

# OPAA NEWS NOTES

# **Olympic Peninsula Art Association**

August 2023 98 Members

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We are still on summer hiatus. We will not have another general meeting till September. Nor will we be having Art Inspirations. The newsletter will be published as usual so be sure to send your news and pictures. But, we are gearing up for the full return of activites in September.



Taking a look back at our year so far -

We moved all our activites to Harmony Center starting in January. Doing so has had numerous benefits.

- 1. Use is totally free, although we try to donate to Harmony Center as we can. This has saved us over \$1000 a year.
- 2. We have space not only for our meetings, but for classes too, like Art Inspirations and the upcoming Open Studio. Plus use of a full kitchen!
- 3. We have our own art gallery, Gallery 223 on Hudon. The gallery committee has worked hard to turn it into a great place to show/sell your art. Work continues on setting up the best facility we can and drawing in visitors and exhibitors alike. The gallery has already had sales and currently, Mighty Minis has joined the display. Stop in, take a look and volunteer!

This week on Saturday, August 5, we are starting our Open Studio. It will be Saturday morning from 9:30 - 11:30. Bring your project and work along with us. Enjoy the cameraderie and learning potential this activity brings. Once we see how popular this is, we will determine how often to do it.

Our long awaited juried show, in collaboration with Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, is just around the corner. The opening date is September 15. Please consider signing up as a volunteer - https://dash.pointapp.org/events/81358

We are gearing up for our Annual Members' show in late November. Get those pieces ready! If you are no longer a member, its not too late to join and enter!

Finally, this year we are planning to participate in Giving Tuesday. There are many ways you can help. Watch for details in the September newsletter and email updates.

Do you have some activity in mind you'd like OPAA to consider? Remember, our mission is to encourange and facilitate art on the peninsula and for our membership. Email me your ideas. opaapresident2023@gmail.com

OPAA'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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Only page password???

Email: opaapresident2023@ gmail.com

The next General meeting will be held on September 28

Join the meeting at 9:30 am for coffee & conversation with other artists. Business Meeting 10am

NEW LOCATION!!! Meetings are now being held at:

HARMONY CENTER 223 Hudon Rd., Sequim.

**2023 MEETING DATES:** 

**JANUARY 26th** 

**FEBRUARY 23rd** 

MARCH 23rd

APRIL 27th

MAY 25th

JUNE 22nd Spring Luncheon ATC Exchange

> JULY No Meetings

AUGUST No General Meeting Board Meeting Only

SEPTEMBER 28th

OCTOBER 26th 2024 OPAA Board Member Vote

NOVEMBER
No General Meeting

DECEMBER 7th Holiday Luncheon

\*NOTE: For in-person meetings we welcome you to wear a mask, but it is not required.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

OPAA takes a hiatus during the summer.
Our next general meeting will be September 28th.

"There are moments in our lives, there are moments in a day, when we seem to see beyond the usual – to become clairvoyant," wrote famous artist and teacher of the first years of the 20th century, Robert Henri. "We reach then into reality. Such are the moments of our greatest happiness. Such are the moments of our greatest wisdom."



Also remember to check our online calendar for events and changes.

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# A Milligan Gallery-M. Medler, Featured Guest-Art Walk August 2023

Michael C. Medler will be the Featured Guest Artist at the A. Milligan Art Studio & Gallery for the months of August and September 2023. Join us for some tasty bites and refreshments at the opening reception during the First Friday Art Walk on Aug 4th, 5pm - 8pm. Michael's stunning "Sequim Backroads" black and white photo collection will be on display in the Main Gallery and available for purchase; as well as his two collections of poetry, "Boundary Points" and "Cresting the Salish".

NEW OPAA Open Studio. August 5, 9:30 -11:30 am. Bring your project and work on it among friends.

The opening for the summer quarter Gallery 223 on Hudon exhibit got underway on July 8th, 2023. The gallery and Mighty Mini's committees did a



wonderful job hanging the show, featuring works by photographer Jeff Alford and paintings by Brenda Barcello as well as the lovely contributions of OPAA members towards the Scholarship fund. Gallery 223 aims to become a year-round way for members to display not only original art, but prints and other items such as greeting cards. It would be especially neat to see crafty things from

our members filling the shelves next to the fireplace! Submissions will be open once again for the fall show on August 11th.

Get your creative juices flowing for the Fall Show at OPAA's own Gallery and Gift store!

Remember, the gallery is open every Saturday from 10 am till 4 pm.





OPAA says "THANK YOU!" to: Lauren Blair Churchill for wrangling our Gallery! Lets help her make it a success!



**SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023** 

# WESTERN WASHINGTON FALL GETAWAY

**Art & Yoga Retreat** 



Join us to welcome Autumn and celebrate the changing seasons through creative reflections and a weekend of self care, rest, and relaxation!

Practice yoga, art, and nourish your mind, body, and spirit in a private residence overlooking the Hood Canal in Union, WA. All lodging, meals, and activities are included.

#### WEEKEND INCLUDES GUIDED:

Art Making • Meditation & Breathwork • Yoga Forest Bathing & Hiking • Journaling • Mindfulness

**Don't miss out on this special, small experience!** Early Bird Rate: \$850/pp (\$975 after 7/1)





For full details, scan code or visit: www.gridless-studio.com/retreats





Harmony Center, Sequim!
223 Hudon Rd., Sequim
https://harmonycentersequim.org/
events/

OPAA holds all meetings and workshops at Harmony Center, Sequim.

Harmony Center's mission is to "Provide leadership and support for people pursuing inner peace, healthy relationships, and the creation of a more peaceful world." You can find out more at their primary website: https://harmonycentersequim.org.

Check out the calendar for movie nights, music discussions, art activities and Ted Circles.... plus, OPAA's own Gallery 223 on Hudon art gallery.

Everyone is welcome! OPAA events and Harmony Center events are listed on the calendar.

#### **OPAA NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We need people to:

Manage our equipment and set up AV equipment for meetings.

Be Newsletter editor

**Be Treasurer** 

**Manage Art Inspirations** 

Manage General Fundraising/Advertising

# Peninsula ART Friends

Peninsula ART Friends will be showing new art Thursday, June 1, through end of September at Wind Rose Cellars, 143 W. Washington Street. PAF members are Beverly Beighle, Melissa Doyle, Connie Drysdale, Cecilia Olivera-Hillway, Roger Huntley, Sarah Hurt, Jerri Moore, and Shirley Rudolf. Meet the artists during Sequim's Artwalk on Friday, July 7 from 5pm-7pm.

On Saturday only, September 2, PAF members and "guest artists" will have booths in front of Sequim Museum to display a wide array of mediums like pottery, floral silk paintings/scarves, fused glass/wire-wrapped jewelry, woodworking, original paintings/prints, sculptures, miniatures. Raffle monies will be donated to OPAA's Youth Scholarship Fund. "Guest" artists participating are Gary Rudolf, Dean Moore, Terri Neal, Eva Kozun, Barbara Neswald, Mara Mauch, Janet Piccola, and OPAA/Debbie Young/Melody Todnem.

# A Milligan Gallery-M. Medler, Featured Guest-Art Walk August 2023



In August, as I continue to work in the studio, the Guest Artist at the Gallery will be local photographer and poet, Michael C. Medler. He owns many cameras and shoots using a variety of films, which he artfully processes himself. His stunning black and white photo collection, "Sequim Backroads", will be on display in the Main Gallery and available for purchase; as well as his two collections of poetry, "Boundary Points" and "Cresting the Salish" for you to peruse and ponder.

As always, my Pastel Studio will be open with some works in progress and finished pieces on display there as well as in the Digital Studio.

Come join us for the opening reception of Michael's show at this First Friday Art Walk on August 4th from 5pm - 8pm. Chat with the artists, enjoy refreshments, some tasty bites, the company of other "art enjoyers" (is that a thing?), and the beauty of Michael's collection.





Mike is an active member and board member of OPAA. Can't wait to see his exquisite photographs on display.





### ART NEWS!!! ARTISTS SHARE WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!!!



Members' share news, ideas, breakthroughs, etc. Let us know if you have some news you would like to share or know of an OPAA member who has some news. Send information with jpg images to: opaapresident2023@gmail.com

Our very own Andréa Woods and Katie Graham are now exhibiting at Harbor Art.

Andréa will be showing her oil paintings. Look forward to a treat!

Katie will be exhibiting her sculpture...most of which are bronze.

Congratulations ladies!



Andréa Woods



Katie Graham

Mary Lewis is now now selling at Mountainside Mail.





Mary Lewis



# CLEAR IMAGE OFFERS OPAA Member Discount

15% OFF ANY REGULARLY PRICED SERVICE

Show your OPAA membership card, or mention you are an OPAA Member and receive a 15% discount!

Appeal for OPAA Member Volunteers – Remember, OPAA is only as strong as its Member Volunteers!

We have a continuing need for volunteers! Please call me and let me know how you can help.

Debbie – (602) 309-2724



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Gallery hours: Mon. – Sat.10am – 5pm;

Sun. 11am-3pm

Welcome

"Catching the Drift of Nature" Art Exhibit

Blue Whole Gallery is excited to showcase "Catching the Drift of Nature" in Au-

gust. John Bertholl and Dennis (Doc) Pangborn will present their unique forms of nature-themed art in our front windows.

The gallery hours: Monday-Saturday 10 am - 5 pm. Sundays 11 am - 3 pm.

Gallery Contact e-mail: Bluewholegallery1@gmail.com







Bainbridge Island Museum of Art. Check their website for further details.

https://www.biartmuseum.org/bima-block-party/

# Renew or Have Your Own Artist Webpage!

As a member of OPAA, you are allowed to purchase a "member webpage" on the OPAA Website, opaagroup.org for the low price of \$15 each year. A member webpage is a separate fee and is in addition to the annual Membership dues. After you have paid \$15, the web manager, Debbie Young will set up a webpage on our website with information, website & blog links, and up to 12 examples of your artwork. You may change information & images on your webpage once a year. Contact OPAA Website Manager, Debbie Young at: santaya@wayecable.com

### Wintertide Makers Market 2023

5th annual Wintertide Makers Market at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center

The Wintertide Makers Market connects shoppers with inspiring locally-made gifts in a peaceful natural setting. In addition to supporting Olympic Peninsula artists, this event is a key source of income for the nonprofit arts center.

Final Entry Deadline: August 12th, 2023

Eligibility: Open to all artists and artisans residing in Clallam and Jefferson counties.

Learn More and Apply





Art Gallery and Venue 118 1/2 E Front St Port Angeles, WA 98362

# Port Ludlow Art League https://www.portludlowart.org

# Port Ludlow Art League August Program Meeting Speaker – Carol Reynolds

The Port Ludlow Art League is delighted to welcome Carol Reynolds as the speaker for their August Program Meeting.

Growing up in a household where her mother was a seamstress and her grandmother a needleworker, Carol was instinctively drawn to textile art. Initially a weaver, Carol will speak about a new technique called "new hand stitching" or "slow stitching," which is a mindful process that encourages the artist to thoughtfully create textile art by stitching with needle and thread. Carol works with repurposed cloth, thread, and photo transfers – cutting, ripping, sewing, dying, and painting fabrics, achieving depth by layering with transparent and translucent materials.



Carol will lead attendees in a slow stitch exercise to spark their interest in textile art. The program meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Bay Club. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting for a small fee of \$5.00. For more information, please visit www.portludlowart.org.

# **Port Ludlow Art League – Upcoming Events**

## Concert & Art Fair – Sunday, August 6th, noon to 5 p.m.

Don't miss one of the biggest events of the year in Port Ludlow – the Port Ludlow Art League Art Fair and the free outdoor concert sponsored by the Port Ludlow Performing Arts group. Both events are located on the lawn adjacent to Olympic Place near the Grace Christian Center. Enjoy browsing artwork by local artists, including jewelry, paintings, photographs, woodworking, ceramics, textiles, mosaics, cards, and baskets. Then secure your spot to hear Black Diamond Junction, voted Olympic Peninsula's Best Band for the past seven years.

## Fun with Abstract Acrylics – Saturday, August 19th, 10 a.m. to Noon

Abstract art offers a unique opportunity to explore the world beyond the obvious, inviting both the artist's and the viewers' imaginations to flourish. If you're interested in learning more about this engaging and challenging alternative to representational art, join us for a fun, hands-on class. Port Townsend artist, Diane Walker, will introduce you to acrylic paints, tools, and techniques that can help you turn your creative time into a playful and productive adventure. To sign up for this class, please visit www.portludlowart.org.



## Labor Day Art Fair – Saturday, September 2nd, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Once again, the Port Ludlow Inn will host the outdoor Labor Day Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. You'll be able to shop for unique works of art while enjoying views of the Port Ludlow Marina and the Olympic Mountains. The Port Ludlow Inn is located at 1 Heron Road in Port



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#### HARBOR ART

Harbor Art Gallery in Port Angeles will feature the work of ceramic artist Terri Enck throughout the month of August. Terri started her education in ceramics at Palomar College in San Diego, taking classes and retaking them for four years with different teachers to improve her skills each semester. Working alongside potters who threw 6' tall vases could be intimidating, but Terri loved learning from everyone. She sold her works, usually fun pots planted with succulents, at student sales and art fairs.



Terri just loves getting her hands in the mud and playing to see what happens.

"I like letting the clay tell me what to make" she says with a laugh.

"Listening to the clay" is what got her the name Mud Shaman. It was given to her by a Navajo Shaman who had purchased several of her "face pots" and commissioned a bowls for use during her healing ceremonies.

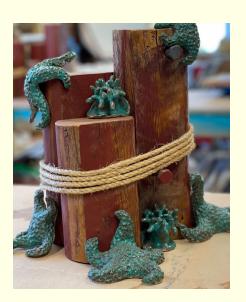
While visiting a friend on the Peninsula nine years ago, Terri's heart called out to her and she and her husband were able to relocate to Port Angeles. The thing that made the biggest impression on her was the art scene, Laurel St, and Harbor Art Gallery. She never dreamed that a year later she'd be living here and selling her works from this gallery.

Terri is currently working on a series of mixed media sculptures depicting sea life as she imagines it called, "Under the Boardwalk" as well as a series of "Dancing Sea Stars" just for fun.

Come meet Terri at the gallery (114 N Laurel St, Port Angeles) from 11-5 on Friday, August 11th, or during the Second Saturday Art Walk from 4-7pm on August 12th. Of course her work will be displayed in the special Featured Artist Room all month long. Hope to see you soon!

Harbor Art Gallery showcases work by local artists Bob Stokes, Cindy Elstrom, Carolyn Guske, Robert Amaral, Garret DeLaBarre, Terri Enck, Katie Graham, Tammy Hall, Susan Kantowitz, Ruth Kaspin, Nancy McFaul, Gail McLain, Roger Mosley, Eric Neurath, Miranda Petruska, Randy and Sallie Radock, Jodi Riverstone, Nathan Shields, Lance and Haley Snider, Eileen Webb, Kevin Willson and Andrèa Woods.





## **Port Ludlow Art League**

#### Artist of the Month – Ann Bernard

Ann's stunning artwork seamlessly bridges the gap between impressionism and abstract. She often employs bright colors, varied textures, and contrasting backgrounds to generate a visceral reaction from viewers.

Ann has gain recognition by not only displaying her artwork in and around Port Ludlow, but also participating in juried art shows in Port Townsend, Gig Harbor, Bremerton, and Edmonds.

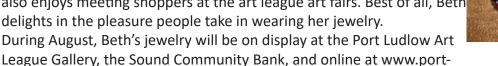


During August, you can view Ann's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at www. portludlowart.org. A reception for Ann is set for 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, August 9th in the lobby of the bank and 5-6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit www.portludlowart.org.

## Jeweler of the Month – Beth Olson

Beth often scours gem shows for precious and semi-precious stones to create her unique designs. She not only loves the creative process, she also enjoys meeting shoppers at the art league art fairs. Best of all, Beth delights in the pleasure people take in wearing her jewelry.



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### Featured Art Exhibit – Still Life

During July and August, the Bay Club's art exhibit, Still Life, harkens back to the masters. The magic of still life paintings enables artists to infuse new ways of portraying ordinary objects. Positioned in a specific arrangement and then rendered in paint, ink, graphite, pastel, encaus-



Left to right: Cabbage by Alan Ahtow, Flowers in a Vase by Fran Bodman, SeaWeed Still Life by Sheryl Goldsberry

tic, photographs, and other mediums, objects are seen in a different light.

The art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork. As an added bonus, Gail Larson's watercolor and collage artwork will be on display in the Bay Club's lobby through July.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.



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#### **ARTIST CHALLENGE**



A new challenge is announced each month. Artists (need not be a member) who want to take the challenge using any medium, are asked to send images of their work with info (title, medium, size, etc.) to opaapresident2023@gmail.com before the 20th of the challenge month. Images & information will be published in the following month's Newsletter, Facebook Page & on the OPAA Website. If you have an idea for a challenge, please send it to: opaapresident2023@gmail.com

### **ARTIST CHALLENGE for August 2023**

In August, send us your creation from "What I Tried New This Summer (artwise)". Send a jpg photo of your creation and your inspiration & a short statement about your work to Debbie Young. Pictures will appear in the September 2023 Newsletter! Email photos & info to: opaapresident2023@gmail.



"I saw a bear" by Brenda Barceló



Sea Stars Immersed at Low Tide by Jeff Alford



Garden Poppies by Melody Todnem



Rosebud by Debbie Young

# Other images sent in by members:



Roany by Lynne Garvin



Pee Wee by Lynne Garvin



The Dude by Lynne Garvin



Log truck by Mary Lewis (collage)

## Home - the Essence of Place

Our long awaited juried show, in collaboration with Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, is just around the corner! Those who have been juried in have been notified and we're pleased to say that several OPAA members had works accepted.

Show Run: September 15th - October 29th, 2023

Opening Reception Hosted by the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center and the Olympic Peninsula Art Association:

September 15th, Friday, 5pm-7pm at PAFAC



Please consider volunteering to be a docent for this show. Its fun, relaxing and you get to be around artists and art lovers enjoying the pieces. Other volunteer opportunities are available too.

Click below to sign up.

https://dash.pointapp.org/events/81358



Call for Artists for the 18th Annual North Olympic Fiber Arts Festival fiber arts exhibition "Spinning Sewn Stories – Promulgate, Piece, & Ply" at the Sequim Museum & Arts

Deadline September 16, 2023 Exhibition October 6 – November 25, 2023

FiberArtsFestival.org

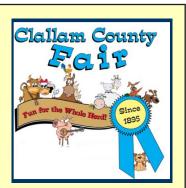
If you are on Facebook:
Vendor Fairs and Craft Shows of Clallam County

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1305047752843398

Clallam County Fair - August 17-20, 2023

There are a variety of categories you might enter into. There are separate categories for youth if that is what you need.

Fine Arts Open Agriculture Open Adult Floral Open Adult Hobbies and Crafts Home Arts Open Photography



Check the fair website for all the details. https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/405/Forms-Applications

### **CLASSES / WORKSHOPS**

Send class/workshop information (with jpg photo) to opaapresident2023@gmail.com. You do not need to be an OPAA member to share. OPAA would like to pass information about your class/workshop on to our membership. Flyers and information on classes can also be found on the OPAA website opaagroup.org.

Northwind Art School, based in Building 306 at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, is unveiling its Spring-Summer Catalog now. More than 100 classes and workshops for adults and



youngsters beckon, between April and September. Oil painting, silk painting, photography, improvisational quilting, block printing, natural dyes, open studio practice and many other offerings are guided by 41 teaching artists from near and far. The full catalog is online at <a href="https://northwindart.org">https://northwindart.org</a>



Susan Zarit, Zarit Glass Works is now offering fused glass classes.

Check her website for full details.

https://www.zaritglassworks.com/fused-glass-classes.html

**Susan Spar** offers fine art classes for both the serious student and the casual painter. With over 20 years of teaching experience, Susan teaches all levels from beginner to experienced painters, in oils, pastels, and specializes in teaching older adults.

For more information visit her at www.susanspar.com, pinehillart@msn.com or

call (360) 477-1024.



# WINSLOW **ART CENTER**

Winslow Art Center, in Bainbridge Island, is an inspiring and intimate space for artists established in 2011. It offers an ever-expanding selection of art instruction including online multi-day workshops, weekly classes and overseas art experiences taught by professional instructors from around the world. Many online classes available: https://winslowartcenter.com/

**Terry Grasteit** is offering private two-hour sessions on abstract expressionism, and creative possibilities.

Please contact him for further information at (360) 670-9665.

# Sessions are \$20 an hour, minimum two hours, longer by arrangement.

# **OPAA NEWSLETTER** ALSO CHECK OUT THE OPAA WEBSITE (opaagroup.org) & "LIKE US" ON OPAA'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Even if you're not a member, send your "art news" to us so we may share the news with other artists. OPAA is a non-profit organization, here to promote the arts and serve the public. Send your news to opaapresident2023@gmail.com for the OPAA Newsletter, to Web Manager, Debbie Young at opaapresident2023@gmail.com for the OPAA website, & to Social Media Manager, Angi Jensen at angilina\_j@yahoo.com for OPAA Facebook/Social Media.

Note: This Newsletter goes out on the FIRST of each month. Information and pictures must be submitted by 12 PM on the 20th of the month to make the deadline for the upcoming month. Information received after the deadline may appear in the following month's newsletter.

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