

Welcome to 2016



As the Board positions changes hands I wish to applaud the 2015 Board, guided by President Michael White, for their service to the WAG and its Members. With less than a year as a new WAG Member, I realize that they will prove to be a valuable resource to all of the 2016 Board Members.

Every year this time I feel compelled to create a New Year's resolution list, although I can't remember the last time I actually did so. It seems so senseless. However, this year is different.

As your newly elected President, I couldn't help but assign myself a few essential goals to meet concerning the WAG during my tenure. I'll treat these goals much like I treated my wishes whenever I blew out candles on my birthday cake; I'll keep them to myself, so as not to jinx things. However, I will predict that 2016 will be a year of **CHANGE** for the WAG.

After a disappointing Spring Show, it was apparent that we needed to make some changes. So, in place of our Fall Show, a caucus of old and new Board Members, led by Pat Fisher, met numerous times to **Strategically Plan** the future of the WAG. In short, we identified our weak and strong areas, and devised a plan for a more exciting and professional WAG. Some changes will be noticed immediately beginning with our first General Meeting of 2016 as we try to achieve a stronger attendance. Additional improvements will be made in the quality and quantity of **VENUES** made available to WAG members, along with more **ACTIVITIES** for members in the way of **tours, workshops, and guest speakers**. More **money raising events** are planned to help build our budget. To lighten the demands of the treasurer, and to ensure financial propriety for both the WAG and WAM, we have hired a professional accountant. These are just a few of the changes which you as members can look forward to in the next 12 months.

Thank you for your confidence and support of the 2016 Board as we begin a new year serving the WAG.

Joyce Norfolk

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Beginning in January 2016,
General meetings will be
held on the **2nd Tuesday** of
every month at 7:00 PM
at the *Bellingham Public
Library - downtown branch*

January 12 - Bellingham Library

February 9 - Fairhaven Library

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 24

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

**It's time
to Renew
Your WAG
Membership!**

**Fill out and return
the Renewal Form
in this newsletter!**

Happy New Year!

from your WAG Board &
Newsletter team.

**New meeting schedules
result in other changes.**

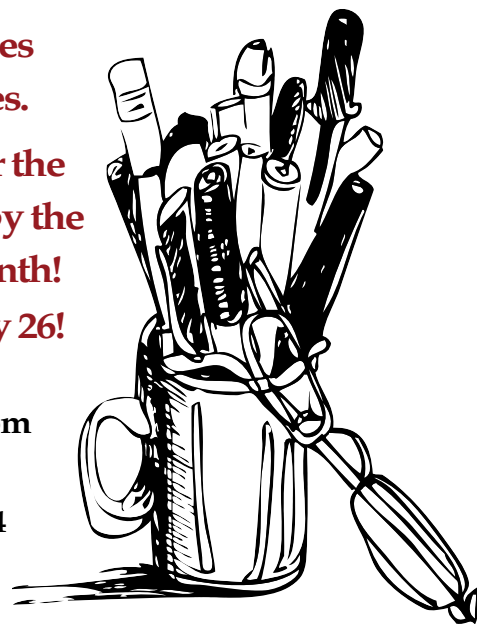
**All news and images for the
newsletter are now due by the
4th Tuesday of each month!**

Next deadline is January 26!

Send to:

karen.verburg@gmail.com

Questions: email or
call Karen 360-739-3584



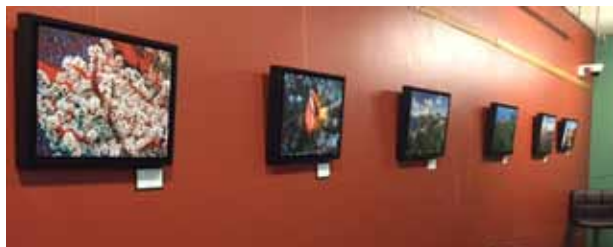
Susan Snow Viodets has recently sold a painting to the Federation of Russia, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, California and locally! She has her art displayed at the Via Bistro in Birch Bay, Bellewood Acres, Earth-Craftys in New York, & the Goff Building. Susan has also sold prints to the UK, France and Scotland!

Susan has her Raven Collection on display at the **Colophon Café** for the month of January. Please go by for a cup of coffee or a delicious lunch and enjoy her art displayed on the stone wall.

The painting at the left was part of her Raven Collection that just sold.

It is called "Night Watch", acrylic, 24 x 48.

Venues



Judd and Rebecca Greenwood have their photographs on display downstairs at **Village Books** during the month of January. Stop by to have a look when you're there to browse for books, have lunch, or join a book review.



WAG has the opportunity to show at the Colophon Café. This month will feature the wonderful watercolor paintings of our members, **Beth Roberson and Celia Clarke**. Please go by for a cup of coffee or a delicious lunch, and thank the Cafe for supporting our group and our art. The Colophon website is: www.colophoncafe.com/artwall.



Watercolor by Carol McMillan

The buildings at the Bellewether have been an ongoing venue for many of our WAG artists over the past few years. This venue may be changing in the future with new ownership, but we have greatly appreciated having the opportunity to display our artwork in this prestigious location!



Now Showing thru February at the Bellewood Gallery

Whatcom Art Guild displays creations by **thirty-six of our artists**. We have a wonderful variety of paintings, jewelry, fused glass, mosaics, soft sculptures and more!

BelleWood Acres is located on the Guide Meridian between Bellingham and Lynden. It's the big red barn jut after the Hemmi Road. The Art Gallery is on the second floor.



2016 WAG Board

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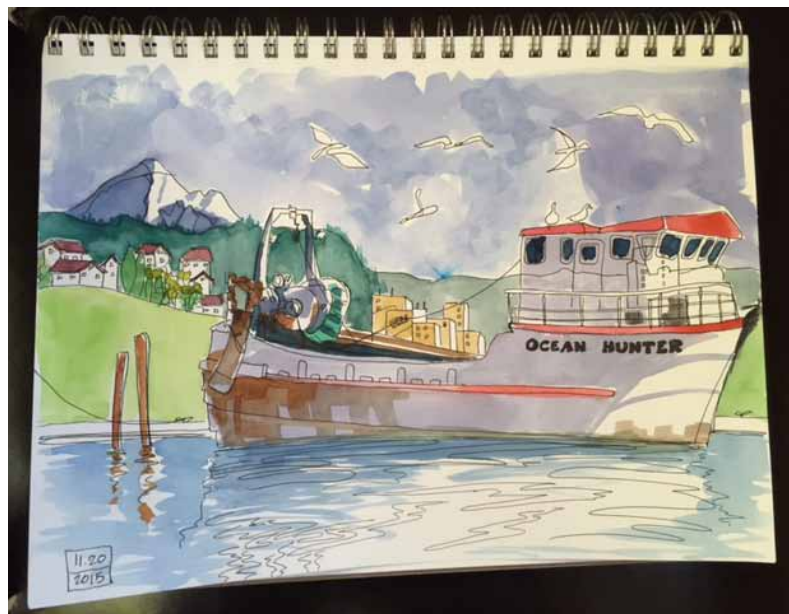
Bellingham Sketchers

All sketchers & painters are welcome

Fridays from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Please contact Anita Thompson at 360-671-7149,
or email Celia Clarke at celiaanneclarke@comcast.net
to be put on the mailing list.

You will be notified of each weekly meeting place.



Watercolor sketch by Karen Ver Burg

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SKETCHING ANYONE?

Do you have any interest in sketching or painting around town on one of the following Saturday afternoons from 2:00 – 4:00?

February 13, March 12, April 9?

We would meet somewhere like the **Sea Breeze Café** near the **Marina**, buy a cup of coffee and sketch and paint. If it is a lovely day, we could go outside for a bit to look at the boats and the kites.

If you have any interest in doing this, please contact me at: celiaanneclarke@outlook.com

Thanks for listening! *Celia*



For Your Information

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 26
at 7 pm at the
Whatcom Art Market
in Fairhaven.

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.

Questions:
Catherine Schellenberg -
WAG Librarian
360-778-9914
ceschell2@earthlink.net



WHATCOM ART MARKET
New Winter Hours!
Thursday - Sunday 10 am - 5 pm



McKenzie Alley, 11th Street - Fairhaven
360-738-8564
www.whatcomartmarket.org
facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket

Michael White would like to expand the website but needs content from the artists to include. He is asking that all members submit an artist statement and images of their work.

Lorraine Day is developing a workshop on "How to Write an Artist's Statement".

It's time to Renew Your Whatcom Art Guild Membership!

Fill out and return the Renewal Form in this newsletter

Name Tags

Joyce Norfolk has offered to make name tags for all members of the Whatcom Art Guild. If you are interested in having an image of your artwork on your name tag, please send a jpeg image to studiogals@aol.com.



Karen Angell was the winner of the Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate at our November General Meeting. Congratulations Karen!

Remember to come to our WAG General Meeting! Tuesday, January 12

Meet your fellow members, learn about new opportunities, new ideas and get inspired!



Art Critique group will meet on the second Friday of each month at 1 pm. Everyone is invited!

Senior Center

315 Halleck St., Bellingham
Contact **Helen Harris** if you are interested,
360-398-2757
helenmv@comcast.net

The Purpose of the Whatcom Art Guild

- to encourage and promote the visual arts within Whatcom County
- to welcome and encourage all artists - beginning to professional
- to provide an environment in which artists can meet and exchange ideas and information
- to organize exhibits in which members may display and sell artworks
- to establish ties within the county and promote the visual arts
- to support lifelong art education
- to promote member artists and the Whatcom Art Guild

Time to Renew your Membership _____



2016 Membership Renewal

\$35.00 YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

NAME _____ PHONE _____ CELL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

YOUR MEDIUMS? _____

YOUR BUSINESS NAME? _____

PRODUCTS/CRAFTS YOU CREATE? _____

PLEASE SELECT 3 COMMITTEES WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE THIS YEAR.*

(*PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT SELECT COMMITTEES, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THEM.)

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| <input type="radio"/> AWARDS & JUDGING | <input type="radio"/> MEMBERSHIP | <input type="radio"/> PUBLICITY/MARKETING | <input type="radio"/> ST JOE'S KIDS |
| <input type="radio"/> HISTORIAN | <input type="radio"/> NEWSLETTER | <input type="radio"/> SCHOLARSHIP | <input type="radio"/> VENUES |
| | <input type="radio"/> PROGRAMS | <input type="radio"/> SHOWS | <input type="radio"/> WEBSITE |

Send completed form with check (payable to Whatcom Art Guild) to:
WAG Membership, P.O. Box 3005, Bellingham, WA 98227

**Come to our first General Meeting
of 2016 on Tuesday, January 12
at the Bellingham Public Library**

The "buy art" section on the WAG website was discontinued at the end of 2015. You will be reimbursed if you have already paid the extra \$5 on your new membership renewal for 2016.