

newsletter

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

General Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of every month at 7:00 pm at the *Bellingham Public Library, downtown branch.*

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 26 at 7 pm at the Whatcom Art Market in Fairhaven.

The New WAG ART SHOW

The WAG is gearing up for a couple of Art Shows to be held during 2017. At the Board Meeting last Tuesday, the WAG Board and WAM discussed promotional ideas for shows in 2017, and decided to form a subcommittee who's purpose would be to brainstorm ideas for a new WAG Art Show. The subcommittee's purpose would be to come up with a promotional "recipe" or plan for a new look for these shows. If we begin planning now, there may be enough time to plan and hold a Spring Show in 2017.

We are presently seeking volunteers to join this committee which will work on creating the format for an exciting, attractive show for next spring. Topics up for discussion include, but are not limited to the following:

Researching and identifying 2-3 possible venue locations. *Information such as location, rental rate, capacity, features (kitchen, PA system, chairs/tables availability, etc.) and prospective dates which the venue will be available should be decided upon.*

How the event will be curated, and identify personnel to serve as curator.

Design a cohesive and attractive display format.

Cost effective advertising.

Research the possibility of sponsorship.

Recruit Show VP and Show Chair.

Identify and specify how many and what type of volunteers will be needed.

We are hoping to hold our first meeting on Saturday July 16 (*time & location to be determined*) provided this is a good date for all involved.

We want your ideas. To ensure a seat on this committee, simply email Joyce Norfolk at studiogals@aol.com or call 360 389-7964.

Membership

We extend a warm welcome to our new members!

Thao Le
Lyle Harris
Sandra Abrams
Barbara Rutherford
Karen McCormick
Patti Fairbanks
Joanne Plucy



Christine Flacco was the winner of the Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate at our June General Meeting. Congratulations Christine!

WAG General Meeting - July 12 will be held at the Bellingham Public Library

The program for July 12 will be **Michael Moynahan**. He will show his portrait drawings and give us some insight into how he captures the personality of his subjects.

Karen's Sketchbook of Southern France 2016



Above is a scene from my window of the hotel where we stayed in Toulouse for three days before the workshop began. The scene to the right is market day in the village of Limoux, which was our homebase for the workshop. The scene was so lively and full of color and subjects that I had to quickly choose what to put into my sketch, and what to leave out. I wanted to capture the essence of this busy market day. Sketching these scenes etches it into my memory forever.



These watercolor sketches are taken from the sketchbook of Karen Ver Burg.

Sketching in a French village square with my café au lait and friends is one of my favorite things to do! This is Limoux, France and surrounding area where Celia Clarke and I attended a watercolor workshop taught by Ron Stocke for 10 days in May. Here I tried to simplify this complicated scene by sketching only enough details to describe the scene and sense of place.

I hope that my sketches inspire you to use sketching as a way of journaling your experiences, and etching them into your memory.



I sketched the scene above of Villar-saint-Anselme, a village down the hill from a vineyard where we painted one morning. It's important to simplify a scene, and capture only enough information to use for reference in later more finished works.

June Artists of the Month

1st Place **Jeff Eastman**



Jeff won 1st place for his stained glass lamp with four scenes from England. An article follows on the next page describing his process.

2nd Place **Cassandra Bashaw**



Cassandra won 2nd place for her photo of a reflection of trees on rippling water.

3rd Place **Skip Patten**



Skip won 3rd place for feather images wood burned on alder bark.

1st Place - Banner Bank on Cornwall Avenue

2nd Place - Banner Bank - Fairhaven

3rd Place - Colophon Café

4th Place - Whatcom Art Market

4th Place **Genora Powell**



Genora won 4th place for her painting of Mt. Baker.

Each month Guild members have a chance to enter their artwork in a mini competition at the General Meeting. Members vote for the top four pieces. Winners are designated Artists of the Month and their artwork is featured here and on the WAG website www.whatcomartguild.org/artistsOfTheMonth.html, and are exhibited at participating venues in the community.

Guild members may enter one piece. If it is a painting, it must be framed in a professional manner and ready to hang with a wire hanger (no sawtooth hangers). Photos will be taken at the meeting for the website and newsletter or you may provide your own digital image.

Featured Artist

2016 WAG Board

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Tower of London on the front and English countryside to the left. Lamp framework made of English oak atop a birch log base.

Jeff Eastman Completed British-theme lamp

This British-themed lamp is made of painted stained glass pieces glued to clear tempered glass panels. The wood framework is made of English oak atop a hollow, de-barked birch tree trunk. To add depth to the four scenes, some painting was done on both sides of the stained glass and clear glass pieces which were then baked in a normal oven at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for 45 minutes to ensure the paint is dishwasher-safe, not that I ever planned on testing paint manufacturer Pebeo's claim. Some paint details required multiple coats to increase the color depth, and each paint layer then required additional baking.

A particular challenge was the traditional British telephone booth and the details inside the booth. Knowing my painting skills could not do justice to the interior, I decided to cut the interior paper section out and glue it on to the front of the clear glass panel. Remembering Ray Bradbury's book *Fahrenheit 451* and his claim that this is the temperature at which paper autoignites, I put faith in his claim and proceeded to paint the rear portions of the booth on the back of the clear glass panel. After baking this piece for 45 minutes at 126 degrees below Bradbury's claim, it was with great anticipation that I opened the oven door after several hours of gradual cooling. What a sense of relief when I saw the paper undamaged, a moment punctuated by my exclamation, "You were right, Ray!" Transfer type on paper for the front TELEPHONE sign and the tapered side TELEPHONE sign made with Photoshop were later baked in the oven with similar success.



The White Cliffs of Dover on one side and a typical English telephone booth on the back side.

What Members are Doing

Linda Calkins has painted a montage of pets that have passed away. "The horse is my old mare *Baby Doll* who left me last year. The second is a little dog named *Tator* who belonged to a good friend and the third is *Lola* who belonged to my daughter and family. All were loved and are missed".



"Tator" by Linda Calkins



"Lola" by Linda Calkins



"My Old Mare" by Linda Calkins

Lori Hill is showing her work at the *Colophon Café*, during the month of July on the stone wall on the left. Be sure to stop by, have coffee or lunch and see her show.



Paintings by Lori Hill



Colophon Café & Village Books



Painting by Mila Faulkner



Painting by Mila Faulkner



Painting by Genora Powell



Painting by Genora Powell

Mila Faulkner and Genora Powell are showing their work at *Village Books*, downstairs in the "writers corner". Be sure to stop by when you're in the neighborhood.

The Museum of Northwest Art in LaConner

is accepting proposals for upcoming workshops. If you are interested, please check out their website at

<http://www.monamuseum.org/employment>



Upcoming day trip to the Seattle Art Museum October 12



Whatcom Art Guild would like to invite its members, friends and family on a trip to the **Seattle Art Museum** on Wednesday, October 12. Please mark your calendar and join us for this event. The bus is slated to depart at 8:30 am and arrive in time to view the following exhibits:

- 10:30 am starts off the viewing of SAM's featured exhibit of original, never seen fashion pieces of **Yves Saint Laurent** including his design drawings.
- Tour of the new installation of Contemporary Art on the second floor and its permanent art collections.

Lunch at your leisure and choosing. We suggest you either bring a sack lunch or enjoy the restaurant fare at SAM. Then we'll hop back on the bus and head to the **Asian Art Museum** for a docent guided tour which features a spectacular exhibit of "Chinese Landscape Painting". Bus leaves @ 4 pm to arrive back to Bellingham by 6 pm. Special Events coordinators Kath Piros and Kathy Wood are keeping the cost at \$40 per person, so it's affordable and fun for all.

To reserve bus and tour, please forward a check for the above amount to Whatcom Art Guild and mail to:

Kathy Rae Wood
1971 South Mahonia Place
Bellingham, WA 98229

Questions or for more information, please contact either Kathy Wood at 360-490-9635 or Kath Piros at 360-526-2169.



The Purpose of the Whatcom Art Guild

- to encourage and promote the visual arts within Whatcom County
- to welcome and encourage all artists - beginning to professional
- to provide an environment in which artists can meet and exchange ideas and information
- to organize exhibits in which members may display and sell artworks
- to establish ties within the county and promote the visual arts
- to support lifelong art education
- to promote member artists and the Whatcom Art Guild

Bellingham Plein Air Artists

PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE – SUMMER 2016

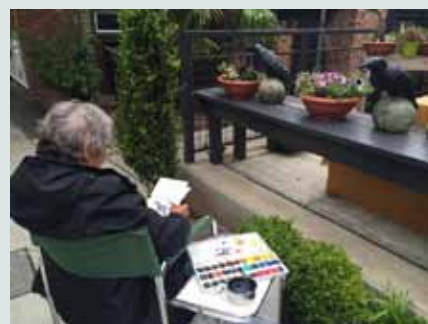
Fridays 11:00am – 2:00pm

July 15	Zuanich Park
July 22	Whatcom Falls Park
July 29	Semiahmoo Beach
August 5	Bloedel Donovan Park
August 12	Mt. Vernon Park by the River
August 19	Big Rock Gardens
August 26	Hovander

Please check your weekly emails for confirmation.

For more information contact Celia Clarke at celiannaclarke@outlook.com

Beth Roberson is seen here painting the crow sculptures on the bench in front of "A Lot of Flowers" in Fairhaven. Other members were painting and sketching in the Village Square.



Celia, Rosemary, Phyllis and several others are painting in the gardens of the Padden Creek Nursery in Fairhaven.



Art Challenge



Are you wondering what to create next? Then help is here. We are presenting a special Art Challenge and the subject will be “The Best Summer Ever”.

We’re challenging you to show us about the summer of 2016 or a summer deep in your past memory. Please share your experiences with us in the medium of your choice.

Both 3D and wall art will be accepted. The deadline for completion will be September 13, 2016 which is the date of the September General Meeting. Bring in your creations to the September meeting for consideration. Voting will be done by all members present, and we’re making it worth your time.

..... **we will be awarding cash to the top three vote-getters!**

\$100 to 1st place



\$75 to 2nd place



\$50 to 3rd place



Classifieds

ARTIST SEEKS STUDIO SPACE

I am a painter/mixed media artist recently moved to Bellingham from the mid-west. I am looking for a studio space to rent immediately with good light, access to nearby water and restroom and most importantly, located on the main floor with no, (to only a few) steps to climb to gain entry to studio. I work on fairly large canvases and large sheets of paper for drawing and collage work. I would be open to sharing only if the space is large enough to allow two artists to work comfortably. If you know of an available space for rent please contact Sandra Abrams,

314-330-5903 (c) or email:sjabrams777@aol.com.

New! The Hair Art Studio

Laurel Piper has located another venue that would like to feature WAG members' artwork. It is called The Hair Art Studio and is located at 109 Prospect. Its website is <http://thehairartstudio.blogspot.com/>. More info to come.

Art Challenges and Critiques

Over the course of the year, WAG hosts Art Challenges (members bring in work created for a theme) and opportunities for critique at our monthly meetings. Information about these opportunities to show your work – either finished or work in progress – at our meetings to supporting and friendly members is posted on the Guild's website and in our newsletter; watch monthly as these opportunities arise.

Artist of the Month

Bring your work to the meeting and members will vote for their favorites during the break. The top 4 pieces will be displayed during the following month at one of four venues: The Colophon Café, Banner Bank in Fairhaven, Banner Bank in Bellingham, and front and center in the Whatcom Art Market.

Village Books, Fairhaven

WAG is hanging on the wall in the author's reading room, rotating on a monthly basis. The wall holds approximately 6-10 works, depending on their size. Turnover is at the first of the month; the next opportunity will be the month of August. Lorraine Day is leading this venue; stay tuned for an upcoming Call for Artists.

BelleWood Acres

This venue is over for this year, but keep it in mind for the holiday season 2016. BelleWood Acres is a wonderful farm/deli/store on the Guide which has a large gallery room upstairs. WAG traditionally 'takes over' the gallery for November through February and we do it up proud! Christine Flacco leads this venue, and will be putting out a Call for Artists as the holiday season approaches.

WAG at the Jansen Art Center, Lynden

WAG has exhibited as a group at the Jansen in juried shows both last summer and this summer. Theme currently on display: "A Sense of Place: The Pacific Northwest". This is a curated show.

VOTE

"Best of the Northwest"
Very easy to do! Simply vote for 10 things. You fill in the blanks. The "best" art gallery could be the **Whatcom Art Market**. What a great advertisement this would be if we could win "Best of the Northwest"! Go to this website:

<http://northsoundlife.com/best-northwest-2016-vote/>



WHATCOM ART MARKET

Wednesday - Sunday, 10-6

1103 - 11th Street - Fairhaven
360-738-8564

www.whatcomartmarket.org
[facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket](https://www.facebook.com/WhatcomArtMarket)



Call to Artists

Blaine Harbor Art Gallery Call To Artists

ART-OBERFEST Art and Gift Show

- **Date:** October 7- 9, 2016
- **Location:** Blaine Community Pavilion, 800 H Street, Blaine, WA
- This will be an Open Show meaning registration is open to members of Blaine Harbor Art Gallery and non members. No new memberships are being accepted at this time.
- **Entry fee:** Paid Blaine Harbor Art Gallery members - \$75 Non members - \$100
- **Non members** must be juried into the show by emailing 3 images of their work in jpg format to blaineharborartgallery@bhagllc.com. (No images over 2 mb in size please.)
- Once work has been accepted, you will be contacted and payment can be submitted through our website form on www.blaineharborartgallery.com.
- **Blaine Harbor Art Gallery members** whose membership is current have already been juried and can register and pay at www.blaineharborartgallery.com.
(If you are not sure of your membership status, please contact Debbie Haggman, d.haggman@msn.com.)
- **Deadline for application:** September 1, 2016
- **Show schedule:** Friday, Set up 2-5, Artists' reception 6-8 Saturday, 9-5 Sunday 11-5

We will have live music Friday and Saturday and plan to create a fun and festive event around the ART-OBERFEST/Octoberfest theme.

This show is Canadian Thanksgiving weekend and Semiahmoo Resort is having a major promotion for Octoberfest that weekend. They will include our art and gift show in their advertising promotions. We saw an increase in Canadian visitors at SPRINGFEST 2016, and believe this is a perfect opportunity to build a new audience for our shows.

NOTE: This will take the place of the Holiday Art and Gift Market that we traditionally held in early December.



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**Our WAG General Meeting
will be held at the
Bellingham Public Library on July 12**

*Be sure to check out the great books and DVDs
available at our library located at the back
table during our WAG general meetings.*

