

Whatcom Art Guild Newsletter



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Art Market Update

Well Halloween at the Art Market was a blast. Our organizing team, Jennifer Korn-Leech and Laurel Piper, welcomed many of Fairhaven's 1400+ trick or treaters to the Art Market, handing out treats to the little ones and information on WAG and Art Market activities to their Moms and Dads. We hope to see many of them return for Holiday shopping.

What's next on the agenda?

- **Decorating!** The Art Market is starting to look very festive – come down and take a look, visit our booths and displays to see what new and exciting art pieces are there for Holiday gift-giving.
- **The Fairhaven Holiday Art Walk and celebration!** Friday and Saturday November 28th and 29th. Fairhaven will be at its festive best and the Art Market will be open 5-8pm both nights. Organized by Elva Thorndike and Sherri Greenleaf, the Art Market will be offering Holiday goodies, demonstrations – bring your family and friends by for a fun time.
- **Holiday shopping!** Starting December 3, the Art Market will go to Holiday hours, adding an extra open day on Wednesdays.
- **Getting ready for 2015,** several new members have joined the Art Market Committee. Welcome Elva Thorndike, Janice Hartwell, and Jennifer Korn-Leech!
- **As always, come visit, bring friends and family.** Our open hours are Thursday-Sunday, 10-6pm.

~Pat Fisher, Art Market Committee coordinator. pat.fisher@comcast.net.



WAG in *The Bellingham Herald*

WAG member Lorraine Day - as well as all those who helped with publicity - did a great job of getting the word out about the Fall Show. Not only were there advertisements in various publications, but we were honored to have an article in *The Bellingham Herald*! In case you didn't get a chance to see it, the the article is reprinted below.

Whatcom Art Guild hosts the final event of its yearlong celebration of the organization's 50th year with its annual group show and sale, "Art at the Airport," Friday through Sunday, Nov. 7-9, at Hampton Inn's Fox Hall.

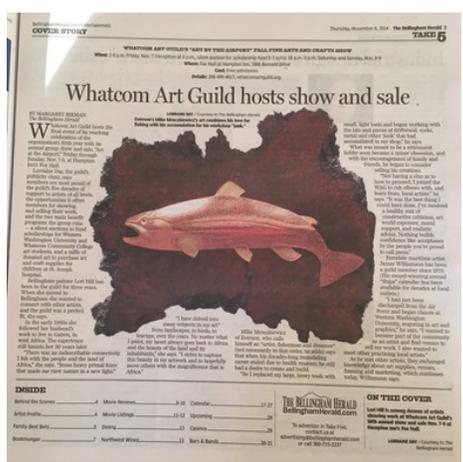
Lorraine Day, the guild's publicity chair, says members are most proud of the guild's five decades of support to artists of all levels, the opportunities it offers members for showing and selling their work, and the two main benefit programs the group runs — a silent auctions to fund scholarships for Western Washington University and Whatcom Community College art students, and a raffle of donated art to purchase art and craft supplies for children at St. Joseph hospital.

Bellingham painter Lori Hill has been in the guild for three years. When she moved to Bellingham she wanted to connect with other artists, and the guild was a perfect fit, she says.

In the early 1980s she followed her husband's work to live in Gabon, in west Africa. The experience still haunts her 30 years later.

"There was an indescribable connectivity I felt with the people and the land of Africa," she says. "Some heavy primal force that made me view nature in a new light."

"I have delved into many subjects in my art from landscapes, to birds, to teacups, over the years. No matter what I paint, my heart always goes back to Africa and the beauty of the land and its inhabitants," she says. "I strive to capture this beauty in my artwork and to hopefully move others with the magnificence that is Africa."



Mike Mroczkiewicz of Everson, who calls himself an "artist, fisherman and dreamer" (not necessarily in that order, he adds) says that when his decades-long remodeling career ended due to health reasons, he still had a desire to create and build.

"So I replaced my large, heavy tools with small, light tools and began working with the bits and pieces of driftwood, rocks, metal and other 'junk' that had accumulated in my shop," he says.

What was meant to be a retirement hobby soon became a minor obsession, and with the encouragement of family and friends, he began to consider selling his creations.

"Not having a clue as to how to proceed, I joined the WAG to rub elbows with, and learn from, local artists," he says. "It was the best thing I could have done. I've received a healthy mix of constructive criticism, art world exposure, moral support, and realistic advice. Nothing builds confidence like acceptance by the people you're proud to call peers."

WAG in *The Bellingham Herald*, continued

Ferndale maritime artist James Williamson has been a guild member since 1975. (His award-winning annual “Ships” calendar has been available for decades at local outlets.)

“I had just been discharged from the Air Force and began classes at Western Washington University, majoring in art and graphics,” he says. “I wanted to become part of the community as an artist and find venues to sell my work. I also wanted to meet other practicing local artists.”

As he met other artists, they exchanged knowledge about art supplies, venues, framing and marketing, which continues today, Williamson says.



Photographer Carol Sheppard, who joined in 2013, says the guild is a group where artists of all backgrounds and experience levels feel at home.

“It provides a collaboration of resources for those seeking to market their work, in addition to providing a safe space in which to get feedback about your work,” she says. “The other artists are not just colleagues, but great friends and sometimes even close to being family!”

~Special thanks also goes to Margaret Bikman who did the write up for WAG. Thank you Margaret!

Scholarship Fundraiser Auction

The Silent Auction had many interesting and desirable items offered on Friday Night at our show. The committee worked hard to gather these gifts from many generous businesses and presented an appealing display. Among the items were gift baskets from Laurel farms, Woods Coffee and a Seahawks game basket from Haggan. Also a Fairhaven holiday basket from many Fairhaven merchants. A printer donated by Office Max and many more. If you missed the auction, you missed a great event.

Judy Bishop was a wonderful MC and kept the momentum going with her timely updates and countdowns for closed bidding times. Thank you Judy. I think you could have a new career! The total received was \$435 for our scholarship fund.

Thank you Anita Thompson, Helen Harris, Mary Quintrall, and Judy Bishop for your commitment to our students at WWU and WCC and all of you who bid and won .

Arlene Mortimer, Scholarship Chair

St. Joseph’s Kids Raffle

St. Joseph's Kids had 27 donors, whose donations ran the gamut of art of the members of our Guild. We had jewelry, a mosaic, photography, glass art and etching, paintings, beautiful handmade scarf and hat, embroidery, woodwork, pottery, calendars -- whatever "tickled one's fancy" was available. We made \$440.00 on the raffle and will divide the art supplies to the children, one-half before Christmas, the other half in the spring. We did marvelously well; in fact I'm told we doubled our previous raffle amount! The following artists donated prizes. Thank you!

~Pauline Petterssen, Raffle Coordinator

JoAnn Hoehne
Lorraine Day
Arlene Mortimer
Ruth San Pietro
Richard Bulman
Jennifer Korn-Leech

Elvy Schmoker
Pauline Petterssen
Christine Flacco
Anita Thompson
Nellie Burrous
Mike Mroczkiewicz

Norma Appleton
Chris Johnson
Jeanette Eiriksson
Kay Dee Powell
Elva Thorndike
James Williamson

Judy Bishop
Ruby Starr
Karen Angell
Dixie Tamcke
Sheryl Attolini
Pat Fisher

WAG 2014 Fall Art and Crafts Show

Congratulations to everyone for a very successful Fall Show. Many thanks to all the folks who volunteered to head up committees leading up to the show, everyone who joined the committees, all of you who set up your booths, brought in wonderful art for the Gallery and the Community Booth, all the volunteers who staffed the show, everyone who donated items for the St Joe's Kids Raffle, and those who ran the Silent Auction. What a team! It was a delight working with everyone.

A special thank you to Lorraine Day, who fielded a wonderful publicity campaign, which resulted in us attracting over 740 visitors, almost double our usual showing.

We tried a few new things this show, and all were successful. We expanded the Community Booth – Elvy and Dave Schmoker did an outstanding job of our floor plan, which resulted in a Community Booth which attracted many new exhibitors and visitors. We ran a competition for the artwork to be used for our posters, bookmarks and rack cards, and were delighted with the number of members who entered the competition – it was tough to make a choice! Thanks to Judy Bishop for organizing for Bellingham High School Music students to play at the show – another great tie to the community. Although not everyone appreciated the show registration fees being raised this time, the move came very close to achieving the objective which was to make sure our fees covered the cost of renting our space for the Show – first time in many years.

The final expense and income numbers are not complete, but we will report on them when available. As many of you know, we have been working hard to make sure not only that we sell as much as we can, but also to make sure that our sales commissions cover our costs.

This show and the new steps we took were heading us in that direction.

Thank you to Elvy Schmoker, our Board Vice President responsible for Shows. I much appreciated working with her to make this show as successful as we could.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill in the post-Show questionnaire that Elvy passed around. She will be working with the Spring Show coordinator to use all the great information to make that next show even more successful.

Happy Holiday season to everyone.

Pat Fisher, Fall Show Coordinator. pat.fisher@comcast.net.

What Our Artists are Doing

Wow what a day at BelleWood Acres . Sun was shining, Mount Baker was gleaming and we had Faye Hayes in the gallery. We had a nice amount of traffic thru the gallery and lots of good comments about our art. We currently have 25 artist showing at BelleWood Acres.

Do you like to do demos? Do you like to talk about art? Here's your opportunity! We are doing demos upstairs in the Art Gallery at BelleWood Acres on weekends . Please contact Christine Flacco for particulars and to set up a date. Flaccoco@comcast.net or 360 752-0685.



Christine Flacco

UPCOMING PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES: Carol Sheppard, Instructor

Tuesday, December 2

6:00 to 9:00 Making Intentional Images Instead: Getting your DSLR Camera off of Auto

Saturday, December 6

Creative Techniques in Photography

1:00 to 4:00

December 16

Saturday, January 10

1:30 to 2:30 Photographing your Art

3:00 to 4:30 Mat-cutting Basics with Hands-On

Saturday, January 17

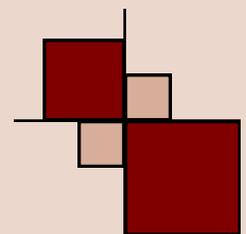
1:00 to 4:00 Creative Techniques in Photography

This is a tentative schedule; those interested should contact me directly via Email or check the calendar postings on my website: CarolSheppardPhotography.com. Gift Certificates are available for all classes.

Indoor Sketchers Group

The Indoor Sketchers Group is meeting every Friday at 11 o'clock in various places around town. They find snug little coffee shops or warm restaurants with windows overlooking outstanding views.

You are invited to come sketch with them. To be included on their email for the weekly sketcher announcement, email Celia Clarke or Anita Thompson.





This year's **Pacific Arts Market** will be open
Friday-Sunday, December 5-7, 12-14, 19-21

from 10am to 6pm in Sunset Square at 1125 E. Sunset Drive, Suite 115. Pacific Arts Market is a unique meet-the-artist event, with artists on location. Come join us in Bellingham this holiday season for a fun and lively holiday shopping experience. For more info, visit

<http://www.pacificartsmarket.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/PacificArts>.

The following WAG members will be taking part in the 2014 Pacific Arts Market:

Michael S. White	Kim Determan	Ruby Star
Elvy Schmoker	Louise Magno	Penny Welch
Sheryl Attolini	Mike Mroczkiewicz	



Blaine Harbor Art Gallery is very excited to be presenting *THE HOLIDAY ART & GIFT MARKET* for the 2nd year in a row. This is in conjunction with Holiday Harbor Lights, held Saturday, Dec. 6th. Blaine's Santa Claus Parade and tree lighting ceremony will welcome the holiday season to our community.

WHAT: *THE HOLIDAY ART MARKET* will be an opportunity for artists to sell their work from booths which they will host. Tents may be set up inside if desired.

WHERE: Goff's Department Store, 674 Peace Portal Drive, Blaine, WA

WHEN: Saturday, December 6 from 9-4 & Sunday, December 7 from 11-4.

SET UP: Friday, December 5th, 10am - 2 pm

WHO: Participating artists must be members of Blaine Harbor Art Gallery, and have their work displayed on the website. (Gallery membership can be acquired online at the www.blaineharborartgallery.com and costs \$25 for one calendar year. If you have representation on the website, this means your membership is current.)

FEE: Each artist will pay an entry fee of \$50, whether they have a booth by themselves or chose to share a booth.

REGISTER : Online at www.blaineharborartgallery.com or email blaineharborartgallery@bhagllc.com.

FAIRHAVEN HOLIDAY ART WALK 11/28-29

The **Whatcom Art Market** is participating in the **Holiday Artwalk in Fairhaven!**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28th and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 5pm - 8pm.

Elva Thorndike and Sherri Greenleaf will be organizing this event. Please come by for hot cider and cookies and amazing art. See some great artist demonstrations while you browse and shop for those special gifts. As always, enjoy good cheer from our wonderful Art Market.

WAG MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We now have 151 members in the Guild. It's hard to realize this year has flown by. We have had a spectacular year. We have welcomed 70 new and renewing artists to our guild, and this month we welcome Ed Sooter of Ferndale as our newest member.

It's time to renew membership for 2015. On the next page is a copy of the 2015 Membership Renewal. Simply fill it out and send it to Whatcom Art Guild, P.O. Box 3005, Bellingham 98225, and we can forward your renewal letter and 2015 Membership Card to you. You may pick up one at the next meeting on November 24, if you prefer. Please mail by December 31st.

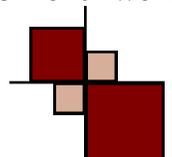
~Pauline Petterssen, Membership

NOVEMBER ART CHALLENGE

Art challenge news: The program for the November general meeting will be a sharing and discussion of members' artwork. Everyone seems to enjoy this every other month chance to bring work in to share. It is great to be able to see and be inspired by new ideas from others and have a chance to ask for help on improvements on your own work.

Please bring in your art challenges "All Creatures Great and Small" and your artist of the Month work to share.

Thanks, Beth Roberson, Linda Calkins





2015 Membership Renewal

\$35.00 YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES **OR** \$40.00 YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES + SALES WEBSITE PARTICIPATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____ CELL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

YOUR MEDIUMS? _____

YOUR BUSINESS NAME? _____

PRODUCTS/CRAFTS YOU CREATE? _____

PLEASE SELECT THE COMMITTEE(S) WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE THIS YEAR. *

(*PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT SELECT A COMMITTEE, YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED TO SHOWS.)

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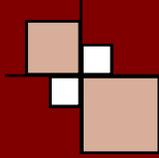
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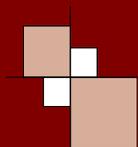
November 24

December—None

Meetings are held at
the Bellingham Library
at 7:00 on the 4th
Monday unless noted.
Please mark your
calendars.

WAG Board Meets:

Firehouse Café in
Fairhaven: 7:00
2nd Monday monthly



Art Quotes on Gratitude

I am filled with gratitude for the ability to live the artist's life. In my studio. Being an artist. Everyday. (Mickie Acierno)

I feel so fortunate to be able to quickly get out of the city and into wilderness... and an abundance of natural beauty. (Peter Adams)

Gratefulness thoughts in the morning light are about the setting of the daily lens. What will we take in, what will we seek and what is today's sense of self? (Nicoletta Baumeister)

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense. (Melody Beattie)

One looks at life as a gift, a painting of lights and darks, each defining the other, not a series of good and bad things. Giving thanks, and often, frees the spirit and makes the heart secure. (Fay Bohlayer)

In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

I have walked this earth for 30 years, and, out of gratitude, want to leave some souvenir. (Vincent van Gogh)

All art arises out of gratitude, a deep pervasive feeling that you are glad something exists outside yourself, that something can complete you. (Dorothy Koppelman)

Music and art both spring from a grateful heart. (Katie Wood McCloy)

Keep a gratitude journal. Write down at least three things a day you are either thankful for, made you smile or genuinely inspired you. (Robert Holden)

The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude. (Friedrich Nietzsche)