



July 2010

newsletter

A Nonprofit Organization Dedicated to Supporting the Visual Arts

Since 1964

**General Meeting
is scheduled for
July 26, 7 p.m. at
the Bellingham
Public Library**

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday August 11, 7 PM
at Whidbey Island Bank in
Fairhaven, 318 12th St.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT . . .

Dear Fellow WAG Artists,

Summer in Bellingham is finally here. If you are like me, you've probably been looking forward to summer's arrival with plans to do fun and interesting things. If you are looking for art-related activities, here are some ideas of activities that WAG sponsors.

Join our Plein Air Sketch-outs this summer. The plein air group has enjoyed drawing and painting together so much that the schedule has been changed from meeting twice a month to every week, alternating Thursdays or Fridays. Photographers and 3D artists are welcome too. Now that

I'm returned from my trip, I was able to join the group at the last Friday sketch-out. I had a great time and enjoyed meeting some of our newer WAG members. This also is a great time to gather resource material and sketches for your studio work to build your inventory for upcoming fall shows. If you'd like to enjoy this outdoor experience and get better acquainted with fellow WAG members, contact our Sketch-Outs Coordinator, Karen Ver Burg (360-734-8102 or karen.verburg@gmail.com) for dates and locations.

Now is the time to sign up for the Fall Members Show at the Ferndale Public Library held the month of September. Tore Ofteness is our coordinator. Contact him at 360-733-6743 or ofteness@openaccess.org for more information.

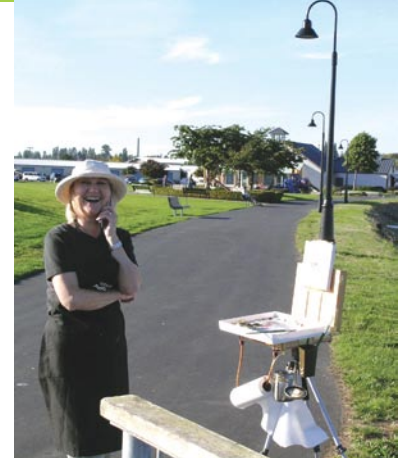
Remember that Joyce Gardner has arranged for a number of venues in restaurants, banks, and other businesses around town to show our work. Be sure to check out the Venue listing in this newsletter and contact Joyce to get scheduled.

Last but not least of all these activities is our Fall Art by the Lake Show to be held November 12-14. Caroline Schauer, our show chair, and Kathy Wood, co-chair, are not able to coordinate the Fall Show this year. But Caroline will be creating a variety of positions to break down the various responsibilities that need doing to make the show happen. Look for that information in this or upcoming newsletters. Please consider volunteering to help out. Many hands make lighter work. And our show mentor, Dixie Tamcke, who's had many years of experience, will be available to advise and guide. More information about participating in this show will be available at a later date.

So, keep creating. There will be plenty of activities to show off your summer work!

Sincerely,

 Ann Wallace



We have included three sketches and one painting from Ann's travel journal

General Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Spring Show

Income - \$11,929.21

Expenses - \$10,876.79

(includes artist's commissions)

Net - \$1052.42

Balance in checking is \$7,355.22

Membership

New members who have been approved by the board are: Lisa Lish, Iva Lazereff, Sally Webb, Shelley Rae Dick, Frank Peredes, Matt Dennis, and Sheila Reid. The membership list is up to date and Lee will send one out to anyone who requests a copy from her. If you have a website and it is not included on her list, please let Lee know. The board has taken a new look at the flow process for taking in membership applications and are advising those who need to know.

Shows

• **Ski to Sea Spring Show** - Caroline reported on how well the show went with very good team work. The flea market was a success and will be repeated next year. Raffle sales brought in \$453. **For those who had booths**, Please complete and return your feedback forms to Caroline! Your feedback will help us improve next year's show.

• **Art by the Lake Fall Show** - Reminder: Dates are November 12, 13 and 14, 2010. **We are in need of a person to chair or co-chair the Fall Show.** Please let Caroline or Beth know if you are interested. This is a critical role for the success of enabling our artists to show their work.

Art Market

• Fairhaven Art Walk brought in over 100 people for the Friday evening event and we had good sales for that evening.

• Thanks to Louise and her husband for volunteering the great music played outside of the art market. It attracted many people.

• Sherry Shipley conducted our first class and it was very successful. More information regarding teaching a class is listed in the **ART MARKET NEWS** section of this newsletter.



Northwest Washington Fair August 16-21

During the third week in August you can help out with the Visual Arts Exhibit at the NW Washington Fair in Lynden. Three of the Guild's purposes are to encourage and promote the visual arts within the county, to establish ties within the county that promote the visual arts, and support life-long art education (encouraging other artists, both young and old, in developing their passion for art).

The NW Washington Fair is a venue for WAG to fulfill these goals. For many years WAG has helped the director of the Visual Arts Exhibition to coordinate the exhibit. Working and participating in this event is both fun and rewarding. Some of the volunteer positions are paid and some unpaid. In either case, you get free parking and a free pass to the fair. Positions that need to be filled are **(1)** working at desk to receive art entries, **(2)** act as an exhibit hostess (engage with the public, talking about art, answering questions about the exhibit, etc.), **(3)** be an artist in action--a great opportunity to engage with the public, especially our youth.

While at the fair, you also have an opportunity to capture interesting photographs of plants, animals, and people that can be used as resources for your art during the winter months. Not only can you volunteer to help, but you can also submit an entry for the judged show. You may be able to report on winning one of those coveted ribbons!

Drop off for artwork submissions for the exhibit will be August 12, 3-7 p.m.

If you are interested in this activity, contact our **NW Washington Fair Coordinator, Dixie Tamcke, 360-398-1411 or wdtamcke@verizon.net.**

Publicity

- Carolyn Banner will take the role of Historian

Venues

- Joyce reported that July will be a major switch out month. Contact Joyce if you are interested in this venue. The other venues will be changing also.

Awards and Judging

- Barb Klepac reported that there is a need to work out judging categories. Arlene, Beth and Barb are meeting next week to discuss this issue. Barb would like to have someone volunteer to take over this role and she is willing to train this person.

Library

- There are 12 new DVD's available for a \$5 monthly rental fee.

Newsletter

- Karen has requested that any information for the newsletter must be sent to her by email or hard copy by the second Thursday of each month.

Sketch Outs

- These summer sketch outs have been very popular and a great way to get outside to experience the sights and sounds, while gathering information for a future work of art. It has also been a great way for artists to connect with each other, and motivate and inspire one another.
- Several changes have been made to the previous Sketch Out schedule as we add days and rearrange locations. Notification will be sent to all members via email as changes are made. If you do not have email and are interested in joining us, please contact another WAG member with email or call Karen at 360-739-3584.
- Friday, July 30 - Samish Island. We will meet at the Farm to Market Bakery in Edison, WA. at 9:30 a.m. You can't miss it if you head south on I-5 and take Exit 236 (Bow/Edison exit) take a right, and head about 6 miles west through Bow and into downtown Edison. If you would like to carpool, we will meet at the Lakeway Fred Meyer parking lot at 8:45-9:00 a.m.

What Are WAG Members Up To?

SHARE YOUR ART NEWS! Please submit news of your accomplishments, exhibits, awards, etc. to your NEW newsletter editor. Deadline is the second Wednesday of the month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

Arlene Mortimer will be exhibiting 7 of her paintings she did while on a trip to Egypt in January, 2010 at the Blue Horse Gallery during the month of July. The exhibit will consist of art works done by those traveling with the Blue Horse Gallery this past year.

Ruthy Porter's journals and artwork will be in a group *Drawing on Nature* exhibit at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science in Albuquerque, NM, June 11 through September 12, 2010.

Five WAG members displayed their 3D art and shared with us what gives them the inspiration for their art at our June general meeting. The members were: Russell Hansen, Martha Savage, Nancy Golloday, Sheryl Attolini, and Tom Randall.

Monthly Door Prize

Gail Husman won the Dakota Art Gift Certificate at our June general meeting.

Dakota Art supports WAG with a monthly gift certificate and provides a 10% discount to members who present their Guild membership card at the time of purchase. Sign in at the General Meeting for a chance to win!

"Artist of the Month" Winners

1st Place Tie

Arlene Mortimer - Banner Bank on Cornwall

Kathy Mader - Whidbey Island Bank

2nd Place

Helen Harris - Gene Bell & Associates

3rd Place

Valentina Davoli-Raab - Banner Bank in Fairhaven

General Meeting Program
July 26 - 7:00 pm -
Bellingham Public Library

The program will be Adobe Photoshop For Artists presented by Dee Doyle. Dee teaches art classes in Burlington and Anacortes. She will show us some of the ways she uses Photoshop to enhance her art work. Dee will need to get home to LaConner so we will be conducting the program before the business meeting this month.



• Shilo Monument



• Pea Ridge Battlefields

WAG Board Meeting

The WAG Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in at Whidbey Island Bank in Fairhaven, 318 12th St. All members are welcome to attend.

Art Market News!

Whatcom Art Guild's spring *Art Market* is rolling! If you haven't visited yet, come on down and check it out—and tell your friends, neighbors and colleagues about this new Fairhaven art destination! Hours are Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, 10 AM to 6 PM.

YES! You can participate in the art market without having a booth or table. Here's how:

TEACH A CLASS WAG members can use the Art Market classroom to hold classes and workshops. The fee is \$50.00 a day. Sign up TODAY—It's also a great deal! Contact either Joanne Wyatt or Lynne Edwards. When someone teaches a class, it will be publicized on our website and in our newsletter if you provide the information.

DISPLAY 1 OR 2 PIECES OF YOUR ART We have space for interested artists who would like to display 1 or 2 pieces of art. The monthly fee is \$5. Contact JoAnne Wyatt for details.

Our **Fairhaven Art Walk** was a huge success and brought in over 100 people for the Friday evening event. We had good sales that evening. **A special "thank you"** goes to Louise and her husband who provided outdoor music for the event, which attracted many people.

Art Workshop

Pouring rocks and waterfalls using liquid acrylics and gouache taught by artist Sherry Shipley. August 7 and 28 from 10:30-3:30; cost for each class is \$50. Sign up now as there is only room for 8 at each workshop. If you would like to have a brochure, contact Sherry at 360-416-4950 or sherrys@sherrysdesign.com.



WAG Venue Information

A great opportunity to exhibit your work in public on a regular basis! Many spaces are available, so don't miss out!

Sign up NOW by calling Joyce Gardner at 738-4054.

Venue	Number of Pieces	March-April
Bellingham Tennis Club 800 McKenzie Ave Bellingham	3 Reception area above sofa	Joyce Gardner
Excel Physical Therapy 4029 Northwest Ave Bellingham	18 Reception Rm (4) Exam Rm #1 (2 small-med) Exam Rm #2 (2 small-med) Exam Rm #3 (2 small-med) Exam Room #4 (2 med-large)	Lynne Edwards Lee Goodrich Karen Ver Burg Celia Clarke
Samson's Estate Winery 1861 Van Dyk Rd Everson	6 Fireplace wall (med-large)	Richard King
Whidbey Island Bank Fairhaven	1 one easel (small-med)	Dixie Tamcke
Banner Bank Fairhaven	1 one easel (small-med)	Arlene Mortimer
NEW! Caffe Cafe Guide Meridian (Meridian Village)	3-4 artists 3 high above counter (medium) 12 on side walls (large) 2-3 in bathroom (small-med)	Barb Klepac, Lynne Edwards Lee Goodrich, Anita Thompson Kathy Mader Johnel Fox
NEW! Mann's Music & Art Center 414 W Bakerview Rd., Bellingham	6 artists	Joyce Rogers, Lee Goodrich Joyce Gardner, Kathy Wood Lynne Edwards, Celia Clarke Dixie Tamcke, Karen Peter JoAnne Wyatt
Banner Bank - Cornwall Avenue Gene Bell & Associates	1 artist each	Kathy Mader Helen Harris

Venue Transition Procedures

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE PERSON YOU WILL FOLLOW TO ARRANGE TIME OF EXCHANGE.

We promise our patrons to keep their walls filled with artwork, so smooth transitions are important.

Also, removing artists' works without arranging an exchange time leaves the artwork vulnerable.

Please review the published venue rules in our Guild Directory.

Plein Air Sketch Out

Our summer sketch outs have been so enjoyable. Everyone is invited to come and join us. It is very motivating and inspirational to work outside no matter what the weather!



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The Purpose of the Whatcom Art Guild is to:

- Encourage and promote the visual arts within Whatcom County,
- Provide an environment in which artists can meet and exchange ideas and information,
- Organize exhibits in which members may display and sell artworks,
- Establish ties within the county and promote the visual arts,
- Support lifelong art education, and
- Promote member artists and the Whatcom Art Guild.

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