



# Newsletter

March 2018

## *In A Word . . . (thoughts from your President)*

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Jotting notes to put this together, I found one word occurring over and over – ‘thanks’.

Thanks to many members who are helping put together a great year for our members, and many thanks to all our volunteers and members who are taking advantage of our meetings, bringing their art, and expressing opinions and ideas.

The February meeting was very well attended, with an outstanding amount of art brought in for Artist of the Month and the Art Challenge. Kudos to Judy Bishop for the idea of a Monochromatic Art Challenge. Thanks for the inspiration of everyone who participated, including a varied selection of 3D art entries. We loved hearing the artists’ individual descriptions of their work, which lasted long enough that our regular program was postponed to the March meeting. Thanks to Lorraine Day for so graciously agreeing to move her presentation on the History of Photography to the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Our March meeting will be the last one held at the Bellingham Library. Thank you to Beth Roberson and Joyce Norfolk, with suggestions from Phyllis Howard, for researching a new, affordable home for our monthly meetings. As a result of their hard work, we contracted with the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship to rent their Social Hall, starting April.

At our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting program we will hand out blank canvasses to all members who want to be a part of our April Challenge, which will be the creation of the artist’s choosing on their canvas. And yes, it can be a 3D creation – the canvas is yours for the creating! Thanks for the idea to Kath Piros, at our January Strategic Planning session. And a big thank you to Karen Tobiassen and Janice Hartwell for organizing a varied and inspiring program schedule for the year.

My next ‘thank you’ is for Karen VerBurg, who has edited and published our newsletter for a number of years. Karen has decided to retire from being Newsletter Editor, but we are all very thankful for her creative and beautiful publication, and I wish her much fun and more art inspiration in her future travels with her husband and family. Fortunately, Joyce Norfolk has volunteered to take on the responsibility. A very big thank you to Joyce. Being a newsletter contributor in the past, she will slide right in there. Please join me in supporting her in the creation of this very important member communication.

The Art Market had the best January sales ever – thanks to Peg Alexander and the WAM crew for their enthusiasm and hard work, steering this worthwhile opportunity for our members.

I have more thanks, but let’s save some for next time.

Our Guild is as successful as you are. What you put in, you will get back in spades. So, I hope to see you at our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, when you will get more details on our move to the Unitarian facility (email will follow if you miss the meeting), pick up your canvas for the April challenge and enjoy Lorraine Day’s program on the History of Photography. See you there, and come say ‘hi’ if we haven’t met yet. *Pat Fisher*

### NEW MEMBERS

**David Peterson**

**Galina Lintz**

**Mary Ernst**

MCCORMICK

NORFOLK

THOMPSON

DAVIS

For the February Art Challenge there was a total of 36 entries. Members in attendance voted for their favorite. Below are the top four finishers.



**1st Place**  
Beverly Davis  
**RAVEN**



**2nd Place**  
Anita Thompson  
**HORSE**



**3rd Place (tie)**  
Joyce Norfolk  
**CLAMMING AT KALALOCH**



**3rd Place (tie)**  
Karen McCormick  
**STILL LIFE OF EGGS**

The next Art Challenge will be in April. Artists will be required to create art on an 8"x10" canvas. Participants attending the *March* meeting will be provided a canvas.

FAULKNER

Village Books, Fairhaven -



MILA FAULKNER

MORRIS

Peace Arch Café, Blaine (new venue)



PHYLLIS HOWARD

GUZA-WELLS



DIANA GUZA-WELLS

HOWARD



SHAWNA MORRIS

CHANDLER

Colophon Café, Fairhaven



BARB DILTZ CHANDLER

MAY ANDERSON MORRIS STRONG BOTZONG



1st Place Terri May  
*Woods at Midnight*



2nd Place Carol Anderson  
*Whispering Woman*



3rd Place Stephanie Strong  
*Early Bird Crow*



4th Place Belinda Botzong  
*Candles*



## Happy Birthday WAM !

WELCH

March 10<sup>th</sup> marks the eighth anniversary of the opening of Whatcom Art Market, a cooperative for the members of the Whatcom Art Guild. The Guild has been in operation for 55 years providing a home and inspiration for artists of Whatcom and surrounding counties. Come see what your local artists are creating!

Each week, the Art Market features a different artist. This month, we are featuring:

DAVIS

RICHARD BULMAN - Wednesday March 7 thru Sunday March 11. Richard specializes in stone etching, painting, drawing and jewelry, drawing inspiration from the classical artists of Europe and the Middle East. He will present a demo on Saturday March 10, 12:00-3:00 pm. This day is also our Anniversary Celebration!

ROBERSON

BETH ROBERSON - Wednesday March 14 thru Sunday March 18. Beth works in watercolors and acrylics. She will present a demo on Saturday March 17, 11:00-3:00 pm.

BUHLMAN

BEVERLY DAVIS - Wednesday March 21 thru Sunday March 25. Beverly is a new artist at the Art Market and her colorful pieces are very popular. She works in watercolors and acrylics. Come meet and greet Beverley at the Fairhaven 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Art Walk on Friday, 6:00-8:00 pm.

PENNY WELCH - Wednesday March 28 thru Sunday April 1. Penny creates beautiful soap, lotion, and hand-made art cards. Come see how she makes her cards, Sunday April 1, 1:00-4:00 pm.

The Art Market is open during the Fairhaven 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Art Walk, March 23, 6:00-8:00 pm, with many of our 45 artists on site to meet and talk about their art. Come see us, bring your friends and family and share the best display of Whatcom's art!

The Art Market is at 1103 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellingham, WA. Open hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.





On June 22nd and 23rd Allied Arts will be hosting a Cultural Arts Festival featuring local art, music, performance, and food **inspired by the artist's** cultural training, travels, and background.

It will be a collaborative project with many of the Whatcom County affiliates to include the WAG.

DEADLINE EXTENDED! Application Due: Thursday, March 15 by 5pm

- There will be NO jury fee, but you must provide a minimum of four pieces.
- **The cost is \$100 for a 10' by 10' space on the Fairhaven Village Green.**
- Participating artists will be expected to collect their own money, taxes, etc.
- For more information go to [alliedarts.org](http://alliedarts.org) or contact June Kiefer at [jeffnjunekiefer@comcast.net](mailto:jeffnjunekiefer@comcast.net)

## GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

Whatcom Community College is offering a class in *Art History Through Cinema on American Artist, Georgia O'Keeffe who's best known for her* paintings of enlarged flowers, New York skyscrapers, and New Mexico landscapes.



Recognized as the "Mother of American modernism", her art spans over seven decades with more than 2,000 works. Her versatility in different artistic mediums, and her unique depictions of flowers and barren landscapes **have made O'Keeffe's visions a staple in our interpretations of the American landscape.**

This single session class costs \$45, and will be held on Sat 4/28 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact WCC Registration Office 383-3000 for more information.

L. DAY

**LORRAINE DAY** had her photo titled **“Lummi Skiffs”** juried into the Spring Show at The Jansen Art Center, Lynden, WA. The work is edited, layered, textured and selectively blurred photography.



**“Lummi Skiffs”**

Lorraine will also be presenting the March program titled **“Not Bad, but is it Art? - a History of Art Movements in Photography.”**

CALKINS

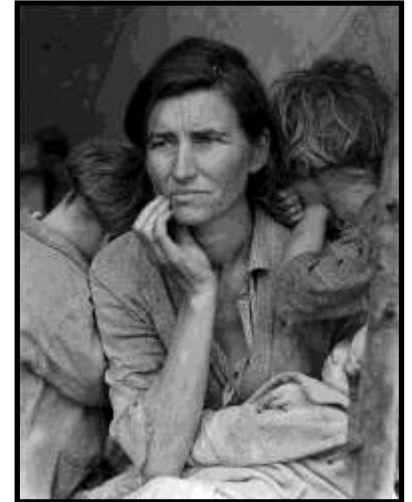
**LINDA CALKINS** has art displayed at Fairhaven Realty during March and April.



**“Don't Mess With Florence”**

# GUESS THE ARTIST

To test your knowledge, try to name the artist for each painting/photo below. If you want a little help, *the name of the seven artists can be found at the bottom of the page*. The names are intentionally faint, upside down, and in no particular order so an occasional glance will not yield any answers. Yet, with a little effort you should be able to resource the names to get a clue. Answers will be posted at the March 13th meeting, and revealed in the April Newsletter. Enjoy and good luck.



Andrew Wyeth  
Edward Hopper

Winslow Homer  
Annie Leibovitz

Georgia O'Keeffe  
Dorothea Lange

Ansel Adams





*On February 15th, long time WAG Member Christine Flacco lost her battle with cancer.*

*Christine was a spirited soul who involved herself with many WAG functions, and always had time to help others.*

*Those of us who were fortunate to have known Christine will miss her dearly.*