

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.*

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 23
at 7 pm at the
Whatcom Art Market
in Fairhaven.

Make The Best of Your



The first half of 2016 was very busy for the WAG. Most significantly, the WAM closed its doors and relocated in Fairhaven. After many long hours and much support from its artists and family members, the WAM completely redesigned its look and celebrated its Grand Opening this past April. Since then, sales have increased each month, and WAG and WAM members alike have good reason to be proud of the Art Market as it becomes a major contender in the local art scene.

So far this year, the WAG has added a few venues and now has five sights for WAG artists to display their wares. Some artists sold their art during the Summer Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center; and even though we didn't hold either a spring or fall show this year, the WAG still honored its commitment to its two scholarship funds.

Summer has finally arrived and with it comes busy and hectic days with no routines or schedules to comply with. During this summer, remember to allow time for art. Here are a few ways to appease those creative urges while enjoying your summer.

If your plans include a visit to the beach, beachcombing is never out of style, or try etching out a sandcastle, or sand castle.

Escape from the family and share the day with a friend while you visit some of the many Art Fairs offered. My favorite is the Anacortes Arts Festival anacortesartsfestival.com which is held August 7-10.



"Cloudy day at Long Beach" by Joyce Norfolk



"Jammin' at Big Rock Park" by Joyce Norfolk

Looking for something to do locally that won't hurt your wallet? Pack a lunch, grab your camera and take in some local parks. Big Rock Park on Alabama hill (Bellingham) has beautiful gardens and most times has free live music.

After summer, at the annual meeting in November, WAG will be holding elections for next year's Board positions and soliciting volunteers for the various committees. The primary objective for 2017 is to bring back our Spring and Fall Shows. We especially need to staff the Shows positions. If you're interested in working with the WAG Team, we will post a brief description of all positions in next month's newsletter.

As WAG membership continues to grow, I'd like to thank all WAG members for their continued support. I'm proud to be affiliated with such a fine group of talented artists.
Your President, Joyce Norfolk

Whatcom Art Market



Summer is good for us! We are seeing more customers and visitors and sales are reflecting it, increasing roughly \$1,000 each month since April. The Steering Committee has been busy with many things, including developing a promotional program to keep customers coming in year-round.

Another neighborhood magazine is looking at publishing an article on WAM and the Fairhaven community is looking to us as a viable entity. We have

been asked to participate with Fairhaven to market the art merchants. (We still need help with this request). We are becoming established!

August will see some shuffling with artists rotating out and three more joining us.

We continue tweaking things as with any business to keep running smoothly. Our lettering on the canopy and the bright yellow with red 'flag' out front seems to be helping people know

we're there. Our artists are being asked to provide Certificates of Authenticity or Provenances with their work as some knowledgeable buyers are requesting them in order to cross the border. It's just another level of professionalism we are attempting to provide.

If you haven't been in yet, come on down. We love sharing the WAM and all things art with everyone.

Phyllis



Penny Welch - An Art Market Artist

Pacific Bubbles & Lotions

Be sure to check out her irresistible soaps and lotions!



WHATCOM ART MARKET

Wednesday - Sunday, 10-6

1103 - 11th Street - Fairhaven

360-738-8564

www.whatcomartmarket.org

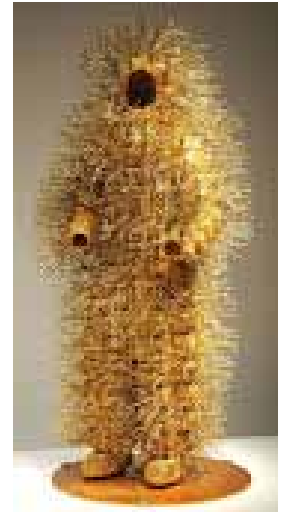
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Upcoming day trip to the Seattle Art Museum October 12

Whatcom Art Guild would like to invite its members, friends and family on a trip to the **Seattle Art Museum** on Wednesday, October 12. Please mark your calendar and join us for this event. The bus is slated to depart at 8:30 am and arrive in time to view the following exhibits:



- 10:30 am starts off the viewing of SAM's featured exhibit of original, never seen fashion pieces of **Yves Saint Laurent** including his design drawings.
- Tour of the new installation of Contemporary Art on the second floor and its permanent art collections.



Lunch at your leisure and choosing. We suggest you either bring a sack lunch or enjoy the restaurant fare at SAM. Then we'll hop back on the bus and head to the **Asian Art Museum** for a docent guided tour which features a spectacular exhibit of "Chinese Landscape Painting". Bus leaves @ 4 pm to arrive back to Bellingham by 6 pm. Special Events coordinators Kath Piros and Kathy Wood are keeping the cost at \$40 per person, so it's affordable and fun for all.

To reserve bus and tour, please forward a check for the above amount to Whatcom Art Guild and mail to:

Kathy Rae Wood
1971 South Mahonia Place
Bellingham, WA 98229

Questions or for more information, please contact either Kathy Wood at 360-490-9635 or Kath Piros at 360-526-2169.



The Museum of Northwest Art in LaConner

is accepting proposals for upcoming workshops. If you are interested, please check out their website at

<http://www.monamuseum.org/employment>

Membership

We extend a warm welcome to our new members!

*Jean Cox-Treverton
Michael Moynihan*

**Next
General Meeting
will be held
on August 9
7:00 pm
at the
Bellingham
Public Library**



The July General Meeting was held at the Bellingham Public Library

Michael Moynihan, talked about his pencil/graphite and watercolor portraits. He brought several samples of his exquisite drawings to show.



John Young – displayed his first ever colored pencil drawing of his pet bird

Phyllis Howard – displayed a pencil drawing she commissioned from **Joyce Norfolk** of a friend's dog who recently passed away.

Christine Flacco -displayed her first color pencil drawing of her neighbor's dog

Karen Angell – displayed two photographs: 1) Florida sunset and 2) photo taken on a boat during a trip

Arlene Mortimer – displayed a watercolor from a sketch out at Elizabeth Park. Next sketch out is Friday, August 5 at 11 am at Bloedel Donovan Park.

Linda Ougland – displayed examples of diamond willow branches that will be dried and made into canes and walking poles and a piece that had been sanded and oiled. It takes her many hours to bring out the grain of the wood.



**James Weaver was the winner of the
Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate at our
June General Meeting.
Congratulations James!**

July Artists of the Month

1st Place

Banner Bank - Cornwall



Lori Hill

2nd Place

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Cassandra Bashaw

3rd Place

Colophon Café



John Young

Sunset photo taken from his bedroom window.

4th Place

Banner Bank - Fairhaven



James Weaver

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.

Art Challenge

2016 WAG Board

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Are you wondering what to create next? Then help is here. We are presenting a special Art Challenge and the subject will be “The Best Summer Ever”.

We’re challenging you to show us about the summer of 2016 or a summer deep in your past memory. Please share your experiences with us in the medium of your choice.

Both 3D and wall art will be accepted. The deadline for completion will be September 13, 2016 which is the date of the September General Meeting. Bring in your creations to the September meeting for consideration. Voting will be done by all members present, and we’re making it worth your time.
. . we will be awarding cash to the top three vote-getters!

\$100 to 1st place



\$75 to 2nd place



\$50 to 3rd place



What Members are Doing



"Flaxen Solitude" by Cristal McQueen



"Gentle Slopes" by Cristal McQueen

Cristal McQueen has had five pieces accepted for the Late Summer Juried Arts Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center August 4 thru September 30.



"Echoes of Shadows" by Cristal McQueen



"Solitude in Nature" by Cristal McQueen

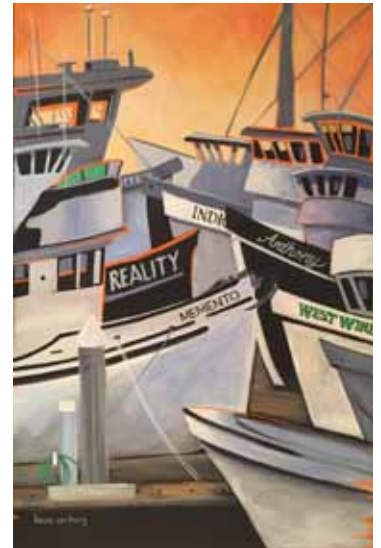


"Nature's Palette" by Cristal McQueen



James Weaver, Pam Pontious, Phyllis Howard, Lori Hill and Karen Ver Burg are showing their work at the new restaurant, Aloha Poke on Harris Street in Fairhaven, through the end of September.

Karen Ver Burg's painting, "Home Port" was accepted for the Late Summer Juried Arts Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center. The show opens August 4 and runs thru September 30. Linda Calkins, Sandra Abrams and Barbara Rutherford have also been accepted into this show.



"Home Port" by Karen Ver Burg



"Women with Head Scarves" by Linda Calkins



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*

Bellingham Plein Air Artists

PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE – SUMMER 2016

Fridays 11:00am – 2:00pm

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| 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 to Artists

Blaine Harbor Art Gallery Call To Artists ART-OBERFEST Art and Gift Show

- **Date:** October 7- 9, 2016
- **Location:** Blaine Community Pavilion, 800 H Street, Blaine, WA
- This will be an Open Show meaning registration is open to members of Blaine Harbor Art Gallery and non members. No new memberships are being accepted at this time.
- **Entry fee:** Paid Blaine Harbor Art Gallery members - \$75 Non members - \$100
- **Non members** must be juried into the show by emailing 3 images of their work in jpg format to blaineharborartgallery@bhagllc.com. (No images over 2 mb in size please.)
- Once work has been accepted, you will be contacted and payment can be submitted through our website form on www.blaineharborartgallery.com.
- **Blaine Harbor Art Gallery members** whose membership is current have already been juried and can register and pay at www.blaineharborartgallery.com.
(If you are not sure of your membership status, please contact Debbie Haggman, d.haggman@msn.com.)
- **Deadline for application:** September 1, 2016
- **Show schedule:** Friday, Set up 2-5, Artists' reception 6-8 Saturday, 9-5 Sunday 11-5

We will have live music Friday and Saturday and plan to create a fun and festive event around the ART-OBERFEST/Octoberfest theme.

This show is Canadian Thanksgiving weekend and Semiahmoo Resort is having a major promotion for Octoberfest that weekend. They will include our art and gift show in their advertising promotions. We saw an increase in Canadian visitors at SPRINGFEST 2016, and believe this is a perfect opportunity to build a new audience for our shows.

NOTE: This will take the place of the Holiday Art and Gift Market that we traditionally held in early December.



www.blaineharborartgallery.com
blaineharborartgallery@bhagllc.com

Classifieds

BEADING TOOLS FOR SALE

Ruby Starr has a Hot Head set for sale, \$50, the Hot head, tank of fuel, release, cooling crockpot and other tools used for beading.

Call Ruby-360-933-4055 or email starrcats@hotmail.com.

STUDIO SHARE

Studio share, at *Waterfront Collective* in the Dairy Building, 1220 Central. Starting mid-October.

Ground floor, 300 sq ft, visible from the front window.

Contact Marty Spence mbs1509@gmail.com

ACRYLIC PAINTS FOR SALE

Connie Buckey is moving mid August and has a huge amount of tube acrylics... maybe 50? Perhaps half are almost full tubes, the rest 1/3-1/2 full. She would like to sell all or half at a time, not individual tubes. Price is negotiable but very reasonable. If interested, call Connie at 360-354-1406.

STUDIO AVAILABLE

Small studio available on the second floor at the *Waterfront Artists Studio*, 1220 Central. The space is approximately 8 x 12. If interested, email Lorna Libert at lornalibert@hotmail.com