



OLYMPIC PENINSULA ART ASSOCIATION

OPAA NEWS NOTES

February 2026

HELLO OPAA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

PATRON MEMBERS:

Thank you to Patron Member: Nancy Bull.

If you would like to support us, please go to our website, opaagroup.org, get in touch, or send your check and information to:

OPAA

PO Box 1842

Sequim, WA 98382

We welcome Patrons starting at \$100 per year. Corporate Sponsorships begin at \$500 per year.

Businesses have their logo with a link to them appearing on the OPAA website and Facebook page. In addition, logos will appear on material OPAA has printed during the year.

Donations may be tax deductible. Check with your tax professional.

We had a great turnout for our first meeting of the year on January 22nd. Kristine Henshaw's demo on Flashe paint was very informative and then we all got to experiment with this paint.



Our next general meeting will be FEBRUARY 19th at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 525 N. 5th Ave. Sequim. Social time starts at 9:30am, meeting starts at 10:00am. Our meetings are on the third Thursday of the month.

Our Speaker for February is: Michelle Lindblom

Presentation: The Business of Art

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026!!!

Fun Things Ahead!

The Anything Goes show at Studio Bob – April 2026

We named it “Anything Goes” because any medium—fiber art, photography, watercolor, glass art, pottery, and more—is welcome, as long as the 2-D piece is wired and ready to hang or the 3-D piece is supported for table top display. Good news OPAA members— there will be no entry fee to submit your art to this show! (If you are not an OPAA member, the submission fee is \$20 per piece. It pays to be a member!)

The Peninsula: Wilderness and Wonder show at the Sequim History Museum – June 2026

We live in one of the most uniquely beautiful spots on earth and we invite artists to interpret the wilderness and wonder of the Olympic Peninsula. Plein air artists are encouraged to enter, as are studio artists in oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, pastel, etc. This will be largely a 2-D show, however there are a limited number of pedestals and so we encourage sculptors, driftwood artists and others to explore our theme.

The Shipley Center Mural

As you may know, the Shipley Center is moving from its old site to a newly renovated building—the former JC Penney’s. Talented OPAA artists are working with the Shipley Center to create a mural for the new site. If you’re interested in this project, please email opaapresident2026@yahoo.com

Sequim Paint Out

We are exploring a plein air paint festival which could bring artists from all over Western Washington. If you’d like to join the planning committee, let us know!

Next Meeting Speaker:

A little about our next speaker: Michelle Lindblom. Hopefully, some of you saw Michelle’s studio on last year’s “Strait from the Artists Studio Tour” and had the opportunity to sign up to receive her Studio Newsletter. Michelle has a great presence on social media and she will be talking about how to deal with social media to present your art to the world.

Sequim Irrigation Festival Trashion Show

"Hey OPAA artists, do you want to be part of a team designing a Trashion fashion statement? If so, get your team together and show up March 7th at 11am at Studio Bob in Port Angeles."

To Members of OPAA from the Trashion Show Committee:

The Sequim Irrigation Festival Trashion Show Committee is hosting a Trashion Fashion Challenge for Olympic Peninsula Arts organizations.

We are inviting your organization to participate. It will be held March 7th at 11am at Studio Bob in Port Angeles.

This is going to be a really fun and vibrant event. The public and media will be invited to view. It is our hope to not only bring the Trashion Show event forward, but to bring community focus and publicity to all of the wonderful Festivals/Arts Organizations that we have in our area.

We are asking that each group have their own model (they can be any gender or age, but must be human) and have two (2) to five (5) creators.

We sincerely hope you will be able and willing to join in on the fun.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

A
T
T
H
E
G
A
L
L
E
R
I
E
S

ART
Venues &
ART
Groups



Visit the Studio Bob website for more events and activities: <https://www.studiobob.art/>

For those of you who have art at the Studio Bob "Bring Your Own Art" show, don't forget BYOA Pickup Dates are:



A T T H E G A L L E R I E S



Who: Jennifer Rose and Mary Franchini

What: Art From the Heart

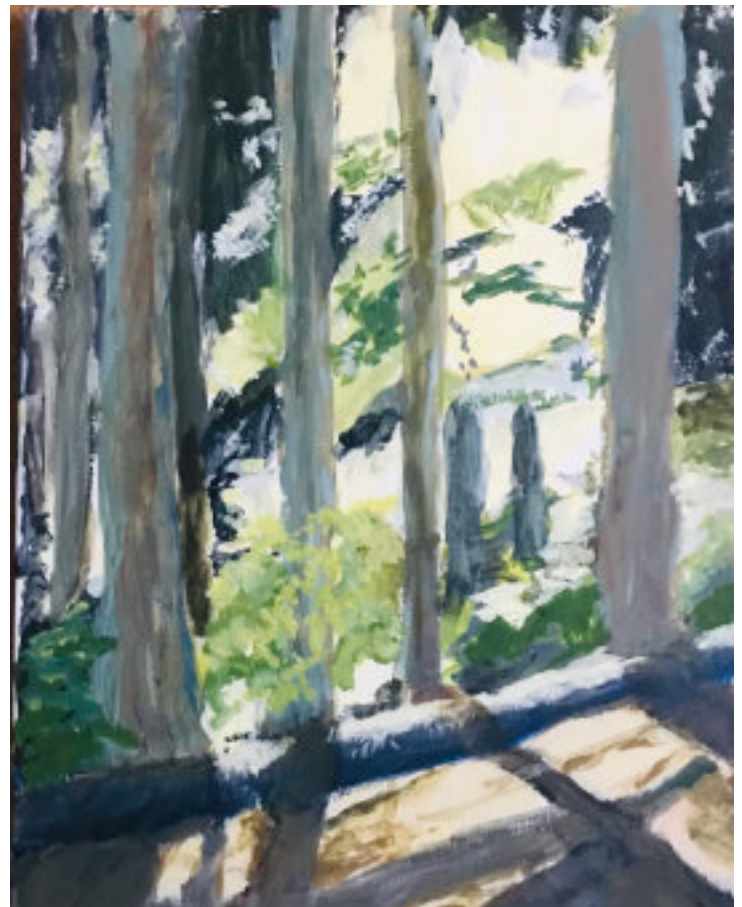
When: Meet the Artists on Friday, February 6th, from 5:00-8:00pm

Where: 129 W. Washington St. Sequim

Website: www.bluewholegallery.com

Mary and Jennifer share a passion for their art, and they both LOVE the creative process. Jennifer, a master bead artist, explains how beading puts her in her "happy place". Mary, who works in acrylics, believes that "all art comes from our hearts." She states, "When I am in the studio working, I'm happy and I feel complete."

Both artists invite the public to view their work, presented in the gallery windows in February. Their hope is that the viewer will enjoy what they see and take away some of the heartfelt joy both artists have created in their work. They will both be present at the February 6th Art Walk from 5 to 8pm.



ART T T H E G A L L E R I E S



Who: Marilyn Hiestand

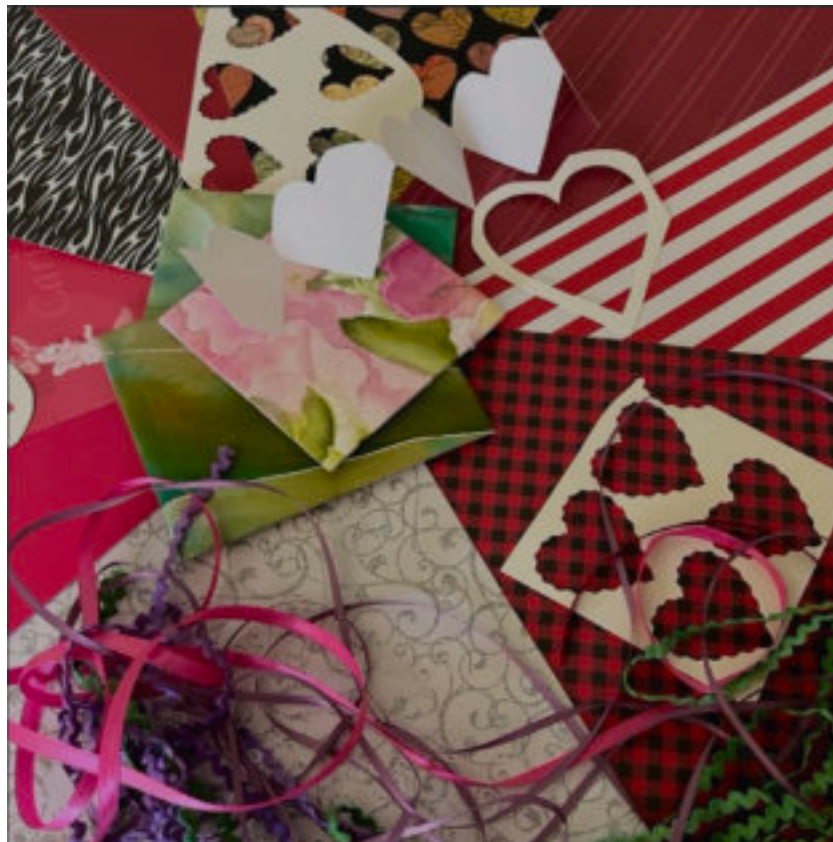
What: Basic Book Making Demonstration

When: Saturday February 14th from 1pm to 3pm

Where: 129 W. Washington St. Sequim

Website: www.bluewholegallery.com

Looking for an unusual Valentine's Day gift? This event might just be the thing. Marilyn Hiestand, Blue Whole Gallery artist and retired teacher will be demonstrating how to make an accordion style book. The first 10 people in attendance will have the opportunity to make their own book using various papers, fabrics, ribbons and stickers. This could turn out to be a treasured Valentine's gift! The demo is free and open to the public. Blue Whole Gallery is located at 129 W. Washington and is open daily M-Sat 10am to 5pm, Sundays 11am to 3pm. For more information go to www.bluewholegallery.com or call (360) 681-6033.



HARBOR ART GALLERY

114 N. LAUREL ST, PORT ANGELES

**Harbor Art Gallery Features Artists Lance Snider and Haley Snider
for February Exhibit**

PORT ANGELES, WA—Harbor Art Gallery is pleased to feature the work of Lance Snider and Haley Snider as its February featured artists. Though they share a history and studio experience, each brings a distinct voice, process, and perspective to their work - resulting in a compelling and varied exhibition.

In their everyday lives, Haley tends to focus on details while Lance naturally sees the bigger picture- but those instincts reverse in the studio. Lance spends hours refining the tiny details of the intricate worlds he creates, while Haley prefers a looser, more intuitive approach, allowing simplicity and instinct to guide her work.

"Art doesn't always imitate life" Haley noted. "What happens in the studio can be surprising - and that's part of what keeps the process exciting."

Visitors are invited to view their latest work and meet the artists during the Second Saturday Art Walk on February 14th from 4 to 7pm at the Harbor Art Gallery. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of February.

Harbor Art Gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, 11:00–4:00, featuring work by local artists Cindy Elstrom, Robert Amaral, Lora Armstrong, Garret DelaBarre, Terri Enck, Carolyn Guske, Tammy Hall, Susan Kantowitz, Ted Lund, Carol Marshall, Nancy McFaul, Gail McLain, Steve Portner, Sophie and Emmett Pritchard, Randy and Sallie Radock, Jodi Riverstone, Nathan Shields, Lance and Haley Snider, Becky Stinnett, Eileen Webb, and Andréa Woods.



GALLERY OF ARTS

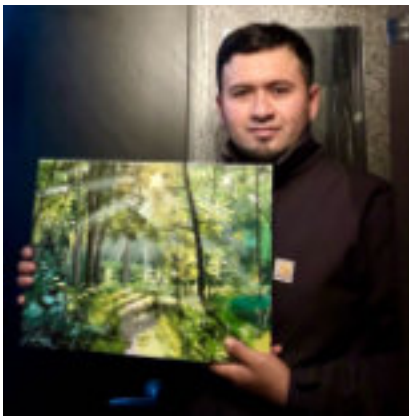
GARDINER COMMUNITY CENTER, 980 OLD GARDINER RD, GARDINER

The Gallery of Arts, is having an opening reception for a young and talented artist, Ivan Pacheco, on Sunday, February 1st from 11-2pm. The Gallery of Arts is located in the lower level of the Gardiner Community Center (980 Old Gardiner Rd) and is community supported.

Come to check out this wonderful new space for art.

Ivan's bio:

"I am 26 years old and my life has always been linked to creation. My passion for art does not stop at canvases; it expands to drawing and musical notes. I firmly believe that art is a master of patience, and it is precisely that time dedicated to every detail that I enjoy most of my creative process. Here I share my path exploring colors, strokes and sounds. Welcome to my world."



Call for Artists



Open to local Artists in the Port Angeles area. We invite you to participate in a two day celebration of original art in Open Studios in and around Port Angeles, **AUGUST 15 & 16, 2026.**

This event will be an opportunity for the community to meet artists in their creative environment as they present and promote their work. We encourage anyone producing original works of art to participate. Media is open and includes traditional fine art forms: painting, drawing, mixed media, digital works, sculpture, printmaking. Also considered will be fine art crafts including fiber arts, glass, jewelry, ceramics and woodwork. We hope to present a diverse collection of unique and worthy pieces.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15 2026.

www.portangeles-studiotour.com

Call
for
Artists

10-4pm
Saturday &
Sunday
August 15 & 16



Port Angeles Studio Tour 2026 CALL FOR ARTISTS

Call for Artists is Now
OPEN.
SCAN OR CLICK
THE QR CODE TO
APPLY



OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

Port Angeles Community Players
& Johnson Electric Company presents

Everything that can go wrong, does!

**THE PLAY THAT GOES
WRONG**

BY HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER & HENRY SHIELDS
DIRECTED BY JESSICA MCKENZIE

March 13 - 29, 2026

Performances Friday & Tuesday @ 7 pm
Saturday & Sunday @ 2 pm

PACCommunityPlayers.org | 1235 E Lauridsen Blvd.
Presented by arrangement with Dramatists Play Service under license from Mischief Worldwide Ltd.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES AND CLASSES

OPPORTUNITIES:

- <https://www.callforentry.org>
- Port Angeles Fine Arts Center: Field Notes: Birds, Art, and the Pacific Northwest, go to <https://www.pafac.submittable.com/submit> (deadline is Feb.15)

CLASSES:

- <https://www.winslowartcenter.com>
- <https://www.northwindart.org>

If you have any questions, issues, or suggestions for OPAA, please contact a board member:

President: Hattie Grant (opaapresident2026@yahoo.com)

Vice President: Pat Warner (opaavp2026@gmail.com)

Secretary: Nancy Mullen

Treasurer: Nancy Peet

Members at Large: Kristine Henshaw,

Pat Reichner, and Len Zeoli

OPPA NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

ALSO CHECK THE OPAA WEBSITE (opaagroup.org) and "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 opaavp2026@gmail.com for the newsletter and to opaapresident2026@yahoo.com for the OPAA website.

Note: This newsletter goes out about the FIRST of each month. Information and pictures must be submitted by 12PM on the 15th of the month to make the deadline for the upcoming newsletter. Information received after the deadline may appear in the following month's newsletter

OPAA is a 501(c)3.

Next newsletter will be March. Deadline for submittal is February 15th.