

December/January 2018

## Membership

*We extend a warm welcome to our new members!*

*Fay Stockton  
Lea Lawrence*

## Whatcom Art Guild GENERAL MEETING 2018 SCHEDULE

### December - No Meeting

January 9  
February 13  
March 13

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

*Next Board Meeting  
Tuesday,  
January 23, 2018  
at 7 pm at the  
Whatcom Art Market  
in Fairhaven.*

Letter from our WAG President,

*It's that special time of the year, midway between Thanksgiving and the renewal of a New Year. As our 2017 Board welcomes the new members of the 2018 Board, we say 'thank you' to this year's leaders, with a big 'thank you' to Karen Tobiassen for stepping in as Acting President for the second half of the year. Anyone who takes time to work for us on the Board deserves our thanks and support.*

*Your new Board is excited to lay out plans for 2018 and will be holding a planning meeting in January. Do you have ideas for Guild activities that you would like to see included? Good! Get in touch with any of our Board members and let them know, or send me an email ([pat.fisher@comcast.net](mailto:pat.fisher@comcast.net)).*

Talking of January, our monthly meeting, January 9, is planned to be a fun evening of meeting our members and learning more about our art. WAG, as always, is expanding and we are welcoming many new faces to our meetings. So let's start the year understanding more about the many talents of our group. Don't worry, no big pressure – we'll be working in small groups! Please bring a small piece of your art and be ready to say a few words about how you started, what you enjoy, what is your technique and some of the challenges – whatever makes you feel good about what you do. Goodies will be provided! Don't miss out on this fun time to make contact and learn more about your fellow WAG members and their art.

I am excited to be working as the Guild's President this coming year and look forward to meeting each of you, sharing your artistic talents and exchanging ideas. The Guild is here for everyone's benefit – let's see what we can do to make it the best Art network it can be.

I wish you a peaceful, safe and fulfilling Holiday season.

*Pat Fisher*

**No General Meeting in December!**

# November Artists of the Month \_\_\_\_\_

## 1st Place



"Blue Jays" by Arlene Mortimer

## 2nd Place



"Pretty in Pink" by Scott Melnick

## 3rd Place Tie



"La Bella Jessica" by Rick Bulman

## 3rd Place Tie



"Gold Tulips" by Katy Drafs



**No General Meeting  
in December!**

**See you at the  
January 9 meeting.**

**May your Christmas  
be filled with silent  
wonder, simple joys,  
and sweet memories!**

Each month, Guild members have a chance to enter one piece of their artwork in a mini competition at each general meeting. Members vote to determine the top four pieces. Winners are designated Artists of the Month and their artwork is featured here and is exhibited at participating venues in the community.

**Guild members may enter only one piece and must be present at the general meeting.** 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 newsletter.



**Catherine Schellenberg** was the winner of the Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate at our November General Meeting. Congratulations Catherine!

# Whatcom Art Market \_\_\_\_\_



**Holiday season** at the Art Market! For the month of December, our windows are Traditional, with a capital T – bring the children and see real Holiday shop windows! And inside, our artists have the best in local art for gifts to delight friends and family. From November 27 to Saturday, December 23, we are open every day to help make your shopping more convenient. The Art Market will be closed from December 24 for ten days, re-opening on Wednesday January 3.

Our weekly featured artist program will continue – come meet our talented members and learn more about their art.

**Our featured artists for the month are:**

**Mon. Dec. 4-Sun. Dec. 10 - Peggy Alexander**, creator of beautiful and unique jewelry, many pieces redesigned from vintage jewelry items.

**Mon. Dec. 11 – Sun. Dec. 17 - Phyllis Howard**, painter, and Stephanie Fields, author, are our featured artists. Stephanie published 'You are Beautiful When' in 2016, with enchanting illustrations created by Phyllis. Signed copies will be on hand and Phyllis and Stephanie will be at the Art Market during the week.

**Mon. Dec. 18-Sat. Dec. 23 – Susan Averre**, pencil and pastel artist. Susan is new to the Art Market, and her art brings a new, fresh medium to our gallery.

*Come see us, bring your friends and family and share the best display of Whatcom County's art!*

1103 11th Street,  
Bellingham (Fairhaven)  
Phone 360 738 8564  
[facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket](https://www.facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket)



*If you haven't already, come by the Art Market and see the new Christmas window displays that were designed and painted, by WAG members, Lori Hill and Karen Ver Burg.*



# What Members are Doing

**Lorraine Day** was juried into the Jansen Art Center's Winter Show, to run from December 6 through the end of February.



*"The Orchard: Cider House, Spring #1"*  
by Lorraine Day

For the better part of this last year, I have been photographing Skip Patten's old apple orchard. I am entranced by its deep peace and timeless beauty, and thought it would lend itself to a 'pictorialist' treatment. With selected blur and texture overlays, I have attempted to create the feeling of the old 19th-century pictorial photographs - soft focus, a sense of timelessness, and a touch - just a touch - of romance.

## Make an Embossed Ornament & White Elephant Gift Exchange Party

Bring your BFF's to this fun party, where we'll make two embossed silver ornaments, and then play a fun round of the white elephant gift game. I'll supply everything needed for the ornaments and the hot apple cider, and guests are asked to please bring a fun gift \$5 or under to play the game with. (*Ross, Marshall's, Dollar Tree are great sources for the gifts!*) You will go home with a smile on your face, a fun gift and a couple of gorgeous embossed ornaments! What a way to kickstart the holidays!

**Date:** Friday, December 8th

**Time:** 7pm

**Cost:** \$15

**Tickets:** go to this website

<https://mkt.com/katestudio/item/embossed-ornaments-white-elephant-gift-game>

Contact

(408) 410-8547

[katestudioart@gmail.com](mailto:katestudioart@gmail.com)



## WAG Sketchers & Plein Air

### 2017 - 2018 Winter Schedule

**Fridays 11:00am – 2:00pm**

#### **December**

- 8 La Conner - MoNA - Mel Katz exhibit
- 15 Bellis Fare Mall
- 22 Ferry Terminal
- 29 Book Fare

#### **January**

- 5 Chuckanut Brewery
- 12 Goat Mountain Pizza
- 19 Woods Coffee - Boulevard Park
- 26 Willows

Reminders and changes are sent each week to those on the email list .

For more information or to add your name to the email list - contact Celia Clarke at [celiannaclarke@outlook.com](mailto:celiannaclarke@outlook.com)



## **IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Current memberships **expire on December 31, 2017**. Please print out the renewal form, fill it out, and mail it along with a check for \$35 (made out to WAG) to:

**WAG Membership**  
**PO Box 3005**  
**Bellingham, WA 98227**

Renewals **must** be accompanied by a completely filled out form or you can hand write the information on a separate piece of paper if you do not have access to a printer.

**Memberships that have not been renewed by Jan 31 will be inactivated. Inactive members will not be able to participate in any member only activities such as venues, Artist of the Month, etc.** If you enjoy Artist of the Month, Venues, WAM, group shows, the newsletter, etc., remember to mail your form and check to WAG. If you prefer to charge your membership dues, you can stop in at WAM and pay via credit card.

Thank you!!

*The membership renewal form is on page 6 of this newsletter. Print and mail.*



### **Whatcom Art Guild**

Treasurer's Report to the General Meeting  
11/14/2017

#### **Beginning Balance on 10/1/2017**

\$5,834 (all figures rounded to next higher dollar)

#### *Income during October*

\$280 (New Memberships, Venue Fees, Film Library)

#### *Expenses in October included*

\$900 (Bookkeeper, Insurance, Film Library, Meeting room)

#### **Ending Balance on 10/31/2017**

\$3,754

Respectively submitted by

James E. Weaver

### **Newsletter Submissions**

*Please send all newsletter submissions to this email address by the third Saturday of each month:* [wagnewslettersubmission@gmail.com](mailto:wagnewslettersubmission@gmail.com)

# 2018 General Membership Form



\$35.00 FULL YEAR MEMBERSHIP DUES

NEW

RENEWAL

Send completed form with check (payable to  
WAG Membership, PO Box 3005, Bellingham WA 98227

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS WEBSITE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE >16YRS?(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MEDIUMS? \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BUSINESS NAME? \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCTS/CRAFTS YOU CREATE? \_\_\_\_\_

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

ACTIVITIES

AWARDS & JUDGING

FINANCE

HISTORIAN

LIBRARY

MEMBERSHIP

NEWSLETTER

PROGRAMS

PROPERTIES

PUBLICITY/ MARKETING

SCHOLARSHIP

SHOWS

SPECIAL EVENTS

ST JOE'S KIDS

VENUES

WEBSITE/GRAPHIC DESIGN

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR USE ONLY**

CK DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CK AMT \_\_\_\_\_

CK NUM \_\_\_\_\_

CARD SENT \_\_\_\_\_

# What Members are Doing

## Bellingham Urban Sketchers - Officially Approved as Regional Chapter of Urban Sketchers

We are so excited to announce that our Bellingham Chapter of Urban Sketchers has been officially approved as a regional chapter of the Urban Sketchers family!



### NEW CHAPTERS

USk is pleased to announce seven new Regional Chapters. The newest groups to join the family are:

USk Araraquara, Brazil

USk Syracuse, USA

USk Hyderabad, India

USk Cincinnati, USA

**USk Bellingham, USA**

USk Feira de Santana, Brazil

USk Suwon, Korea

USk Swindon, England

USk Pereira, Colombia

USk Dublin, Ireland

USk Tyne and Wear, UK

Welcome to the Urban Sketchers family!

Seven or more of our WAG members are members of *Bellingham Urban Sketchers*. Anyone can join who enjoys urban sketching. We usually meet every other Saturday morning from 10-noon. "Sketch Crawls" are posted on the Facebook page Bellingham Urban Sketchers under "Events". Questions: email

Karen Ver Burg

[karen.verburg@gmail.com](mailto:karen.verburg@gmail.com),

Robert Dodd,

[sketcher@linebuskerart.com](mailto:sketcher@linebuskerart.com)

Katherine Engh,

[katharineenghart@gmail.com](mailto:katharineenghart@gmail.com),

Urban Sketching website:

[www.urbansketchers.org](http://www.urbansketchers.org) to see

sketches from all over the world.

### Tentative 2017-2018 Schedule

Dec 16 - Dakota Art Store

Dec 30 - Skip (3rd Sat in Dec)

Jan 6 - Village Books

Jan 20 - Jansen Art Center

Feb 3 - Theater Rehearsal (TBD)

Feb 17 - Lowes, Home Depot or  
Hardware Sales\*\*

Mar 3 - Avenue Bread (TBD)

March 17 - Woods Coffee, Lakeway

March 31 - skip (3rd Sat in March)

\*\* Requires follow up





Photo: Dawn Walden, *Tier That Bowl*, 2010



## VENUES

If you are a WAG member and interested in showing your work in either of these venues during the coming year, please call or email the following venue leads to let them know of your interest.

### **Village Books -**

**Lorraine Day,**  
mesmerie1@gmail.com  
206-499-4617

### **Colophon Café -**

**Linda Calkins,**  
calkinshome@msn.com  
360-303-2366  
360-398-2802

## *Whatcom Museum Basketry Exhibitions Showcase Diversity of Artform*

The **Whatcom Museum** is pleased to host a traveling exhibition, *Rooted, Revived, Reinvented: Basketry in America*, **February 3 – May 6, 2018** at the Lightcatcher building in collaboration with the National Basketry Organization and The Museum of Art and Archaeology at the University of Missouri. This is the only West Coast venue of this exhibition. The Museum will also showcase two concurrent basketry exhibitions at Old City Hall from February 3 – May 6, 2018: *Hidden in the Bundle: A Look Inside the Whatcom Museum's Basketry Collection*, and a juried exhibition, *Gathered Together: A Show of Work Celebrating Members of the Northwest Basket Weavers Guild*.

For more information about the exhibits at the Whatcom Museum, check out their website: <https://whatcommuseum.org/>

## **2018 Whatcom Art Guild Board**

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Todd Davis

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