



OPAA NEWS NOTES

Olympic Peninsula Art Association

December 2023
100 Members

**This will be the last newsletter you receive from me. I hope you have enjoyed them.
Debbie Young, President 2023**

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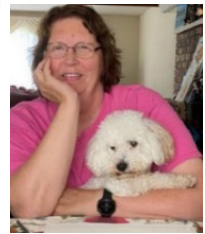
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 For only \$100 a year, businesses have their logo with a link to them appearing on the OPAA website and Facebook pages. In addition, logos will appear on material OPAA has printed during the year. This may be a tax write off, OPAA is a 501(c)3.
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President's Note - OPAA President Debbie Young



In December, we will hold our annual Christmas potluck on December 7th. We will do that at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Sequim. 9:30 am.

We will conduct our annual elections and determine the future of OPAA. We desperately need greater participation and more volunteers to make our 55th year a standout year.

It has been a fabulous 5 years for me in OPAA.

We survived the Covid shutdown while making tremendous strides in our online presence.

After Covid, we were somewhat battered, but determined to soldier on.

With a stellar group of people on our board this year we held a show at Studio Bob, our annual Mighty Minis fundraiser, a juried show in collaboration with Port Angeles Fine Arts Center and now our annual Members' Show. Additionally we opened an art gallery for our members and staged a successful Book and Art Supplies Fundraising Sale.

We located a meeting place (for free) that allowed us to house all our routine activities in one location including our fledgling OPAA Gallery 223 on Hudon, our general and board meetings, our holiday tea and our monthly Art Inspirations class.

We sadly said goodbye to Allyne Lawson, a long time member and dear friend who wore many hats, when she and her husband moved away.

We also unexpectedly had to say goodbye to board member and friend Mike Medler upon his passing.

Personally I have met many new friends and learned a lot about art...the mediums, the possibilities and the fun!

Thank you for the opportunities to serve OPAA that you have afforded me over the past years.

Debbie

Thank you!

OPAA'S GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

****Forgot the Members' Only page password???**

Email:
opaapresident2023@gmail.com

The next General meeting will be held on

December 7 at St Luke's

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

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

NOVEMBER
No General Meeting
Board Meeting Only

DECEMBER 7th
Holiday Luncheon
Board Meeting

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

Our next general meeting will be December 7th.

9:30 am, St. Luke's Episcopal Church

We will be discussing the future of OPAA as we enter our 55th year. Please be sure you have voted either online or in person at the meeting.

We will enjoy our annual Holiday Potluck! And don't forget to say thank you and farewell to your board and officers who have served this year.

Bring a dish (if possible) based on your last name. See you there!

A - D Main dish / bread & butter

E - M Veggie including salads

N-Z Desert

OPAA will supply ham, coffee, tea and disposable plates, napkins, cutlery and cups. Feel free to bring your own if you'd rather use that.



There will be a Holiday Sale and Open Studio at Gallery 223 on Hudon on December 16, 2023



The public is invited! All artworks by Carol Wilhelm are by donation of only \$5 a piece. Carol's subject matter is varied and portrayed vividly in her unique hand. This includes seascapes, landscapes and barnyard animals.

Also on display are works by Cathy Stanfeld, Thomas Massey, Crystal Abbott, Deborah Young, Melody Todnem and Lauren Churchill. Come check out Crystal's wood turnings, Cathy's incredible acrylics and Tom's inspired (and inspiring) local Landscapes. Lauren Churchill's coloring book, 'Friends of the Forest' is available for %50 off the original price for only \$12.00.

Come bring your pens, pencils and brushes and paints to celebrate the season and check out the gift offerings!

OPAA says "THANK YOU!" to Harmony Center Sequim and Cassandra Cockrill for provding our meeting location for the past year.

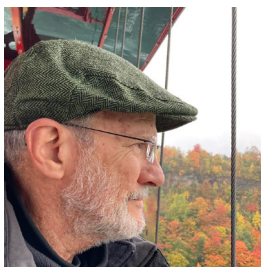
Olympic Peninsula Art Association Winter Members' Show, Sale and Fundraiser Auction

December 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024



A MILLIGAN ART STUDIO & GALLERY –
ART WALK, – Dec. 01, 2023
520 N Sequim Ave, 5-8pm

Participating Artists





There will be no artist challenges until further notice.



*Lauren's ornament
from Art Inspirations*

STUDIO *Bob*

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

Studio Bob is seeking submissions for the 25th Bring Your Own Art Show to be held in January. Artists may submit up to 3 pieces of any size, in any medium for display and sale. There is a \$5 submission fee for each piece and there are no commissions on sales. Drop off dates are January 10th from 1 to 4 and 11th from 4 to 7. Opening Reception will be January 13th from 5 to 8 and January 14th from 12 to 3. If there are any questions please email info@studiobob.art



Northwind Art, a nonprofit organization seeking to build community through art, welcomes everyone to its galleries in downtown Port Townsend and its art school at Fort Worden State Park. A few highlights this month:

"Small Expressions," the 22nd annual juried show of small works by local artists, is open 12-5 PM Thursdays through Mondays. The venue is Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery, 701 Water St., Port Townsend. The gallery is also open for first Saturday Art Walk from 5-8 PM Dec. 2.

Looking ahead to the new year, Northwind Art School highlights include:

- Mindfulness Practices for Art Making with Meg Kaczyk, Thursday, Jan. 4, 1-3 PM
- Introduction to Figure Drawing with Michele Soderstrom, four Thursdays, Jan. 4-25, 5-7 PM
- Intro to Watercolor Painting with Suzanne Lamon, four Wednesdays, Jan. 10-31, 12-2:30 PM
- Nuno Felted Berets with Lora Armstrong, Saturday, Jan. 13, 10 AM-4 PM

For details and enrollment, visit the Courses page at <https://northwindart.org>. Art classes make delicious experiential gifts -- for a loved one and/or for yourself.



**A MILLIGAN ART STUDIO & GALLERY –
ART WALK, – Dec. 01, 2023
520 N Sequim Ave, 5-8pm**

This month the A. Milligan Art Studio & Gallery will be hosting the Olympic Peninsula Art Association’s Members Show and Fundraiser.

It promises to be an exciting evening! Visitors to the Gallery will have a chance to vote for their favorite works of art and the “People’s Choice Awards” will be presented to the winners that night during the reception. A Silent Auction of various items from area businesses and individual donations will also be held during the Art Walk.



Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the OPAA’s Art Scholarship Program. This year’s scholarship award recipients will also have their artworks on display.

So, come join us for some tasty bites and refreshments at this annual fundraising event showcasing the diverse works and various talents of the artist members of the OPAA.

The A. Milligan Art Gallery is located at 520 N. Sequim Ave., between the Olympic Theatre Arts Center and the Sequim Museum and Arts Center.

Overflow parking is on the south side of the Sequim Museum. Many thanks to the Museum for their generosity!



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Rowed To Gold



Blue whole Gallery is ushering in the Holiday season by paying tribute to the premier screening of “Boys in the Boat” taking place Dec. 8th in Sequim. The usually traditional Holiday windows will be themed “Rowed to Gold”.featuring gallery member’s art around all things rowing and water. “We were so moved by the efforts of our high school students to bring this event to Sequim, we just had to show our support! Said gallery member Barb Boerghter. “Boys in the Boat” tells the story of Joe Rantz of Sequim and his teammates who won the Olympic gold medal in rowing during the 1936 Olympics.

Gift Gallery opens November 24 and runs through Dec 31

The annual Gift Gallery will once again be showcased in the main gallery for the entire month of December. There will be an assortment of affordable, artistic gift ideas for sale.

. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Gallery Contact e-mail: Bluewholegallery1@gmail.com

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Harbor Art Gallery

Harbor Art Gallery in Port Angeles is excited to welcome new member Steve Portner, a fine woodworker specializing in marquetry and other creative inlay. Portner joins painter Andrèa Woods and bronze sculptor Katie Graham as the gallery's most recent contributors.



"I like people to enter my paintings and feel like they are there," Woods said. "Art refreshes our souls."

The gallery is continuing a "Small Works Show" throughout December, for which members of the artist collective are creating and displaying delicate, diminutive and affordable works.

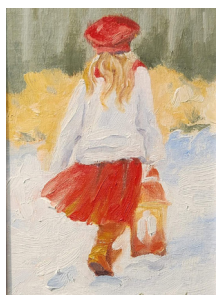


Ceramicist Terri Enck recently renovated her studio, adding heat just in time for winter. "I've been having fun creating little trees, new fairy house designs, and heart bowls for the show," she said.

Acrylic painter Jodi Riverstone is busy creating inspired depictions of local scenes and subject matter, a popular theme among the gallery's 22 members working in all manner of media, from jewelry to photography, wire sculpture to textiles.

Harbor Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00-4:00. Visitors can meet many of the artists at the gallery (114 N Laurel St, Port Angeles) during the Second Saturday Art Walk from 4-7pm on December 9th.

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, Nancy McFaul, Gail McLain, Roger Mosley, Eric Neurath, Miranda Petruska, Steve Portner, Randy and Sallie Radock, Jodi Riverstone, Nathan Shields, Lance and Haley Snider, Eileen Webb, Kevin Willson, and Andrèa Woods.



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Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Jeanne Joseph

Acrylic artist, Jeanne Joseph, is December's artist of the month. Living on the shores of the Olympic Peninsula, Jeanne states, "I have salt water running through my veins and am intrinsically linked to the sea and shore. It's where I find inspiration and why so many of my paintings and drawings are coastal related."

During December, you can view Jeanne's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at www.portludlowart.org. A reception for Jeanne is set for 4-5 p.m., Wednesday, December 13th 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 Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit www.portludlowart.org.



Jeweler of the Month – Pamela Raine

Mixed media artist, Pamela Raine, is drawn to the challenge of creating both jewelry and artwork using different materials. Pamela's jewelry features a charming collection of lampwork beads donated by Diane Thierry. Lampwork is the term used for making beads from melting and forming glass in a flame. Hundreds of years ago, the glass used to be heated over a small oil burning lamp, hence the term Lampwork.

During December, Pamela's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery and at the Sound Community Bank. You can also view her jewelry online at www.portludlowart.org.

The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit www.portludlowart.org.



WINSLOW ART CENTER

Online Course Catalog

Located on Bainbridge Island, Winslow Art Center offers many classes online and in person. See their complete online course catalog here:

<https://winslowartcenter.com/online-course-cata->

Search classes by instructor, day, month, medium



Acrylic & Oil Painting Online (44)



ART CHAT Online - Free! (1)



Art History & Appreciation Online (2)



Botanicals & Nature Online (4)



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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.

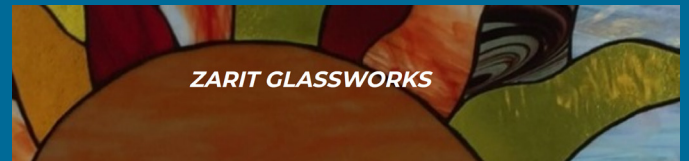
Check Facebook and local groups as well as Peninsula College for upcoming learning opportunities.



Northwind Art School
Buildings 306 and 324 in the Creative Corridor
Fort Worden State Park

Experiential learning in a retreat setting for artists of all levels, with classes and workshops in painting, mixed media, quilting and more, along with seasonal youth camps.

<https://northwindart.org/>



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

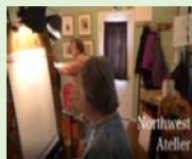
Check her website for full details.

<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.



Terry Grasteit is offering private two-hour sessions on abstract expressionism, and creative possibilities. Sessions are \$20 an hour, minimum two hours, longer by arrangement. Please contact him for further information at (360) 670-9665.



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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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