



From your President,

August 1, 2020



Hi All! Hope everyone is well.

It's so hard to tell when this virus will be tamed. Your board had hoped that by now we would have been able to plan a meeting, or even a show in one of our beautiful parks this summer. Unfortunately, the virus has taken a turn for the worse, and many areas are going backward instead of forward.

Arts organizations are all suffering from physical closure, lost earned income, and lack of resources to continue paying staff and facilities costs. With your help we are widening our collective pool of supporters, and we encourage you to branch out in support of the diverse groups who make up the thriving Whatcom County Arts ecosystem.

What can we do, you ask?

Like-minded artists in the Bellingham region have assembled a group that has been working to answer this question. So many of our art venues, whether they be musical, dance, museum, theater or art shop have been closed for almost five months which has taken a financial toll on everyone's business, none more so than those non-profits organizations such as WAG and WAM.

To this end, the **Whatcom County Arts (WCA)** group, of which **WAG (and WAM)** are members, has developed a fund raiser with the theme "We heART commUNITY." to try and help the art community as a whole. WCA and other culture organizations like WAG have teamed up to inspire giving to the arts during the COVID closure. WCA is asking the community to make a \$50 donation to at least five organizations, totaling \$250 in giving to the arts. In return, donators will receive a piece of exclusive merchandise, commemorating the movement to keep arts alive and thriving in Whatcom County!

Please take a moment to explore the participating organizations, especially those you are unfamiliar with! A complete list (*with links to their web site*) can be found on **page 15** of this newsletter where you can also find guidance regarding how to go about donating. Your donations are **tax deductible**, as they are going to 501c3 organizations, or ones which are fiscally sponsored by Allied Arts of Whatcom County. In Whatcom County through the establishment of organizations such as the Whatcom County Arts and Whatcom Arts Project, we are a strong and thriving interconnected arts community which everyone can benefit from.

Let's do our part to help make it even stronger!

Carol Ann Anderson

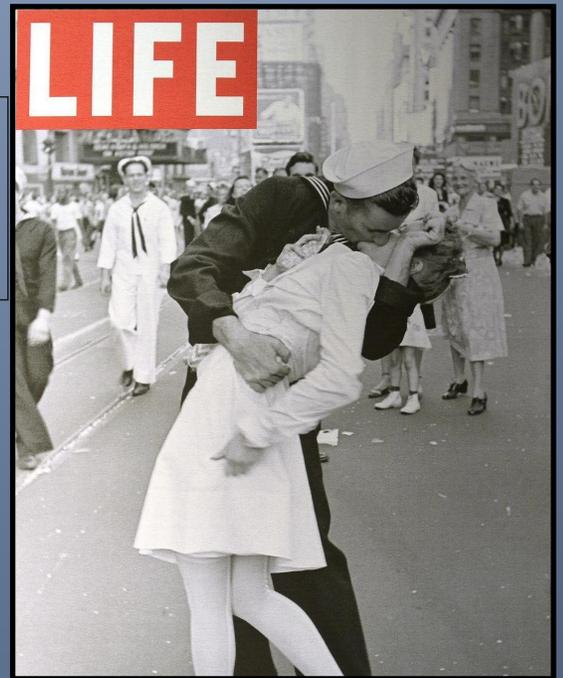
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On the Cover, . . . *Celebration of Victory in Japan "V-J Day" in Times Square, August 14, 1945*



The Kissing Sailor photograph was the most iconic photo of the 20th Century.



Alfred Eisenstaedt (1898–1995) a German-born American photographer/photojournalist, rose to prominence as a staff photographer for *Life* magazine after moving to the U.S. in 1935. *Life* featured more than 90 of his pictures on its covers, and more than 2,500 of his photo stories were published. *"The sailor (Mendonsa) was running and kissing anyone he could grab. I was running ahead of him snapping photos which weren't very good. Then I saw something white being grabbed and I turned and clicked the moment the sailor kissed the nurse. If she had been wearing dark clothing I would never have taken the picture". . . Alfred Eisenstaedt.*



George Mendonsa (1923–2019) After leaving the Navy in 1945 started and operated his own fish company for over 50 years, and was married for over 70 years.



Greta Zimmer-Friedman (1924–2016) Austrian-born American nurse who was photographed being grabbed and kissed by Navy sailor, *George Mendonsa.*

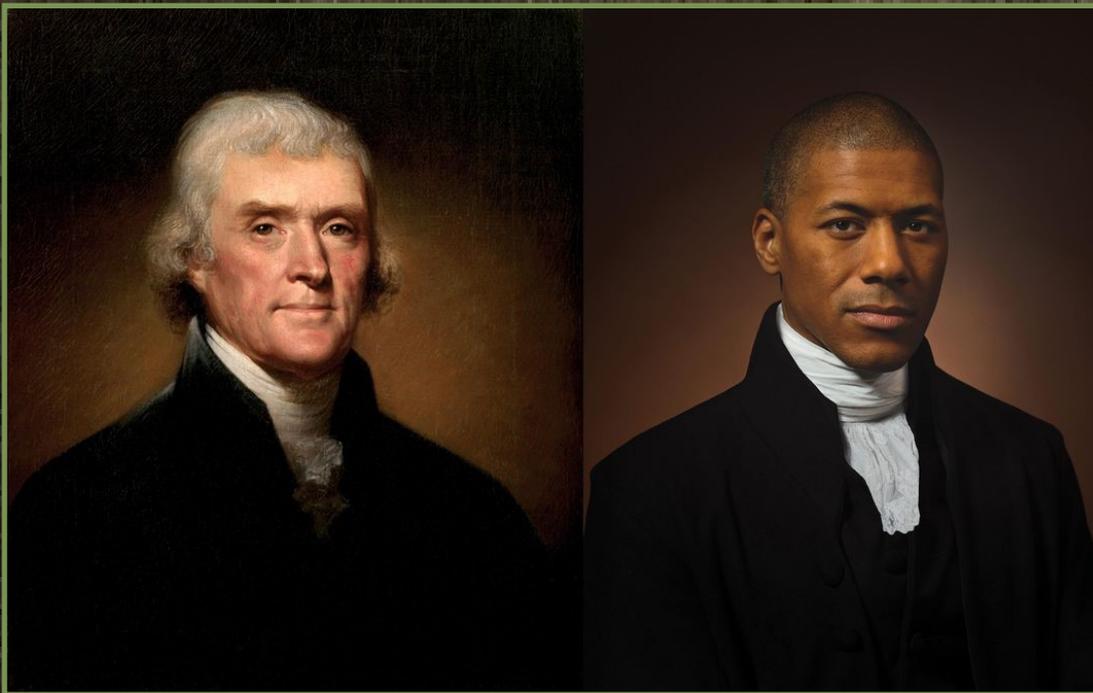
Drew Gardner Photography

The Descendants Project



Fueled by his passion for history, in his photo series “**The Descendants**”, British photographer Drew Gardner recreates portraits of some of the world’s most famous historical figures featuring their direct descendants. After in-depth research tracing the direct descendants and verifying their lineage, the famous portraits are recreated with painstaking attention to the smallest of details. Drew then carefully analyses the lighting in each portrait and patiently recreates them using the latest lighting techniques. The end results often show startling resemblances to their forebears.

The Descendants Project has been featured in [The Smithsonian Magazine](#), [National Geographic](#), [The Times Saturday Magazine](#), [The Washington Post](#), [Business Insider](#), CNN, NBC, and on the BBC World service.



Shannon Lanier

Thomas Jefferson, c. 1800

Shannon Lanier, 2020
Jefferson’s 6th Great-Grandson

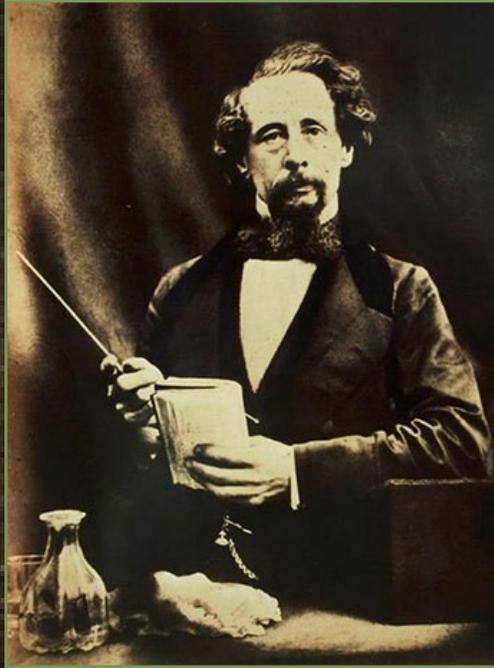
Shannon Lanier graduated Kent State University in 2003 with a masters degree in media management and electronic media production. Since then he has been a CBS TV news reporter and a segment producer, news anchor for the morning show “Morning Dose”, and with **Jane Feldman** he’s co-authored the book “*Jefferson’s Children: The Story of One American Family*”.

Click on the link below to view the YouTube video showing Drew Gardner’s photo shoot of Shannon Lanier for the Thomas Jefferson “Descendants” photo.

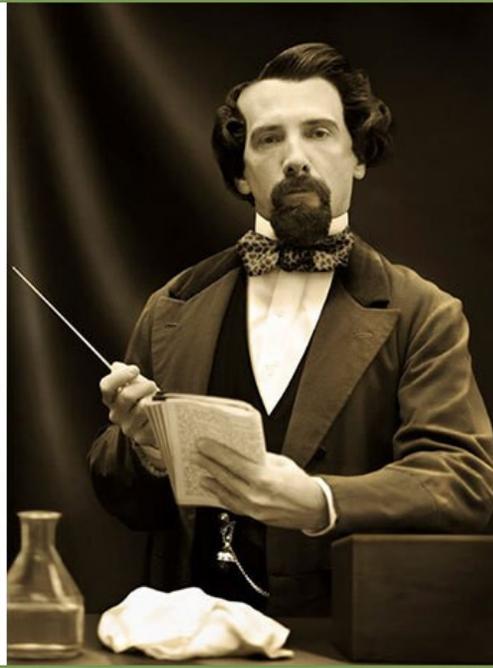
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzQXzPepYZU>

Drew Gardner Photography

The Descendants Project



Charles Dickens, c. 1858



Gerald Charles Dickens, 2016
Dickens' Great-Great-Grandson



Napoleon, c. 1812



Hugo De Salis, 2016
8 Times Great-Grandson
of Napoleon

Drew Gardner Photography

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Oliver Cromwell, c. 1653-54



Charles Bush, 2017
8 Times Great-Grandson
of Oliver Cromwell



Charles II, c. 1653



Lord Charles Fitzroy, 2019
9 Times Great-Grandson of Charles II

Drew Gardner Photography

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Arthur Wellesley, c. 1824
1st Duke of Wellington



Jeremy Clyde, 2018
4 Times Great-Grandson
of the 1st Duke of Wellington



Horatio Nelson, c. 1800



Wm John Raglan Horatio Tribe, 2017
4 Times Great-Grandson
of Horatio Nelson

Drew Gardner Photography

The Descendants Project



Liza De Giocondo, c. 1517
(*The Mona Lisa*)



Irina Guicciardini Strozzi, 2018
15 Times Great-Granddaughter
of Liza De Giocondo (The Mona Lisa)

The true identity of the women who posed for Leonardo daVinci's "*Mona Lisa*" has been uncertain for over 500 years, until recently. Photographer Drew Gardner traveled to Italy in search of answers which would help him to recreate the famous image by photographing the twin Strozzi sisters who are current day Italian princess', and documented true 15 times Great-Granddaughters of Liza de Giocondo who posed for the original painting. Drew documented his research and efforts to accomplish this in a brief 57 minute film which can be viewed by clicking on the below link.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlt_NagFKMo



Whatcom Art Market

Summer is with us, and the Whatcom Art Market continues to welcome old and new friends and customers. Looking for a quiet, cool space to check out and chat about local art, either alone, or with family and friends? We ask that you mask up, along with our staff and pay a visit to the Whatcom Art Market. Security, space and protective recommendations are in place.

If you can't visit with us, check us out online, on our website (whatcomartmarket.org), or Like us on Facebook (@WhatcomArtMarket) and get regular updates on our artists and their art. We are now featuring a series of virtual tours of the Art Market on our website, showing selected art in the various categories and in-depth views of the work of a group of artists in each release. Follow along!

Our August featured artists, both on-site and online, are:

Monday August 3-Sunday August 9 - **Skip Patten**, Worker of Wood.

Monday August 10-Sunday August 16 - **James Williamson**, Watercolor Paintings of local marine landscape, historic ships and architecture.
www.jamesrwilliamson.com.

Monday August 17-Sunday August 23 - **Beth Roberson**, Watercolor Paintings.

Monday August 24-Sunday August 30 - **Cristal McQueen**, Renewed Light Photography. Photography and Scanned Images.
www.renewed-light-photography-design.com.

Monday August 31-Sunday September 6 - **Kenneth Kearney**, Wildlife Photography. www.kennethkearney.com.

Other Events:

If Fairhaven is celebrating the monthly Art Walk (Fourth Friday, August 28) WAM will be open until 8pm.

Keep up with our news, both Whatcom Art Guild and Whatcom Art Market, as part of the newly formed Whatcom Arts Project @whatcomartsproject and at www.facebook.com/whatcomartsproject.

❖ WAM is located at 1103 11th Street, Bellingham, in Fairhaven, and is open **Fridays through Sundays** each week, 11am to 3pm.

QUIZ ? TIME

Does this mountain look familiar?

The **1st** and **6th** person to correctly identify this mountain, which is located in the United States, will win a prize.

Email your answer to Joyce Norfolk at studiogals@aol.com.

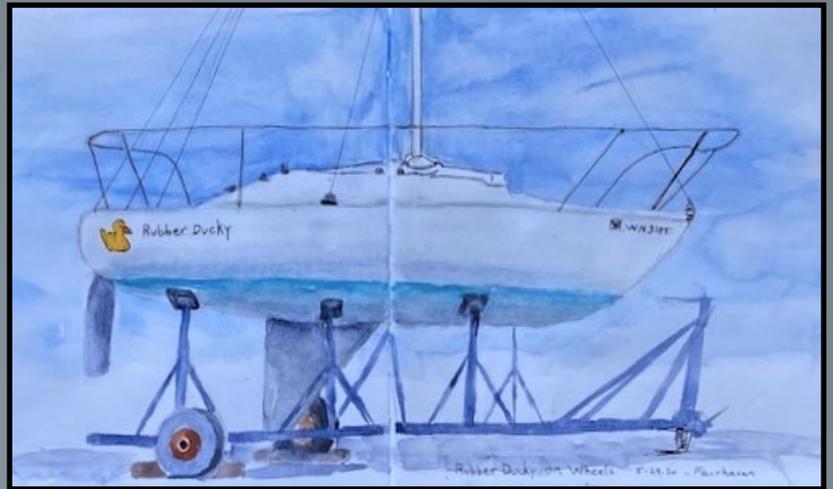


HINT – this picture was taken in the 1920's

Artist Challenge *Out the Window* Winners



Arlene Mortimer



"Rubber Ducky"



Phyllis Smith



"50 Shades of Green"

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Debbie LaBounty



"Aerie View"

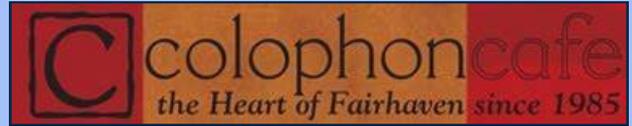


Beth Roberson



"Little Hummer"

Lori Hill *at the*



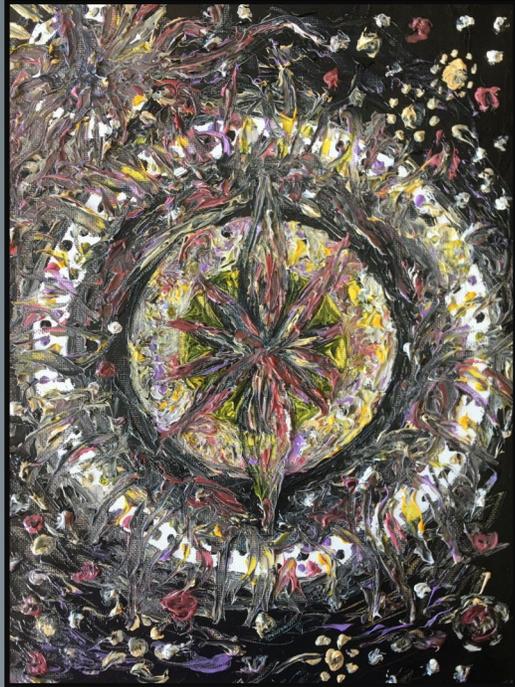
The *water world* oil paintings of long time WAG member Lori Hill will be showing at the Colophon Café in Fairhaven July through September.





Artist of the Week

Alaya Rousseau



i am a painter (oil and watercolor),
a feeler, in a living dream.
i create etchings, drawings and
take photographs.
this which i am feeling,
i am hearing and healing.
in this growing,
i am here.



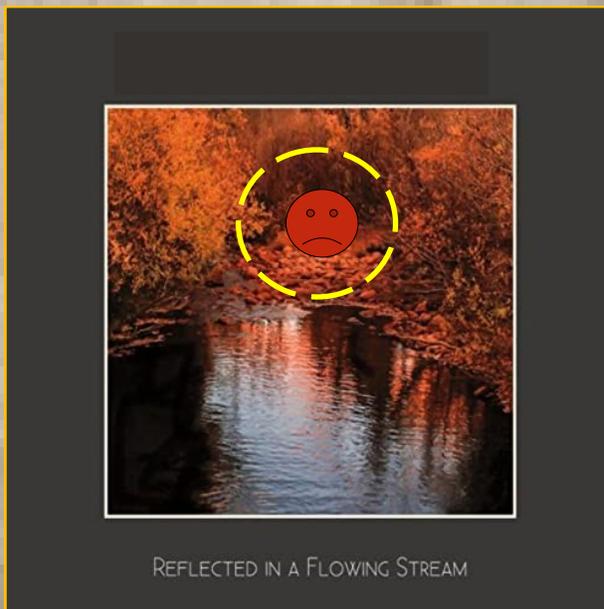


Winner

In the July “Special Edition” Newsletter, two prizes were up for grabs in the **HIDE ‘N SEEK Quiz**.

The 1st and 5th person to email the correct location of the Hide ‘n Seek *Smiley Face* would win a prize. Since there were only 4 replies, the 5th place prize was not claimed.

JUNE KIEFER claimed the 1st place prize.
Congratulations June and thanks for playing.



ANSWER The Hide ‘n Seek *Smiley Face* was hidden in the CD cover which was pictured on page 20 of the July “Special Edition” Newsletter.

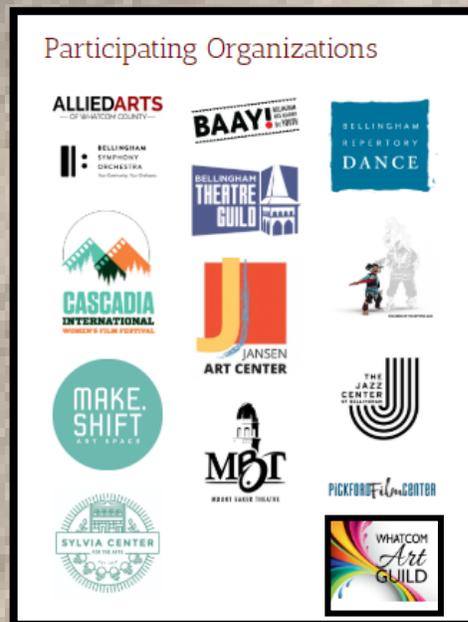
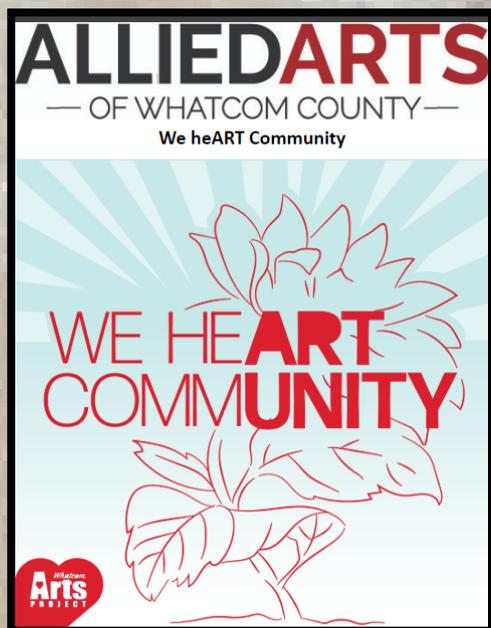
ALLIED ARTS



HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT WAG

and other similar organizations in Whatcom County.

Whatcom County Arts (WCA) and We HeART CommUNITY have teamed up with Allied Arts to inspire giving to various art and culture organizations during the COVID closure. Community members are invited to make a \$50 donation to at least five participating organizations of their choice, totaling \$250 in giving to the arts. In return, donors will receive an exclusive tote bag (below), commemorating their part in the movement to keep arts alive and thriving in Whatcom County!

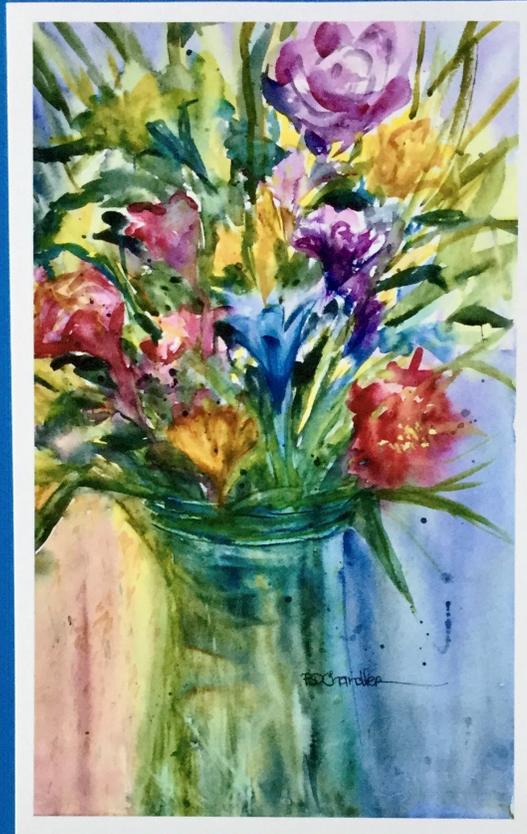


To view all participating art and culture organizations, as well as make a donation, click on either, or both links below. For further assistance email WAG's Claireasa Golden at goldenclaireasa@gmail.com.

<https://www.alliedarts.org/we-heart-community-donation/>

<https://www.bellingham.org/press-releases/whatcom-county-arts-organizations-launch-collaborative-campaign-we-heart-community/>

Sketchy Thought



“Wash your hands.

Be grateful.

Thank essential workers.

Stay home.

Adapt. Simplify. Breathe. Be present. Be kind.

Notice kindness. Celebrate good news...

Embrace health. Connect. Create...

Share what you can. Choose plan over panic.

Choose prepare over despair...

See the **we** alongside the **me**.

Wash your hands.”

--Mary Anne Radmacher