaver, Linda Calkins or Beth Roberson to volunteer.

The New
Art Challenge
for the
July and August
General Meetings
will be

**What you see out
your Front Door or
your Back Door**

A position opened with the **Venue Committee**. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your fellow artists and work on a WAG Committee. If you're new to WAG, there will be plenty of help. No previous experience needed. Computer skills would be a plus but not necessary. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact **Christine Flacco** at email: flaccoce@comcast.net or call 360-303-1853.

June Artists of the Month

First Place Tie



"Summer's Dream" Oil by Maria Monks

First Place Tie



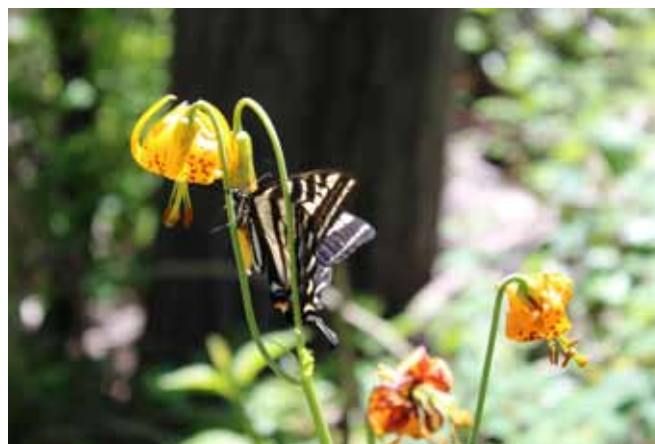
"Falling Snows" Photography by Michael White

Second Place Tie



"Peacock's Pride" Glasswork by JoAnne Hoehne

Second Place Tie



"Swallowtail on Tiger-Lily" Photography by Judy Bishop

Each month Guild members have a chance to enter their artwork in a mini competition at the General Meeting. Members vote for the top two or three pieces. Winners are designated Artists of the Month and their artwork is featured here, on the WAG website www.whatcomartguild.org/artistsOfTheMonth.html and are exhibited at participating venues in the community.

Guild members may enter one piece. If it is a painting, it must be framed in a professional manner and ready to hang with a wire hanger (no sawtooth hangers). You will need to provide a digital image for the website and newsletter.

Spring Show Winner

Honorable Mention

**We offer our apology
to Sandra Bliss for
giving credit to
another artist for
her painting in last
month's newsletter.**



"Apple Tree Winter" by Sandra Bliss

Membership

We extend a warm welcome to our new member!

Cristal McQueen

We now have a total of 123 active members.

WAG Officers

President

Michael White

Vice Presidents

Lori Hill, Elvy Schmoker, and Kay Dee Powell

Secretary

Karen Angell

Treasurer

Christine Johnson

Membership

Pauline Pettersen

Venues

Cassandra Bazhaw

Trustees

Linda Calkins, James Weaver, and Beth Roberson

Newsletter

Karen Ver Burg, Joyce Norfolk

Web Liaison:

Beth Roberson

Web Design:

Michael White

BelleWood Farms venue will run November thru February. Sign up will take place at the July and August General Meetings. Many of our members have had the pleasure of showing in this lovely gallery. Come to the meetings and find out all the details. This year we also are looking for more demos. Contact Venue Chair Christine Flacco at flaccoce@comcast.net



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by Karen Ver Burg

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What Our Members are Doing



"Lake Bay"

by Lorraine Day

Lorraine Day sold two 'maritime' photographs in June: "Lake Bay" (which went to Missouri), and "Day's End." She also had 6 pieces go into the WAG group show at the Jansen.



"Days End"

by Lorraine Day

Beth Roberson and Karen VerBurg took a Perspective class, one of several art workshops and demos offered at the Northwest Watercolor Society 75th Anniversary Convention and International Open Art Exhibition in downtown Seattle last weekend. All of the events that weekend were such an inspiration!



Many of our Whatcom Art Guild members took part in the International Festival at the Peace Arch Park in June.

The weekend was a huge success with cooler

weather on Sunday bringing out the art patrons.

The organizers of the event were so supportive, with helpers for booth set up and take down, bottles of water delivered to the artists during the day, and even a get together planned for the Sat night.

What a wonderful location to spend the weekend. Make sure to look this event up next year.

Bellingham Sketchers Exhibit

Framed works by the Bellingham Sketchers will be on display at the **Farmer's Insurance office in Fairhaven** during June, July and August.

Farmers Insurance
1050 Larrabee Ave #103
Bellingham, WA 98225



Phyllis Howard was the winner of the Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate at our June General Meeting. Congratulations Phyllis!

Art Market News



The new signage was in place for the Summer Solstice Art Walk in Fairhaven and the evening was a huge success. WAM received very positive feedback from the many patrons that came thru that night resulting in very good sales.

Whatcom Art Market

is open Thursday - Sunday, 10 am - 6 pm
McKenzie Alley, 11th Street - Fairhaven

360-738-8564

www.whatcomartmarket.org

facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket



Our Art Market Facebook page now has a buy button on it that links directly to our Whatcom Art Market sale site.

Currently we have about 450 people following the FB site.

If you have work on the sales website, you should review and update it now.

We anticipate that linking it to the FB site will increase activity.

Meet an Art Market artist . . .

Elva Thorndike



by Elva Thorndike

One of the original members in the Art Market, Elva Thorndike has been there since its inception in 2010. (The Art Market celebrated our 5th anniversary in March.) Elva says, "Being a member of the Art Market has been a great experience. It's a wonderful opportunity not only to offer your art for sale but to meet interesting customers who often are visiting the NW from other parts of the country and sometimes from other countries around the world. I've enjoyed getting to know the other artists as I work shifts with them and as we work together to improve the market. Scheduling one's shifts is easy with our online scheduling program and if something unexpected happens, the other artists are only too happy to fill in. It's a fantastic group of people to work with and get to know."

No surprise here: Elva encourages "any WAG member to consider having a presence at the Art Market. The costs — rent, commission, and time expended working shifts — are very reasonable. It's an opportunity to show your art to the public, learn first hand their opinions and hear their comments, and, of course, sell your art. It's also a place where you can become familiar with other artists' work and other art media. Being a member of the Art Market expands your horizons." I think I have heard that before, and I agree.

Plein Aire Painting and Sketching

New sketchers & painters are welcome!

We meet outdoors for plein aire sketching and painting in all mediums on Fridays during the summer months from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Plan to bring a chair and a lunch. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Anita Thompson at 360-671-7149, or email Celia Clarke at celiannecclarke@comcast.net to be put on the mailing list. You will be notified of each weekly meeting place.



PLEIN AIRE SUMMER SCHEDULE 2015
Fridays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

- July 24 Woodstock Farm
- July 31 Big Rock Gardens
- Aug 7 Semiahmoo Beach
- Aug 14 Whatcom Falls Park
- Aug 28 WSU Gardens in Mt Vernon
- Sept 4 Fairhaven Park
- Sept 11 Mt. Vernon
- Sept 18 Hovander
- Sept 22 WAG meeting.
Take samples of work for mtg.
- Sept 25 BelleWood Acres

Schedule is subject to change



Day Trippin' – Coupeville/Langley



Whidbey Island is full of interesting sights, but for the artist Langley and Coupeville are “must see” destinations. There are two ways to get to Whidbey Island; by land via I-20 and Deception Pass on the north end, and by water via the Mukilteo Ferry (access from I-5) which will take you to Clinton on the south end of the island. It’s a bit longer trip, but well worth it to do the loop (see map). Don’t forget to wander the side streets where you’ll find ample photo opportunities.

Coupeville

Distance/time from Bellingham: 63 miles/1 hour 20 minutes.

Headed south from Deception Pass, continue on I-20 for approximately 20 miles until you reach the intersection of I-20 and N. Main St. Turn left and proceed as far as you can then turn right onto Front Street where most of the stores are. The view of Puget Sound and the store fronts are camera worthy here. There’s an abundance of places to eat in the downtown area.

Visit the Coupeville Arts & Crafts Festival, August 1-2 <http://coupevillefestival.com/>



Langley

Leaving Coupeville continue south on I-20 which turns into I-525 after a sharp 90 degree turn. Go about 30 miles to Bayview Rd. and turn left. Follow about 6 miles to Langley.

Langley has great charm. There’s an earth sanctuary, a whale farm, several quaint shops, and plenty of good places to eat. There’s even a distillery that’s open to the public.

To return home via the Mukilteo Ferry get back on I-525 South to Clinton.

(Watercolor painting of Langley WA, by Marti Green of Port Orchard, WA. martigreen.com.) *In a recent article in the West Sound Home and Garden which featured Marti Green, the author said “Contemplate one of Marti Green’s destination or landscape paintings long enough, and you’ll start making plans to visit the place”.*



Jansen Art Center Exhibit

More amazing works of art are still on exhibit at the Jansen Art Center! If you have not been to the Jansen in Lynden, you should treat yourself and go see it. We can all be very proud of this display and appreciative for the opportunity to show the 'world' how talented our WAG artists are.



by Kelli Van Overloop



by Pam Pontius



by Lorraine Day



by Norma Appleton



by Ruby Starr



All art should be picked up from the Jansen Art Center on Monday, August 3, from 12-5 pm. They are closed to the public on Mondays and will be hanging the new community exhibit that day. They will be available to WAG so we can pick up our work.

Library News

Please be sure to check out the great books and DVD's available at our library located at the back table during our WAG general meetings.

WAG members may check out videos for \$5.00 for one month. Several videos need to be returned!

There is a \$5.00 fine for each month that they are not returned.

If the video library is not open during a general meeting, there will be a library box available at the meeting for video returns.



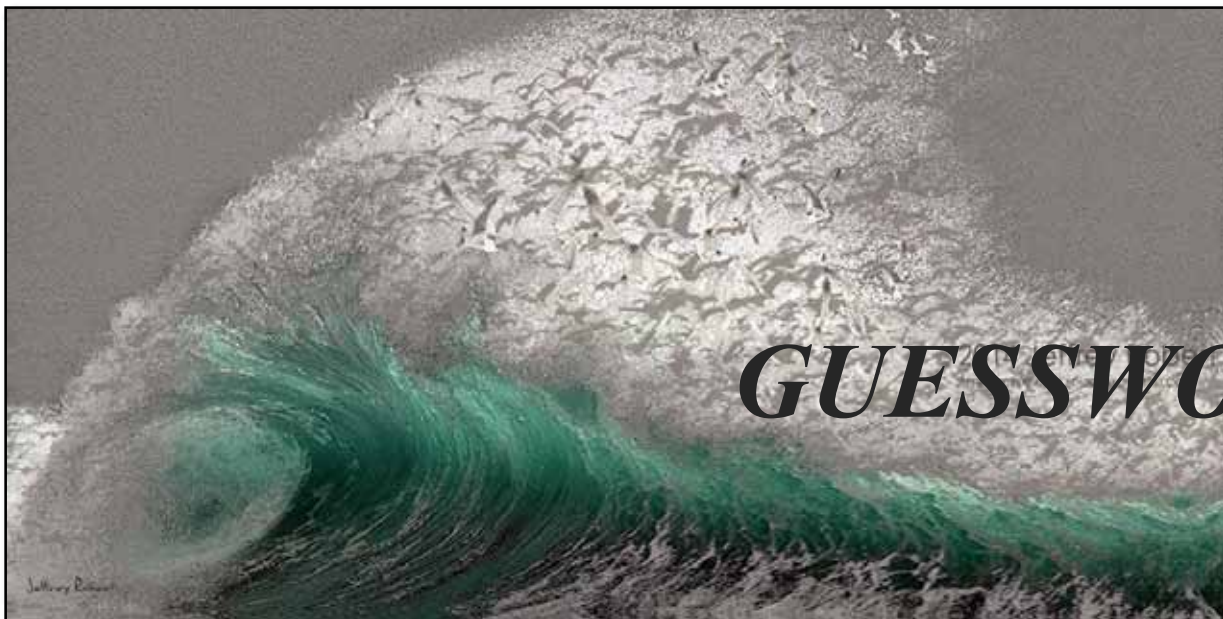
by Denise Champion

VALLEY ARTS GROUP HOSTS "THE LANGUAGE OF COLOR," PRESENTED BY DENISE CHAMPION

Sudden Valley-based Valley Arts Group is pleased to announce that Denise Champion, plein air colorist extraordinaire, will present "THE LANGUAGE OF COLOR," a discussion on the use of color in your life and art, including ideas, exploration and applications for having more fun creating with color. The program will be presented at the Sudden Valley Fire Station, 2050 Lake Whatcom Blvd., from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 30, 2015. Please note that parking at the firehouse is limited; attendees may park in the overflow parking lot by the Security office at the entrance to SV Gate 1 on Windward Drive. Admission to the program is free.

Successful and widely acclaimed in various media, including pastels and oils, the artist says, "Shapes, forms, patterns and, most of all, the ways colors speak to each other are what thrill me. Each painting a new voice, a new story ... same language. The study of color has allowed me to see what is invisible to others and I have the joy of sharing my vision. Learning to trust the vocabulary and to listen is the challenge. It is a solitary journey that is only completed when shared with others."

Denise has exhibited extensively in the Southeastern United States, California and Hawaii; she has works in galleries and in private collections in the U.S.A., France, Germany, England, and Japan. She is a member of the Northwest Pastel Association and Plein Air Painters of Washington and the Pastel Society of the Southwest. Denise has conducted art workshops and taught classes at both college and professional levels. You may visit her website at www.denisechampion.com to view her stunning use of color in creating landscapes of breathtaking beauty.



Can you guess what medium was used in the artwork above? Hint: Most of us have used this medium at one point in our life. Think you know? Email your response to studiogals@aol.com. The first three correct responses will have their names published in next month's newsletter.