

May 2017

## April General Meeting



Members enjoyed a very interesting meeting as Skip Patten, worker of wood, brought several hand tools and explained how he uses them to create a range of items from small sculptures, hand carved masks, and machine turned wood from a lathe. He captivated his audience. Thank you Skip.

Many members brought entries for the Art Challenge and the Artist of the Month. There was an amazing amount of talent and enthusiasm shown throughout the evening!



*Thao Le* was the winner of the Dakota Arts \$10 Gift Certificate at our April General Meeting. Congratulations Thao!

## *The Purpose of the 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



## May General Meeting May 9 at 7:00 pm at the Bellingham Public Library

New WAG member Diana Guza-Wells and her husband Todd Carter will give a 30 minute presentation on art, painting and travel In New Zealand. Todd was born and raised in New Zealand, and they have just returned from a two month trip to the North Island where they visited some of their favorite places and Diana was able to do some acrylic painting. The vibrant New Zealand light as well as the spectacular scenery is conducive to colorful landscape painting. Diana will discuss its affect on New Zealand art and her own painting. Todd will show slides of some of their favorite New Zealand haunts including the seacoast town of Napier set in Hawkes Bay wine country. Napier is known for its art deco architectural style resulting from a rebuilding of the town due to an earthquake in 1931. Diana and Todd will be leading a small personalized tour of the North Island in January 2018. Painters and art lovers are welcome!

We hope to see you there!

## LIBRARY CORNER

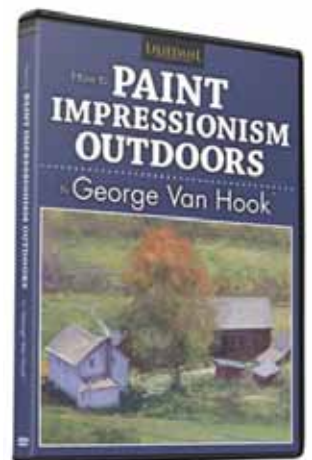
**Coming soon!** Look for these new additions to our DVD library.

“How To Paint Impressionism  
Outdoors” by George Van Hook

“Animal Portraits in Watermedia” by Pat Weaver

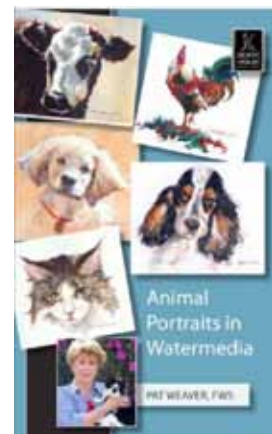
**Learn to paint an impressionistic farm  
landscape in oil from Van Hook -**

- How to draw viewers eye to center of interest
- Unify with big shapes and underpainting
- Compose on location
- Use of color, distance, value and bold brush strokes



**Learn to paint 5 favorite pets in  
acrylic/watercolor from Weaver -**

- Capture fur, feathers and whiskers
- Tips for color mixing
- Shapes and proportions
- Working from a reference photo



*Your friendly librarians,*

*Beth Roberson and Cristal McQueen*

## Membership

*We extend a warm welcome to our new members!*

*Suzannah Gusukuma*

*Sue Matsyzak*

*Travis Church*

*Sharon Kettells*

*Julie Lonneman*

*Claire McCullough*

### Whatcom Art Guild GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

**May 9**

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 11

October 10

November 14

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

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday,  
May 23, 2017  
at 7 pm at the  
Whatcom Art Market  
in Fairhaven.

# WAG Jury Results

The WAG Jury for the Jansen Exhibition met last Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> below are the results:

There were a total of 95 pieces of art submitted for consideration. Great job WAG Members.

Of the 95 entries there were 81 wall art and 14 - 2D/3D. There was a good representation of 8 different mediums, and variety galore in the 2D/3D entries.

I'm pleased to announce that only 8 entries were not forwarded to the Jansen, and the majority of those 8 entries did not meet the theme of "Books, Games, and Puzzles", or they were not square.

A BIG Thank You to all of those who participated in this year's exhibit. You did the WAG PROUD.

Your Jurors: Lorraine Day, Georgia Donovan, and Joyce Norfolk





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# Bellingham Sketchers

## 2017

### April

28 Assumption Church

### May

5 Ferry Terminal

12 Fairhaven Park

19 Chuckanut Gallery

26 Blue Mountain Grill on  
Highway 9\*

*For more information or to add  
your name to the email  
list - contact Celia Clarke at  
celiannaclarke@outlook.com*

### PLEIN AIR SCHEDULE

Fridays 11:00am – 2:00pm



Sketch at Squalicum Harbor by Karen Ver Burg



*Are you spending  
enough time in your  
studio or workshop?*

*You're encouraged to  
make it happen and  
find time for your art!*

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General Meeting  
will be held on **May 9**  
7:00 pm at the  
Bellingham Public Library

# April Artists of the Month

## 1st Place



Robert Dodd

## 2nd Place



Lori Hill

## 3rd Place



Scott Melnick

## 4th Place



Maureen Burr

*Each month Guild members have a chance to enter their artwork in a mini competition at the General Meeting. Members vote to determine 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](http://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.*

# Whatcom Art Market



*May is the month to find something special for Mom (Mothers' Day is May 14!) and think ahead to summer. At Whatcom Art Market, our artists have unique gift ideas and cards to delight her, all lovingly and locally created.*

*We have five new artists who have joined us, and as usual, all our Art Market members are constantly adding new creations for you to enjoy. Our featured artists this month bring you handcrafted soaps and lotions, gorgeous photography, dramatic etched metal work, colorful textiles and beautifully handcrafted woodwork. Come in and visit with them, see what they have to offer and hear about their art.*

**May 3-7 – Penny Welch** offers a sweet-smelling variety of soaps and lotions, along with unique, handcrafted greeting cards. Penny will be on site, demonstrating and talking about her creations, Sat. May 6, 1-3pm and Sun. May 7, 2-3pm.

**May 10-14 – James Weaver.** James travels far and wide to bring wonderful photographic scenes, from landscapes to floral closeups to curious cats. Come meet and greet with him Fri. May 12, 11-2 and Sat. May 13, 11-2.

**May 17-21 – Graham Schodda.** Recently joining the Art Market, Graham creates dramatic etched metal work. Come meet him and learn more about his art Sat. May 20, 5-6pm.



Graham Schodda



Products by Penny Welch

**May 24-28 - Karen Tobiassen.** Karen is a long—time member of the Art Guild and the Art Market. Her work is in textiles, and includes really fun, unique luggage tags and a variety of other creative household items. She will be demonstrating her handquilting process Sat. May 27, 11-2.

**May 31-June 4 – Lyle Harris.** Lyle will do a demo of his work on June 3.

*Summer is on its way – come see what our artists have created for your enjoyment.*



**Art Market Hours**  
Wednesday - Sunday • 10 am - 6 pm

1103 11th Avenue, Bellingham  
Phone 360 738 8564

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



# What Members are Doing

## April at the Leopold

**Doug Bascom and Georgia Donovan** had a showing of their work at the Leopold during the month of April



"Home" by Doug Bascom



"Autumn Glow" by Doug Bascom  
SOLD!



"R U My Sunshine?" by Georgia Donovan



"Wagon Ride" by Georgia Donovan



**Faye Hayes** was the first place winner of the "Games, Puzzles & Books" Art Challenge, during the April general meeting. Her prize was to skip the WAG jurying process and go right to the Jansen Jury! Congratulations Faye!



**James Weaver** will be showing his work at the Colophon Café on the stone wall during the month of May. Stop by to see them and enjoy a delicious lunch or cup of coffee.

## Scholarships

**The Whatcom Art Guild will donate funds toward scholarships.**

\$1,500 will go to an art student at Western Washington University.

\$1,000 will go to an art student at Whatcom Community College.

## DIMENSIONALITY

### A 3D Fine Art Exhibit



This is a joint exhibit by **Affinity of Bellingham** and the **Whatcom Art Guild**

When: Saturday, May 6, 2017

1:00 - 5:00 pm - Exhibit is open to the public, hors d'ouevres and live music

Where: Affinity of Bellingham - lobby

3930 Affinity Lane (on Telegraph across from the Home Depot)

What: A celebration of 3D fine art - jewelry, glass, woodcraft, ceramics, basketry, sculpture, and more!



## Springfest Art and Gift Show

Place: Blaine Pavillion, corner of 8th and H Streets, Blaine, Washington

Dates: May 19, 2017 - Friends and family evening artist' reception

May 20 & 21, 2017 - Art Show

**Submission Deadline  
for next newsletter  
is Tuesday, May 23.  
Send info and images to  
[karen.verburg@gmail.com](mailto:karen.verburg@gmail.com)**

Thanks to everyone who participated with the art sale in Skagit County....including pricing, donations, purchases, set-up, take-down, and relaying our news. And also for your good wishes!

We earned \$850 for Meals on Wheels at the Mt Vernon Senior Center! Krystl Torset, who is in charge of the Mt Vernon Sr Center, was a big help! She loaned a special room to stock our supplies, and then opened the "ball" room for the day of the sale. Even though we made a hefty sum, we had a lot of donations left after the Sale and those supplies will help the alternative high school here in Mt Vernon.





We had a winner for the Plein Air Kit raffle! One of Michele Cooper's students was the lucky gal. Congrats to Mary Whitlock!



# Guess The Medium



Can you guess what was used  in the making of the flower above?

 Can you guess what was used in the making of this sculpture?

The **first WAG member** to call (360) 389-7964, or email Joyce Norfolk at [studiogals@aol.com](mailto:studiogals@aol.com) with the correct answer to either (or both) pieces will win a nice prize to be awarded at the May General Meeting.



**LAST MONTH'S WINNER** was June Keifer. She guessed the correct answer to "**Who The Famous Person**" was that painted the portrait (right). June won a year's subscription to Artist's Magazine.

The correct answer was **Actress Kim Novak**. Visit her website a [www.kimnovakartist.com](http://www.kimnovakartist.com) To see more of her art.

