

WAG NEWSLETTER



The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival is back!



They've had a year to plan and adapt to COVID guidelines, and this year is shaping up to be better than ever.

However, there will be restrictions on the number of people who can visit the fields and gardens (and other retail establishments/restaurants/venues) based on COVID guidelines.

If you're thinking about checking out the beauty of the Festival, you'll need to first buy tickets online.



For tickets to attend **Tulip Town**, go to <https://tuliptown.com/pages/visit>.



For tickets to attend **RoozenGaarde**, go to <https://roozengaarde.ticketspice.com/skagit-valley-tulip-festival-tickets>.



For an **interactive map** so you can drive the 350 acres of tulips, go to [Map - Tulip Festival](#)



For a **Photography Pass** of exclusive access to the tulip fields and gardens during the golden hours of 6-8am and through sunset, go to [2021 Tulip Town Photography Pass \(ticketspice.com\)](#)



Ah, April – warming weather and blossoming trees. What nicer opportunity to find out what is new and interesting in Fairhaven, especially at the award-winning Whatcom Art Market? Are you planning a trip to the Skagit Tulip Fields? Fairhaven is a short trip away, for great exploring for art and good food.

With Spring comes inspiration for our 45 local artists. If you are looking for something new and refreshing for yourself, your home or as a gift, we have a wide, everchanging selection, including jewelry, etched and colored glassware, artful woodwork, wraps and scarves, local photography, home fashions, new wall art in all shapes, sizes and mediums. For a gift, we have a wide selection of cards for the right finishing touch. Quiet and spacious, the Market is a good spot to unwind and discover what your local artists are creating.

Please expect to mask up, along with our staff. Security, space and protective guidelines are in place. Each week, we are open Tuesday through Sunday, 11am to 5pm.

We proudly feature a different artist **each week** Tuesday through Sunday. In April, our weekly featured artists bring you a selection of painting methods, ceramics and one of our creators of delightful soaps and lotions.

March 30-April 4: **Terri May** - Acrylic Painter and 3D Artist. Terri specializes in Acrylic Pours and Paintings and creates colorful, unique ornaments for the home.

April 6-April 11: **Beverly Davis** - Acrylic Paintings. Bev uses her acrylic painting technique not only for colorful, eye catching wall art, but also cards and painting kits for the kids – great way to introduce young artists to art. www.bevsart.com.

April 13-April 18: **Beth Roberson** - Watercolor Paintings. Beth's beautiful watercolors have been known around Bellingham (and beyond) for many years. Her bright, often humorous, pieces are well worth the visit.

April 20-April 25: **Penny Welch** - Soaps, Lotions, Scrubs and Balms. Looking for something soothing and gently perfumed for yourself, or as a gift? Penny's creations fit the bill, and her cards add something special to the gift. www.pacificbubbles.com.

April 27-May 2: **Deanna Brown** - Ceramics and Acrylic pours. Deanna's inspired pottery is very hard to resist – you will love her beautiful colors and finishes.

Penny Welch's soaps and lotions will be featured in the Fourth Friday Fairhaven Art Walk, currently as a virtual event – check us out at www.fairhavenartwalk.com.

See our artists' creations online on our website www.whatcomartmarket.org and then come visit to see even more. 'Like' us on Facebook or Instagram and get regular updates (@WhatcomArtMarket) on our artists and their art. Keep up with our news, both Whatcom Art Guild and Whatcom Art Market, as part of the newly formed Whatcom Arts Project @whatcomartsproject (www.facebook.com/whatcomartsproject/).



Our address is 1103 11th Street, Bellingham (Fairhaven), our phone number is 360 738 8564.



WAM Opportunity

Have you been thinking about joining the Whatcom Art Market?

For those WAG members that may not be familiar with the Whatcom Art Market (WAM), here's the scoop.



The Whatcom Art Market is a co-op gallery located in the historic Fairhaven district. We showcase art from 45 members of the Whatcom Art Guild.

The Art Market was recently voted **2nd Best** store in Bellingham Alive's 2020 Best of Whatcom.

We are currently accepting applications from WAG members who are interested in showing and selling their art at the WAM.

To be put on the "Wait List" email one of the following:

Elvy Schmoker – bearartstudios@gmail.com

Tracy Webster – tracy.webster@me.com

Peggy Alexander – WAMchairman2019@gmail.com

Include the following in your email:

Your Full Name

Email Address

Phone number (land and cell)

Your Medium

3-5 jpgs of your work

Lefty



Righty



Joyce Norfolk

While under house arrest during COVID, I set a goal to use the extra time to explore and expand my artistic boundaries. I surfed the internet in search of something challenging and discovered a contest for the *non-dominant (hand)* artist.

The **Hamptons Art Hub** web site was challenging artists to participate in their **Non-Dominant Hand** art competition.

Yes! This is just what I was searching for.

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Your Guide to Art and Culture in The
Hamptons, New York City and the NY
Metro.

“Art of the Non-Dominant Hand”



February 1-28, 2021

Reception: April 29, 2016, 5 to 7 p.m.

Location: [North Fork & Riverhead](#)

Guest Juror: Mark Humphrey of Mark Humphrey Gallery, Southampton, NY

East End Arts Gallery Director Jane Kirkwood comments:

"People who attempt to make art using their non-dominant hand will be accessing a new and different component of their creativity. It is a simple exploration guaranteed to surprise and hopefully delight all artists who submit work to this show. According to some studies, there are various benefits to using one's non-dominant hand (for art or anything else), including ramped up creativity and brain training for increased brain health."

Lefty



Righty

They offered three categories of subjects to choose from: **People**, **Pets**, and **Outdoors**. Of course I selected the **Pets** category, and spent several days perfecting my left handed art technique before settling on the below sketch as my entry. I titled it **"Frizzled"**.

Much to my surprise, I won Second Place!!



1st Place

Larry Parsen, Bethel, ME



2nd Place

Joyce Norfolk, Lynden, WA



1st Place

Brie Dunn, Rock Sprigs, WY



Artist Challenge

3D and TEXTURED Art



Members are permitted to submit up to 4 entries.

- ★ Email each entry via .jpg to Joyce Norfolk at studiogals@aol.com.
- ★ Provide the **medium** and **title** for each piece.
- ★ Also, please share with the viewers a little bit about each piece, i.e., materials, technique used, or the significance of the piece (optional).

3D

The DEADLINE for submissions is midnight, April 29th.

3D (3 dimensional) Art:



Wood works, pottery, glass, baskets.

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Textured Art:

Any dimensional piece (2D or 3D) which has a texture that can be sensed by touch.



Fiber, quilts, jewelry, textured canvas, knitted apparel, leather goods.



The top two vote-getters will win \$25 and have the opportunity to display their work at the WAM.

We encourage you to join in on the creative thinking that we hope this new Artist Challenge will undoubtedly inspire.

Beth Roberson crownlanebeth@comcast.net.

Artist Challenge Entries

3D & TEXTURED ART



Ana Morgan-Sheppard

New WAG member *Ana Morgan-Sheppard* has always been spoiled with nature's beauty. In the last few years, her interest in Mycology* has inspired her to explore using things from the natural world – more specifically, using mushrooms and spore prints as the foundation for all her creations. From figurines to jewelry, photography, digital art, or painting, she's developed a way to make her finds reflect the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, in new and whimsical ways.

"Little Whoo" – I used hand collected mushrooms in a variety of different species, and arranged them together to form the owl. I then add Acrylic details, and sealed with epoxy.



"Little Whoo"



"Jaime Cannister"



"Bountiful Ballerina"



"Ms. Cordelia Mycelia"

* Mycology – biological study of fungi, including their genetic and biochemical properties, their taxonomy and their use to humans as a source for tinder, traditional medicine, and food.

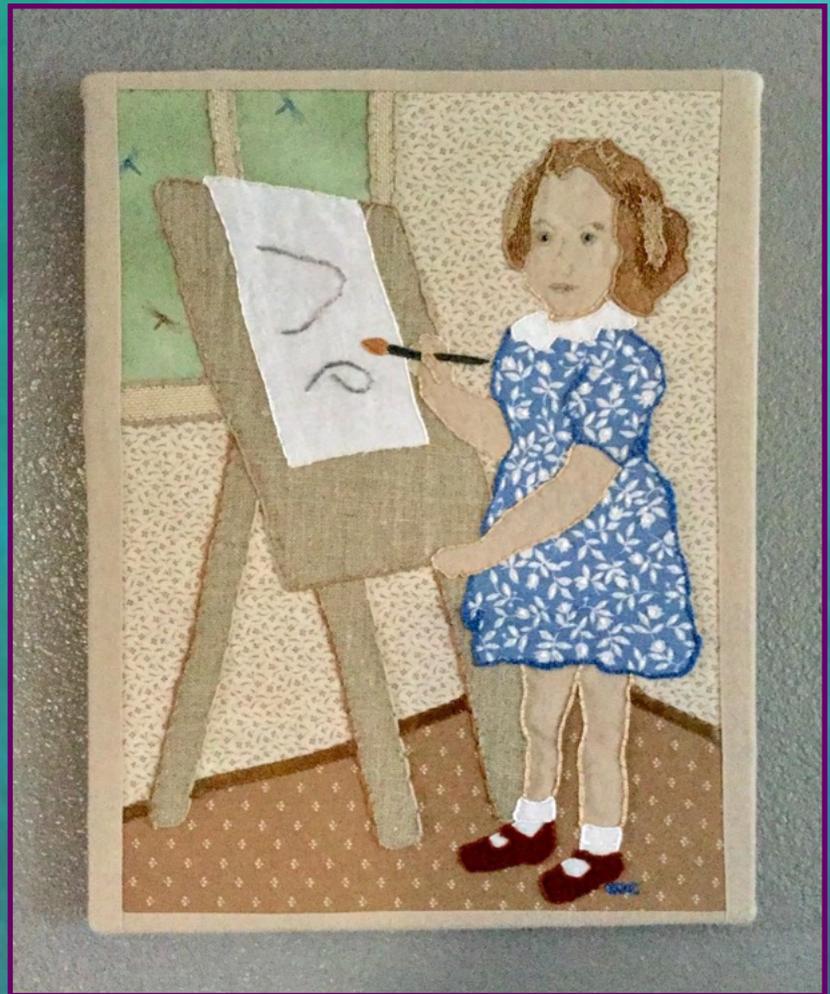
Artist Challenge Entries

3D & TEXTURED ART



Barb Diltz Chandler

This is a hand-sewn self portrait (11" x 14") that I made for fun after finding an old black and white photo (*below*) that my dad had taken of me when I was five years old.



"Portrait of the Artist, Age Five"

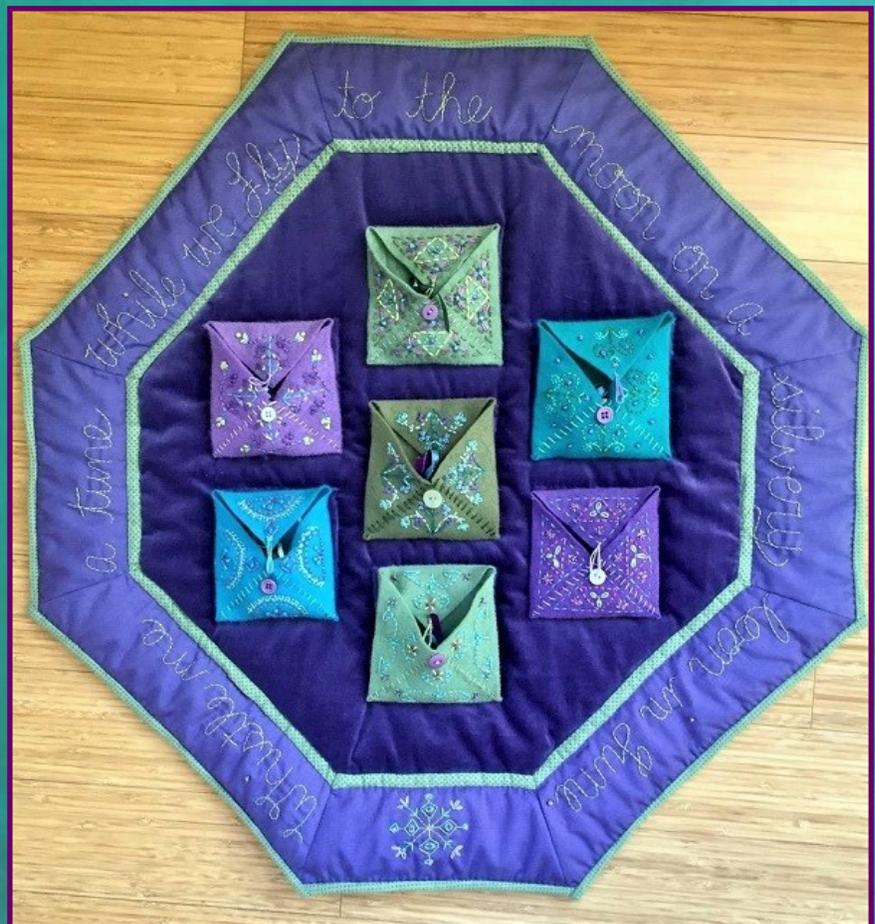
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3D & TEXTURED ART



Barb Diltz Chandler

This is a wall hanging (25" x 25") I made for my grandchildren. It has hand-embroidered pockets, with each pocket holding a different animal-shaped clay whistle.



"Whistle Me a Tune While We Fly Away to the Moon on a Silvery Loon in June"

Quilted wall hanging (25" x 25")



Title is embroidered around the edge of the quilt.

Artist Challenge Entries

3D & TEXTURED ART



Barb Diltz Chandler



I wrote a story about an old woman whose dresser held “treasures” about which she told stories to neighborhood children.

I printed the story on fabric, then bound it in a cloth book and created a wall quilt (23” x 34”) to illustrate it.

The cloth book is removable so it can be read, and each drawer “opens” to reveal items from the stories within the story.



*“Maggie’s Dresser”
23” x 34” Quilt*

Artist Challenge Entries

3D & TEXTURED ART



Barb Diltz Chandler

Earlier in my life I was a scuba diver married to an oceanographer – I still love oceans and their inhabitants, so I had fun making this wall hanging (37" x 29") of pieced cotton and silk, with hand-embroidery and sewn-on charms, real shells and a tiny, dried sea star.



"Under the Sea"

Quilted wall hanging (37" x 29")



What Members Are Doing

Jansen Art Center — *Spring Exhibit*

321 Front St. Lynden



Jean Kinney

WAG member **Jean Kinney** had her art (below) juried into the Spring Exhibit at the **Jansen Art Center**.



"Squash and Blossom"
Oil on oil primed linen



"Squash Blossom"
Oil on oil primed linen

To view the entire Spring exhibit on line click on the below link:
jansenartcenter.org/events/spring-2021-juried

Or, why not tour the exhibit in person at the **Jansen Art Center** in downtown Lynden March 25-May 28. Their new hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday Noon – 4:30.

Admission is FREE!

What Members Are Doing



Red Barn Pop Up Show

325 W. Kincaid St. Mt. Vernon

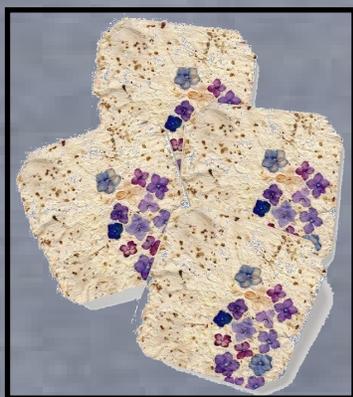


Belinda Botzong

The art of **Belinda Botzong** will be at the *Red Barn Pop Up Show* in downtown Mt. Vernon during April. She will be selling her hand poured candles, coasters, cosmetics bags and silk scarves printed with her art and scanography.



Tea cup candles.



Coasters printed with images of hydrangea petals in handmade paper.



Hand poured soy candles in little cement bowls.

What Members Are Doing



ART in a PICKLE BARN

15565 Memorial Hwy (Hwy 36) Mr. Vernon



Cristal McQueen

Photographer **Cristal McQueen** will be showing her art at the *Art in a Pickle Barn* at Schuh Farms during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



"Easter Bunny"



"Shades of Spring"



"Silent Memory"

What Members Are Doing



PNW Artisan Marketplace

14285 La Conner Whitney Rd, Mt. Vernon



Alice Grey

Alice Grey will be selling her art at the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



Jewelry created with epoxy resin.



Candles made with natural soy wax, and glitter. The tulips are hand painted with mica.

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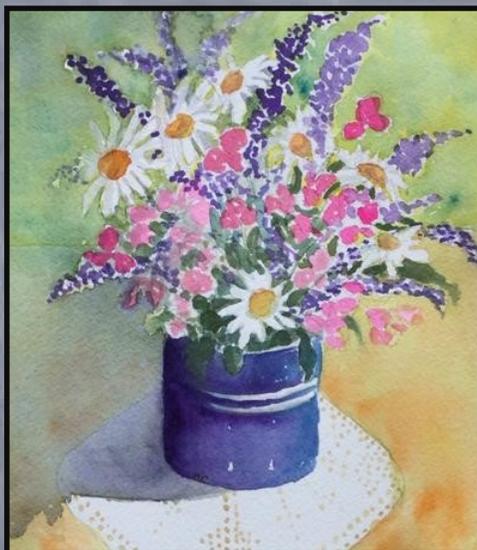


Barb Diltz Chandler

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"Wedding Poppies"
Watercolor



"Daises on Lace"
Watercolor



"Sunflower in Watering Can"
Watercolor



Travel Watercolor Kit in Net Bag
Contains Paint Brush w/Paints, and Journal

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Bev Davis will be selling her art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.

Bev Davis



"Still Life"



"Outstanding in His Field"



"The Lookout"



"Scaling Tulips"

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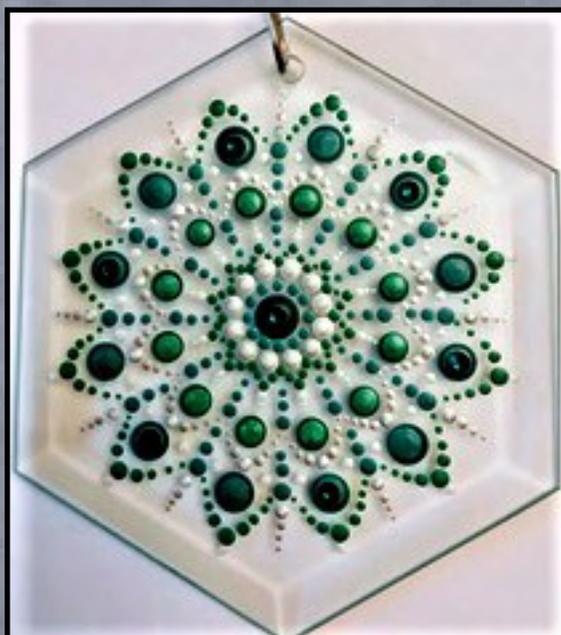
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Elvy Schmoker

Elvy Schmoker will be selling her glass art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



Suncatcher with hand painted dots



Sandblasted glassware with original designs of sea life, wild life, birds and flowers

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Claudia Weintraub

Claudia Weintraub will be selling her art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



These are 4"X4" ceramic tile coasters on which I have hand-painted tulips in alcohol ink, and sealed so that they are water-and heat-proof.



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Jenn Korn

Jenn Korn will be selling her art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



Jenn Korn and Beth Roberson



"Sushi With a Flair"

For the last 16 years, I have encompassed my passion for glass as I am awed by the magic of vibrant colors, silky to ridged textures, and then when you add the heat of the kiln - *pure magic!*

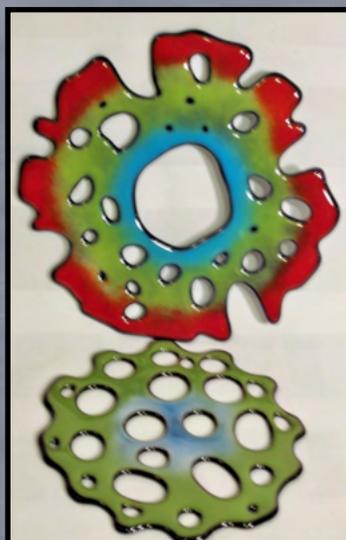
The artist in me got caught in the flow of glass and the constant learning process. It is so much fun mixing colors and styles to please myself.

My life is so full because I reached for opportunities and traveled this country as well as China, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Thailand, and of course, Cabo, Mexico.

My journey continues with endless possibilities which include my passion for working with glass.



"Beach Melt"



"Abstract Hangings"



"Hankerchief Vase"

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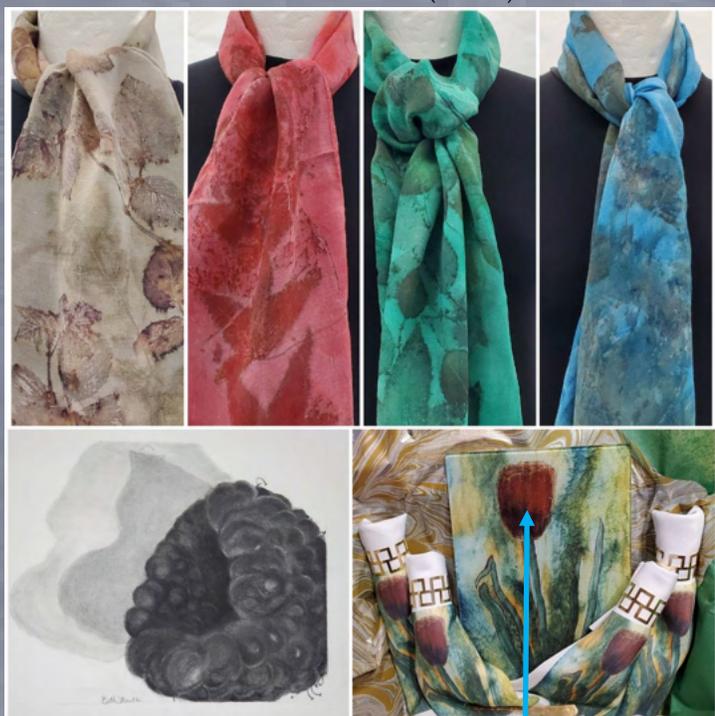
Beth Franklin

Beth Franklin and Michele Bell will be selling their art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



Mechel Bell

Beth Franklin
Silk scarves (below)



Beth Franklin
Charcoal drawing of a raspberry

Beth Franklin
Sublimation print of a tulip painted on silk, then mounted on a cutting board



Mechel Bell
Acrylic painting



Mechel Bell
Wood engraving

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Stephanie Strong

Stephanie Strong will be selling her art at the Pacific Northwest Artisan Marketplace during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



"Be Positive"



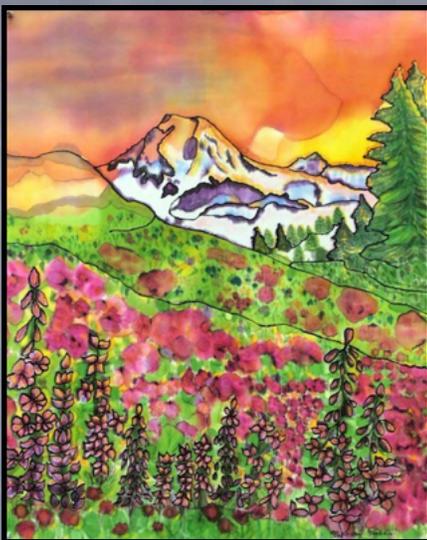
"Spring Crocus"

Stephanie has lived in the Pacific Northwest for 29 years and is happy to call Bellingham home for the last 9 years. She enjoys working with acrylic and watercolors, but a few years ago she was introduced to silk painting. She likes how the paint flows freely on the silk and is more unpredictable than watercolor.



"Tulip Field"

Painting on silk is now her specialty. She currently exhibits her work at the WAM, and occasionally at the Jansen Art Center in Lynden. **Stephanie** truly enjoys being a member of the Northwest artist community.



"Mt. Flowers"



"Field of Tulips"



"Tulips on a Sunny Day"

What Members Are Doing



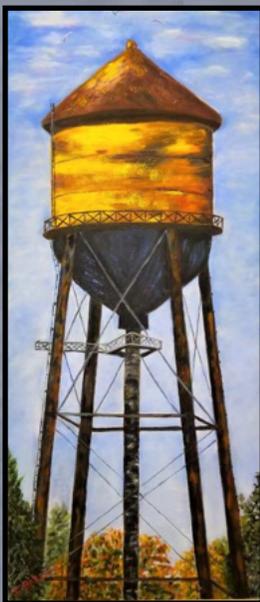
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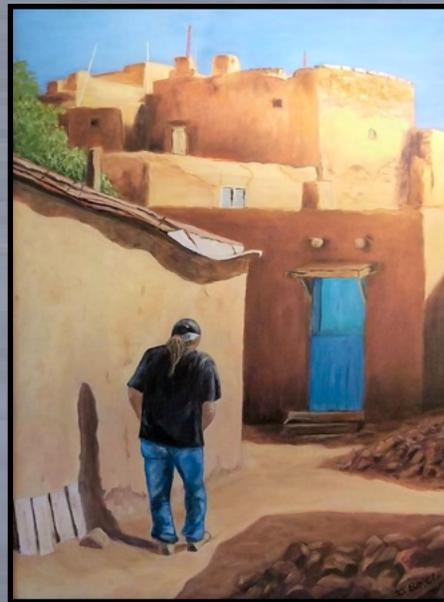


Irene Barclay

Irene Barclay will be selling her art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



“Water Tower at Semiahmoo”
Oil on canvas



“Back to the Pueblo”
Oil on canvas



“Old Skagit Barn”
Oil on canvas



“Beautiful Bouquet”
Oil on canvas

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Justin Ward-Kizanis

New WAG member **Justin Ward-Kizanis** will be selling his art at the **Pacific Northwest (PNW) Artisan Marketplace** during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival in April.



"Textures That I love 2"
Digital painting



"Textures That I love 1"
Digital painting

My art can range in visual media greatly taking the form of expressive paintings, game inspired sculpture, or color filled photography. Human expression, and how we humans interact with the world around us connects my work ideologically.

I explore the inner workings of our minds; the connection to the physical world we get to experience, or the worlds we manifest and make real through our imagination alone. Through this exploration I hope to forge connections and new ideas with viewers.



"The Outcasts"
Photography



"Squid Flower"
Photography



"Painting Back What Was Lost "
Digital sculpt and photo manipulation



"Painting Back What Was Lost"
Acrylic painting

What Members Are Doing



LINCOLN THEATRE
712 S. 1st St. Mt. Vernon



Belinda Botzong



Rick Bulman



Cristal McQueen

The art of WAG artists **Belinda Botzong, Rick Bulman, and Cristal McQueen** will be on display at the *Black 'n White* exhibit at the Lincoln Theatre in Mt. Vernon during April.



"Lovely"

Belinda Botzong
Scanography



"Study in White"

Rick Bulman
Mixed Media Collage



"Peaceful"

Cristal McQueen
Scanography

What Members Are Doing



LINCOLN THEATRE

712 S. 1st St. Mt. Vernon



Pam Pontious

The art of WAG artists **Pam Pontious** and **James Weaver** will be on display at the *Black 'n White* exhibit at the **Lincoln Theatre** in Mt. Vernon during April.



James Weaver



"A Potter's Garden, vers 3"

Pam Pontious

Black and White Photography

Huge hand built clay pot filled with various succulents.



"At Work Before Dawn"

James Weaver

Photo on Canvas 11" x 14"

Early morning view of the downtown Bellingham working harbor through a simulated porthole.

Something to Think About



"Tip Toe Through the Tulips" by Bev Davis