

newsletter

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of every month at 7:00 pm at the *Bellingham Public Library, downtown branch.*

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 24
at 7 pm at the
Whatcom Art Market
in Fairhaven.

The Whatcom Art Market is OPEN!



We did it! In less than seven weeks from the day we learned we needed to move, the Art Marketeers, along with spouses and friends, located a new building, polled the participants, acquired WAG Board approval and support, leased the space, designed the space, slammed in electrical and lumber build-outs, painted,

cleared out the old location, and installed our art at the new location. All was done going minimally over budget! And the result is B-E-A-U-T-I-F-U-L!!

Many of you visited during our Open House and Grand Opening weekend and were amazed at the results. We had a great Grand Opening with radio ads, print ads, social media ads, and special invitations bringing 120 visitors through our door to visit with at least 30 of our artists who rotated in and out during the day. Visitors told us they heard the radio ads or saw our signage from the street or sidewalk, saw us in print media, or searched us since they had visited us at our previous location. Our Fairhaven neighbors passed out our postcards to their customers and one even put our move on their Facebook page to help promote us. We constantly heard customers make comments about how much light we had, and the space felt so large and how well laid-out it was. My two favorite comments were: "This rivals any of the best art galleries in the area." and "It's like I stepped out of Bellingham and into Seattle."



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We are very happy that we are impressing our customers and neighbors and are pleased that WAG has something to be proud of and making a mark toward our goal of increasing our reputation within the Bellingham community. Thank you WAG for supporting your WAM!

Whatcom Art Market



WHATCOM ART MARKET
Wednesday - Sunday, 10-6
1103 - 11th Street - Fairhaven
360-738-8564
www.whatcomartmarket.org
facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket



Membership

We extend a warm welcome to our new members!

Carolyn DeSilva
Jessica Wilbert
Julie Mortimer
Georgia Donovan

Library News

Please be sure to check out the great books and DVDs 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

Our May 10 General Meeting will be held at the Bellingham Public Library



Our program will feature **Lois Dahl**, delightful watercolor artist of *Whimsical Rabbit Design*. She'll show us her method for making her charming cards. www.whimsicalrabbit.com.

Barbara DePirro from **Golden Art Supplies** will present a free program on **Saturday, June 18 from 2-4pm at the Fairhaven Library Fireside Room**. Besides valuable information, you will receive generous free samples. RSVP at the May 10 General Meeting or email Janice Hartwell, jnicehart@gmail.com.

For anyone wanting to get a business license -

The NAICS code needed is: 711510 - Independent

Artists, Writers and Performers.

I send this out because, for many years we were using an incorrect code which caused us to spend hours searching through the NAICS database for. It was a difficult choice and 7 years later I find it wasn't the correct code. When I needed to renew my resellers permit this month to make some changes, I called the

Washington Department of Revenue Business Licensing DOR - 800-451-7985

They suggested I call the NAICS.

**North American Industry Classification System
NAICS - 800-923-8282**

I did and got an immediate response.

I write this because I have been through the process and know it can be frustrating. The DOR the NAICS were extremely helpful, informative and very nice.

I'm hoping this will be helpful to some of you. *Elvy*



April Artists of the Month

1st Place

Genora Powell



2nd Place

Norma Appleton



3rd Place

John Young



1st Place - Banner Bank on Cornwall Avenue

2nd Place - Banner Bank - Fairhaven

3rd Place - Colophon Café

Each month Guild members have a chance to enter their artwork in a mini competition at the General Meeting. Members vote for the top four pieces. Winners are designated Artists of the Month and their artwork is featured here and 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). Photos will be taken at the meeting for the website and newsletter or you may provide your own digital image.

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

2016 WAG Board

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GETTING READY FOR THE JANSEN SHOW

With all the excitement about the new WAM store, DON'T FORGET to prepare your entries for the Jansen Show. The deadline for submission is Sunday May 1st. The guidelines are as follows:



Open to Wall Art (able to be hung on the wall) and

3D art (jewelry, sculptured wood, pottery, and glass)

No limit to number of entries for WAG jurying

No cost to enter

The theme is **“A Sense of Place: The Pacific Northwest”** which is very broad.

Those of you intending to submit entries, please email Lorraine Day at

mesmerie1@gmail.com and let her know so she can make arrangements to accommodate the number of entries. Simply tell her that you intend to submit _____ number of entries. You will be permitted to change your mind.

3D ART: If you will be submitting 3D art, please let Lorraine know if you want your art displayed on a shelf or under an acrylic dome. This will help us to know how many domes to purchase.



Form for submissions on page 9 of this newsletter.

Remember that our May 10 General Meeting will be held at the Bellingham Public Library

What Artists are Doing



"Taking Flight" by Cristal McQueen

WAG members **Louise Magno, James Weaver and Cristal McQueen** are in the Spring Juried Exhibit at the Jansen. The show runs from April 7 - May 27. For more details, check the website: <http://jansenartcenter.org/exhibits/current-exhibits/>



"High in the Sky" by Cristal McQueen

Cristal McQueen won 1st place for Photography for the kite photo (left) called "High in the Sky". She also has her work currently on display at the Café Burlington and will be showing at the Rexville Grocery for the month of June.



"Reflections" by Cristal McQueen

11th Annual 2016 Springfest Art Tour of Blaine

Blaine Pavillion, 635 H Street, Blaine, WA
May 20, 2016
Friends and family evening artists' reception

May 21 & 22, 2016 - Art Show

www.blaineharborartgallery.com



WAG members are showing their work each month at **Village Books**, downstairs in the writers corner. Be sure to stop by and take a look.



Celia Clarke & Karen Ver Burg will be traveling to Limoux, France in May for a watercolor workshop taught by Ron Stocke.



Anita Thompson was the winner of the **Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate** at our April General Meeting. **Congratulations Anita!**

Bellingham Plein Air Artists



Plein air artists, Marty, Phyllis, Lucia and Arlene at the WSU Extension Gardens in Skagit County.



Photos taken by Beth Roberson

The Fridays of May 6, 13, 20, 27, & June 3 will be organized on a week by week basis by Anita Thompson.

Please contact her for information at bhamthompson@gmail.com or 360-671-7149



PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE – SUMMER 2016

Fridays 11:00am – 2:00pm

June 10	Boulevard Park/Woods Coffee
June 17	Skagit Valley Gardens - Mount Vernon
June 24	Fairhaven Green
July 1	Elizabeth Park
July 15	Zuanich Park
July 22	Whatcom Falls Park
July 29	Semiahmoo Beach
August 5	Bloedel Donovan Park
August 12	Mt. Vernon Park by the River
August 19	Big Rock Gardens
August 26	Hovander

Please check your weekly emails for confirmation.

For more information contact Celia Clarke at celiannaclarke@outlook.com

Call for Artists for: SeaFeast

Due June 3, 2016

Bellingham SeaFeast showcases and celebrates our rich marine heritage, thriving working waterfront, commercial fishing and seafood industries, and the culinary bounty of our corner of the Pacific Northwest. People of all ages and ethnicities are invited to come participate in this one-day event that offers various waterfront activities celebrating Bellingham's marine heritage.

Guests will also have the opportunity to learn about the harvest seasons of Salish Sea seafood to create local, healthy, and delicious family menus.

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is coordinating the art booth and activities component of this event with an emphasis on depicting our thriving marine heritage and lively Salish Sea. We invite artists, performers, presenters, & class instructors with a passion for Bellingham's marine heritage to become a part of SeaFeast.

To participate, fill out the application at www.alliedarts.org. Applications due on Friday, June 3, 2016 by 5:00pm.

Membership is not required for this event, however, a \$15 fee is necessary to participate. Memberships and applications can be filled out online at www.alliedarts.org or are available in the Allied Arts Gallery at 1418 Cornwall Avenue, Downtown Bellingham.

For more information contact: Katy Tolles, Artist Services Coordinator at 676-8548 or katy@alliedarts.org.



COLORED PENCIL Class “Animal Portraits” at The Jansens Art Center

Joyce Norfolk will be teaching a Beginning Colored Pencil class at The Jansens during June. Students will learn how to create a lifelike portrait of *their pet*, or can choose another animal from a selection of subjects provided for the course. The initial class will cover how to use *provided* supplies and the different colored pencil techniques.

The course will be four two-hour classes and costs \$90.00. Course dates will be *Fridays 1-3 p.m., June 3, 10, 17, and July 1*. All materials will be provided and students will be able to purchase extra supplies during the course as they wish.

For further information contact Joyce Norfolk at studiogals@aol.com or call the Jansen Art Center at 354-3600.

Joyce will also be teaching an Intermediate Colored Pencil class during July. The course will cover how to draw a human portrait.



“Wilderness Cabin” by James Williamson

Winter & Spring Watercolor Classes

taught by James Williamson

Day or evening classes
at the Artist’s Studio

Five classes of 2 hours each
are \$155.00

Start date is to be determined.

Call artist studio 1-360-734-5497

or email:

artistjameswilliamson@comcast.net



“Island Barn” by James Williamson



The Whatcom Art Guild Presents A Sense of Place: The Pacific Northwest

The deadline for submission is **May 1st**. The show will be juried by both WAG and The Jansen via digital photo images.

1. All submissions must be emailed to Lorraine Day at mesmerie1@gmail.com not later than May 1, 2016.
2. Format: The image file should be in .JPG format at least 300KB, but no larger than 1MB. Only work of high reproduction quality will be accepted. Images are to be free of any extraneous backgrounds. 3-D images photograph better on black or white backgrounds. DO NOT include the frame in the image.
3. Artist Statement: An Artist’s Statement must be submitted.
4. Image Names: Images are to be labeled with the artist’s last name, first initial, 01, 02, etc., image title. (example: Doe_J_01_Vase_In_Blue.jpg) Images must correlate exactly with the image list.
5. Image List: Submit a list of images including title, medium, size, price, and artist’s name. When setting the price, keep in mind that The Jansen will receive 40% commission on all work sold.

IMAGE LIST

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title of Work</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Artist</u>
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02					
03					

For more information contact Lorraine Day or Joyce Norfolk.

Venues provided for our members

Are you aware of all the ongoing opportunities for displaying your work that are open to you as a WAG member for 2016?

Art Challenges and Critiques

Over the course of the year, WAG hosts Art Challenges (members bring in work created for a theme) and opportunities for critique at our monthly meetings. Information about these opportunities to show your work – either finished or work in progress – at our meetings to supporting and friendly members is posted on the Guild's website and in our newsletter; watch monthly as these opportunities arise.

Artist of the Month

Bring your work to the meeting and members will vote for their favorites during the break. The top 4 pieces will be displayed during the following month at one of four venues: The Colophon Café, Banner Bank in Fairhaven, Banner Bank in Bellingham, and front and center in the Whatcom Art Market.

Bellwether Gateway Complex

Beth Roberson leads this venue, which comprises the lobbies/foyers in three of the buildings in the Bellwether Gateway Complex. The theme of this venue is "Art of the Northwest. This is an ongoing opportunity to display your work. If you would like to participate, contact Beth Roberson at crownlanebeth@comcast.net.

Village Books, Fairhaven

WAG is hanging on the wall in the author's reading room, rotating on a monthly basis. The wall holds approximately 6-10 works, depending on their size. Turnover is at the first of the month; the next opportunity will be the month of May. Lorraine Day is leading this venue; stay tuned for an upcoming Call for Artists.

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All news and images for the **June issue** of the newsletter are due by **May 24!**

Send to:

Michael White

mwhite88z@gmail.com



Glasswork by Elva Thorndike

New! The Hair Art Studio

Laurel Piper has located another venue that would like to feature WAG members' artwork. It is called The Hair Art Studio and is located at 109 Prospect. Its website is <http://thehairartstudio.blogspot.com/>. More info to come.

BelleWood Acres

This venue is over for this year, but keep it in mind for the holiday season 2016. BelleWood Acres is a wonderful farm/deli/store on the Guide which has a large gallery room upstairs. WAG traditionally 'takes over' the gallery for November through February and we do it up proud! Christine Flacco leads this venue, and will be putting out a Call for Artists as the holiday season approaches.

WAG at the Jansen Art Center, Lynden

WAG exhibited as a group at the Jansen last summer in June and July, under the themes of 'Raspberries and Farm Life' and 'Cups.' We were very well received, and the Jansen has invited us back again this June and July. The Jansen Art Center is a wonderful venue, with shoulder-to-shoulder crowds on the opening night – we are thrilled to be returning this year. The theme will be "A Sense of Place: The Pacific Northwest." Like last year, this will be a curated show; all members may submit entries to a team of WAG curators, who will then submit the collection to the Jansen for their final picks. The deadline for submitting your work to the WAG curating team will be May 1. Use form on page 10 and follow the specific instructions closely.

In addition to these ongoing opportunities, WAG Board members are actively working to develop other venues, both for curated shows and for open, all-member exhibits. We are researching venues for a summer show and a holiday arts and crafts fair, as well as smaller venues for individual artists. Come to the meetings and read your newsletter to catch these new opportunities as they arise.

Website

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.

Show Tags

Adhere larger tags to backs of formal entries and to larger informal entries	Adhere small tags to informal entries, such as miniatures, cards and jewelry. Duplicate as needed.		
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