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Olympía Art League Newsletter November 2015

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Next Meeting:

November 19, 2015

Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month Location:

Faith Lutheran Church

7075 Pacific Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503 6:30 p.m.

Socializing/Art Display (stands are available at the dol-

lar store—bring a few!)

7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

7:30 p.m.

Speaker Demonstration

8:30 p.m.

Socializing/Discussion





Joe MacKechnie **November Speaker OAL** Nov 19, 2015

Artist Joe Mac Kechnie will present at our

November meeting. Joe is a signature

member of the Pastel Society of America, Northwest Watercolor Society, Northwest Pastel Society, and the Puget Sound Group of NW Artists. He is a member of the Portrait Society of America, the Oil Painters of America and has served as president of the Eastside Assoc of Fine Arts and president of the Puget Sound Group of NW Artists.



Joe teaches art workshops locally and in Europe. Joe has artworks in several local galleries in the Seattle area and Alaska. And he has had artworks

in the Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown, Ohio and the National Arts Club, Grand Gallery in New York, NY. Joe has won many local and national art awards and has been featured in the Pastel Journal magazine, Southwest Art magazine, American Art Collector maga-

zine and Strokes of Genius.

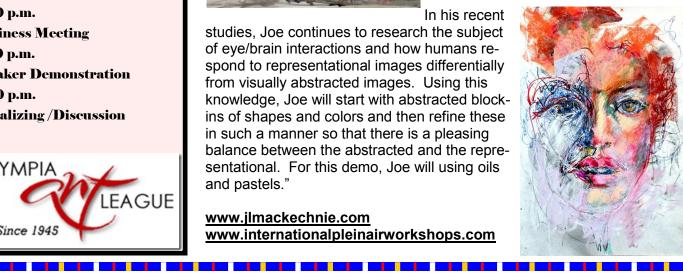


Joe was born in Petersburg Alaska and raised in the Pacific Northwest. As an engineering graduate of the UW, Joe worked as a computer network design engineer in the Seattle area for many years. After retirement, Joe has pursued a career in fine art.

In his recent

studies, Joe continues to research the subject of eye/brain interactions and how humans respond to representational images differentially from visually abstracted images. Using this knowledge. Joe will start with abstracted blockins of shapes and colors and then refine these in such a manner so that there is a pleasing balance between the abstracted and the representational. For this demo, Joe will using oils and pastels."

www.jlmackechnie.com www.internationalpleinairworkshops.com







Embracing Fun

Do you ever just fool around experimenting with your paints, paper and tools? Just for fun? Do you take time out for fun stuff?

One of my very favorite watercolor artists, Jean Haines, always begins her workshops by teaching her students how to "play with their paints." She is amazed at how intimidated her students are by a blank canvas. She is British and teaches how to "paint for the bin (garbage can)." As artist's we expect masterpieces every time we pick up a brush so we rarely allow ourselves to just have fun and play. Jean requires that her students begin EVERY painting session with a little play time - blending, salting, spattering and spritzing colors on scrap paper. There is an amazing amount of learning that transpires during this play time. Your palette becomes a friend instead of a mystery. There is so much that we can learn by playing with our medium. We become excited about our discoveries and inspired to incorporate them in our next painting.

There's a kind of purposeful madness when you deviate from your serious path. It becomes a recess from regular labor. It definitely reboots the muse. "Necessity may be the mother of invention, but play is certainly the father," says creativity coach Roger von Oech. If you ever doubted the value of play, take a look at what the great thinkers, inventors and artists have to say about playing.

Albert Einstein: "Play is the essential feature in productive thought."

American conceptual artist and minimalist **Sol LeWitt**: "Your work isn't a high stakes, nail-biting professional challenge. It's a form of play. Lighten up and have fun with it."

Gottfried Benn: "Whoever wants to understand much must play much."

Joel Saltzman: "I'm going to have some fun here. I'm going to play around and discover some really neat stuff."

Gaye Adams: "Let's work hard, but take the pressure off ourselves and have some fun with the process. Otherwise, what is the point?"

George Di Carlo: "If it's not fun you're doing it wrong."

Gwen Fox: "Having fun with our creativity makes us a better artist and a better person."

Dale Carnegie: "People rarely succeed unless they have fun in what they are doing."

Peter Scott: "You've made your bed, now go bounce on it."

The key is to loosen up, relax and find the joy in your work. Give yourself permission to let go and play. Enjoy yourself and have some fun.

Roxana

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OAL Artists & Friends Trip Seattle Art Museum - SAM

Our October trip to Seattle was to the SAM and was a success. All six of us enjoyed different aspects of the impressionist exhibit. We had a quick lunch at a small shop close to the museum before doing the exhibit. We arrived 35 minutes later than we expected do to I-5 congestion. Everyone took the delay in good spirits.

Would definitely say it is worthwhile.

Enjoy Art!

Jean Van Doren

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Our next Think Tank will be November 10 at 2PM, Hagen's (the old Top Food) on Olympia's west side.

This is a venue for OAL members to share a cup of tea or coffee, socialize, talk art and



think of ways to improve Olympia Art League! Roxana will be there to greet and visit. Members are encouraged to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club!



October OAL Demo—The members of Olympia Art League were again treated to a very talented and entertaining artist in October as **Brandi York** demonstrated her amazing pastel skills.

Brandi spent her beginning professional years as an artist doing portraits at Disneyland. Somehow she developed the ability to talk and do art at the same time so her amazing demonstration was filled with the patter of suggested supplies, methods and amusing experiences.

Our members were mesmerized and regretted that 8:30 "time to go home" call. Brandi's use of "pan" pastels as an undercoat was new for many of us.

Our pastel members are hoping Brandi can find time to put together a workshop on portraits because it was obvious she has a lot of knowledge to share!

Thank You Brandi for making the gruesome I-5 drive south to share your talent!

Fine Art Postcard Exhibition

South Puget Sound Community College

January 4 – February 12, 2016 The Gallery at
The Kenneth J Minnaert Center for the Arts
The Fine Art Postcard Exhibition is an annual
event and the 2016 theme is "Solving for X."

Postcard-sized original artworks, created by
artists of all ages and abilities are sold via silent
auction. All proceeds support gallery programming.

Submission deadline is Dec 1, 2015.

More info and prospectus at:

https://spscc.edu/community/arts/gallery

WATERCOLOR CRITIQUE GROUP

The next meeting of the *Watercolor Critique Group* will be the **second** Friday in November – **13 Nov 2015**. Meeting time is also changed to **1:00 to 2:30 p.m**. Meeting place is same as before: **Timberline Baptist Church – 6628 Mullen Rd SE – Lacey**.

If you paint with watercolor, we invite you to come join us for a "test drive", no commitment required. (That comes later!) It's a great group – helpful, supportive and downright inspiring at times! Bring one or two pieces – current or something you've set aside waiting for inspiration to strike.

Questions:

JoAnne Sanford 360-878-8225 or

san3jo@comcast.net



ABSTRACT CRITIQUE GROUP

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Línda Selsor 360-491-0377 lselsor@msn.com

next meeting of the Abstract Critique Group will be <u>Wed.</u>, <u>November 18th from 1PM to 3:30ish</u> at the home of Mia Schulte located at 1732 Medallion Loop NW, Olympia.

Folks working in all mediums and levels of experience welcome (even if you are just toying with the idea of venturing into abstraction).

Please feel free to bring several works to share.

RSVP to Mia at 360-866-3876 or miaschulte@gmail.com Call Linda Selsor at 360-491-0377 or email her at lselsor@msn.com if you have questions about the group.

Tacoma Art Museum - Art AIDS America

Oct 3, 2015 – Jan 10, 2016

This groundbreaking exhibition underscores the deep and unforgettable presence of HIV in American art. It introduces and explores the whole spectrum of artistic responses to AIDS, from the politically outspoken to the quietly mournful, surveying works from the early 1980s to the present. The show includes 125 works of art, including works by famous artists such as Keith Haring, Jasper Johns, Annie Leibovitz and others.

Olympia Art League

Members Only Art Show 2016

The OAL Members' Show will be held January 15 through February 12 at Olympics West Retirement Inn, 929 Trosper Rd SW, Tumwater in 2016 rather than the customary time in October/November.

The show schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Artists deliver art to Olympic West (1-4pm)

Friday, January 15

Show opens...Exhibition Hours Daily Noon-7pm

Wednesday, February 10

Reception at Olympic West (5-7pm)

Friday, February 12
Show closes at 7pm

Saturday, February 13
Artists pick up art at Olympic West (Noon-3pm).

(Art not picked up by date and time specified will be donated to charity. However if other arrangements for pick up are needed/planned please call Kay Tolles)

Hey you... yes you!

Send in a photo or

notice & you can be in

the newsletter too!

Cheers! Shirley

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Shelton Civic Center Rotating Art Gallery

GOT 5 IMAGES? CALL FOR ARTISTS

COVER ART SEARCH 2016 ARTS WALK

Applications Now Available Olympia Arts Walk spring and fall 2016 will each celebrate the work of a local artist in the design of the maps for the events. A jury panel will recommend two artists - one for spring and one for fall - to be commissioned by the City of Olympia to each create a new, original work of art for the cover of the Arts Walk 2016 maps.

Intent of the annual selection is to provide a wide variety of style, media and subject matter that reflects the diversity of the Arts Walk event.

Eligibility: Artists who have officially (name on the map or in a group show) participated in Olympia's Arts Walk within the last two years are invited to submit images of current work; students are not eligible to apply.

Honoraria: \$600

Deadline for Receipt of Application: Monday, November 16, 2015, 5pm

Applications Available:

Online: www.olympiawa.gov/artswalk
Or Email: sjohnso1@ci.olympia.wa.us

Or Call: 360.709.2678

Or Visit in Person: The Olympia Center at

222 Columbia St. NW Olympia, WA

Cal Capener Oil Painting Class

Saturday Nov. 21

Cal Capener will teach his monthly class on Oil Painting Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 10AM-



3:30PM. The class is held at the studio of Diane Fairbanks located at 1230 8th Ave., SE, Olympia. (You may park on the street or in the alley.) Cal will do a demo at the beginning of the class and follow with instruction on color mixing and composing a landscape.

New comers are welcome and will have materials provided for them if they wish to try out the medium before committing to further painting with oils. **Cost is \$60.** Call **Cal at 360-491-0704** to register or contact him by email at: cccnac@msn.com

The next Shelton Arts Commission show will be at Shelton Civic Center Rotating Art Gallery. The display is slated for Oct 5—Dec 31. Admission is free and art may be viewed during business hours. Questions? please contact the director, Mark Ziegler, at the City of Shelton: MZielger@ci.shelton.wa.us or 360-432-5194.

GETTING AQUAINTED...

Each month we'll feature several of our members as a way to help get to know one another.

Contact Línda Selsor, Iselsor@msn.com, 360-491-0377 to participate.



While walking around the capitol grounds in 2001, **Ellen Cholski** watched some OAL members enjoying a paint out. When she wandered over, Gloria Burton and Gema Casanas invited her to join them the following week. "At first, I used watercolors and amazingly became a painter. After taking a pastel class in 2006 from Susan Glendenning, I was hooked on soft pastels. I love working close to my fingertips with the many colors." Ellen spends summers on the sparkling shores of Puget Sound and winters in sunny Tucson in the richly diverse Sonoran Desert. "I am grateful to be able to paint in



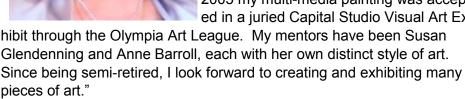
two beautiful places. Nature is delightfully beautiful, and, hopefully, my

art reflects some of that beauty."



Clara Hamavand, an Olympia Art League member for 11 plus years, enjoys working in pastels, watercolor and acrylics. After a life-

long interest in fine arts, she earned her BA at Columbia College of Chicago in her twenties. "Now I get my inspiration to do art from the ocean and natural landscapes. In 2014 I exhibited paintings at the Olympia State of the Arts Gallery. In 2005 my multi-media painting was accepted in a juried Capital Studio Visual Art Ex-







Jean Van Doren has lived in the area for 25 years, been active in the art community and been with the Arts Gallery since arriving. She's a long time member of OAL and joined Arts Olympia about 5 years ago. "My style has evolved into impression and semi-abstraction. The materials I use are varied depending on how I want to express my vision. Watercolor, papers, acrylic, pastels, pen and ink are the main materials used for my nature inspired art." Jean "always enters the state fair in Puyallup." She leads OAL outings and is a member of the Abstract Critique Group. Jean is a member

of the Peninsula Art Association, WA; Nevada Art League, Reno; and, the Art League, Moses Lake, WA.



2015 KAYNOR ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW OLYMPIA

November 21st and 22nd, 2015

10:30AM-5PM

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL 415 CAPITOL WAY NORTH, OLYMPIA.

Lovely collection of hand crafted and graphic arts from professional Washington State artists. This indoor art show offers only the highest quality arts and fine crafts by a select group of artists.

The Northwest Watercolor Society is pleased to announce that its 76th Annual International Open Exhibition is now open for entry.

We encourage you to submit entries for the exhibition that will run from April 18 to June 3, 2016, at the Mercer Island Community Center located at 8236 SE 24th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040.

Entry deadline is January 10, 2016, at 6 p.m. Click here to view the prospectus.

Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation offer great art classes:

Register now for Fall classes at www.olympiawa.gov/experienceit or call at 360-753-8380

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BONSAI WOK Teriyaki Art Display

OAL art is at the **Bonsai Wok Teriyaki** restaurant, in Tumwater at 408 Cleveland Ave. SE. Please thank our generous sponsor by taking your family to eat at Bonsai Wok Teriyaki. Contact **Anne-Marie Brown** if you want to participate at the next art refresh: 360-867-3270 or anniebrownie123@yahoo.com Thank Bonsai for their kind sponsorship with your patronage!

Visit Olymphant Art Store website for upcoming community activities: http://www.theolyphant.com/events/

Subscribe to Stephanie Johnson's Art Digest for upcoming community everts. To get on her email list write to her at City of Olympia:

sjohnso1@ci.olympia.wa.us

Ann Breckon—Watercolor in Olympia

Classes in November will focus on a winter picture. Painters of all experience levels are welcome! We have a great group of supportive and wonderful artists .

Dates for the remainder of 2015: Mondays

Nov. 9 and Nov. 16 * Dec 7 and Dec 14

Time: Noon-3

Location: 1st Christian Church - 7th and Franklin in Olympia, WA. You may park under the building. **Tuition:** \$35 per session—pay at the start of class on

each day.

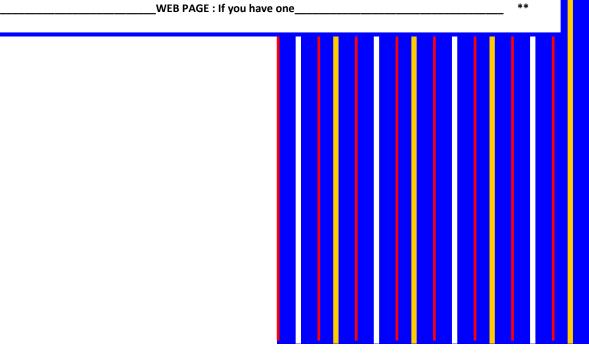
EXPERIMENTAL WATERMEDIA ARTESCAPE

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MARCH 13 - 18, 2016 TIS HUBERTH, Instructor LOCATION: Camp Arnold, Eatonville, WA Over 650 acres of forests, woodlands, trails and lakefront. 1 1/2 hours from Seattle, 45 min. from Tacoma & Olympia — 30 min. south of Puyallup. PRICE: \$425. per person LINENS INCLUDED - NO CHARGE: All bedding, towels, washcloth PAINTING/SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS -Up to 26 - Twin Beds 6 single rooms available - 1st come 1st serve basis FOOD - Served Cafeteria style - dietary needs are no problem. Salad Bar at Lunch and Dinner WHAT ELSE? ** 14 MEALS ** 5 NITES ** NEW PROJECTS & TECHNIQUES ** ** INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY 8+ HRS DAILY ** ART DVDs ** ** NO FAULT INDIVIDUAL & GROUP CRITIQUES ** LAUGHTER ** ** GREAT DISCUSSIONS ** COMRADERIE ** NO MEALS TO FIX ** ** WORRIES LEFT BEHIND ** ** LOTS OF TIME TO PAINT ** PAINT ** PAINT ** RECHARGE YOUR CREATIVITY **CHOOSE TO TRY OUR PROJECTS OR DO YOUR OWN THING TERMS A deposit of \$100 per person upon Registration Deposit refundable until DEC. 13 (Minus Cancellation Fee - \$50.) BALANCE OF \$325. **DUE FEB.13, 2016** REFUNDS after these dates will only be made if someone takes your place. Exceptions may be made for serious illness or some unforeseen circumstances. QUESTIONS? CALL TIS - 253-839 5623 (home) OR 206-661-4384 (cell) E MAIL: tiswatercolorsetc@yahoo.com ADDRESS: 19623 47TH AVE. SOUTH, AUBURN, WA 98001 **REGISTRATION** MAKE CHECK OUT TO: WATERCOLORS ETC. MAIL TO: Tis Huberth 29623 47th Ave., South Auburn, WA 98001 YES! SIGN ME UP FOR ARTESCAPE, MARCH. 13-18, 2016 I AM ENCLOSING \$100 DEPOSIT - PER PERSON ___I want to room with _ Put me down for a single room, if available. DIETARY NEEDS? ___PHONE___ NAME ADDRESS_ _____STATE_____ZIP_____





Mural Refurbishment Project

Some time ago Marge McGinley painted the two popular murals which grace the entrance to the Fine Arts Pavilion in the Sokolik Building at the Thurston County Fair. You've seen them and loved them for years. Now they need a little attention.

We will be looking for volunteers to help strip off the old protective finish (which is leaving with or without our efforts), do light cleaning of the murals and recoat them with another protective varnish. It appears that the artwork itself is in good condition.



The maintenance staff at the fair will help us remove these 4'x6' panels from the wall of the building and it is possible that we can do the work right there at the fairgrounds. Sooo if you have an interest in the preservation of a public art piece, contact Diana Fairbanks by phone at her stu-

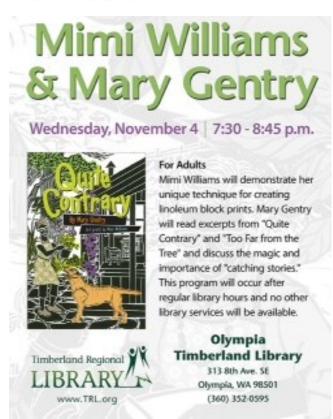
dio at 360-878-9529 or email at Olylmages@comcast.net

Diana Fairbanks Thurston Co Fair Fine Arts
Pavilion Superintendent



Marchetti Wines

Sunday, November 1, 4 - 6PM
Painting Instruction by Diana Fairbanks
\$50 includes all materials, instruction and a glass of wine
511 Washington St. S.E., Olympia, WA 98501 * Call 360-529-7434 to reserve a space



Mimi & Mary—Art Demo & Reading Writer Mary Gentry and artist Mimi Williams have been friends for years. It began when their daughters shared a kindergarten class. Their creative collaboration, however, started only last year, in 2014, with the publication of the book, "Quite Contrary." Written by Gentry, the book is a collection of humorous essays about what she calls the "homely things of life." William's exquisitely cut and colored linoleum block prints adorn the cover and chapter headings.

The creative duo will talk about their work **Wednesday, November 4 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. at the Olympia Timberland Library.** Williams will demonstrate her artistic technique. Gentry will read from "Quite Contrary" and "Too Far from the Tree."

Gentry moved to Olympia in 1966 and taught English and drama at Tumwater High School. From 1979 to 2007, she worked as an estate-planning attorney with the firm Bean and Gentry. Williams taught third grade at Olympia's Pioneer Grade School.

OAL EVENING PAINT-IN

Diana Fairbanks' Studio -Thursdays 6:30-8:30PM 1230 E 8th Ave Oly

For more info contact: Karen Bush 360-455-8176

They're BAAAACK...

The Thursday Night Paint-In bunch has come in from their summer outdoor adventures to paint at Olylmages Studio. The usual suspects began meeting indoors again in September. They start at 6:30 pm to 8:30 (or so) at the studio at 1230 8th Ave. S.E.. Call Karen Bush if you have questions or need directions. Everyone is welcome.

Karen Bush



Tobey Jones Senior Art Show Ruth Bravetti Hon. Mention

Electronic media image
"Communication 2" by OAL
member Ruth Bravetti received
honorable mention at the juried
Franke Tobey Jones Senior Art
Show. It will be on display at the
Tacoma Art Museum beginning
November 11 through December 7th.

The reception is November 19 from 5PM -8PM.

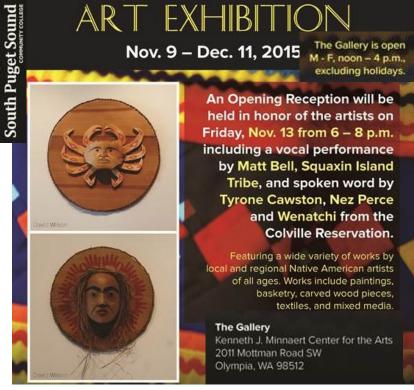
OAL MORNING PAINT-IN

OAL Morning Paint-In sessions with **Karen Crate** are an opportunity to paint with other artists—newbies welcome!

Paint-ins are held Thursday mornings 9AM-noon beginning October 1 at **Thunderbird Village clubhouse, 716 Dennis St SE in Tumwater.**

For more info contact: Karen Crate wkcrate@comcast.net 360-943-1827







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Bonsai: Anne-Marie Brown Capitol Chiropractic: Lone Moody Paint Out: Jane King / JoAnne Sanford

Paint In Day: Karen Crate Paint In Night: Karen Bush Recruiter: Roxana Caples

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THE ARTISTS' GALLERY

Holiday Art & Jewelry Show

FRIDAY, NOV 13, 5PM - 8 PM SATURDAY, NOV 14, 10AM - 7 PM

> 2505 4th Ave W, Suite 105 Olympia, WA 98502 (360)357-6920

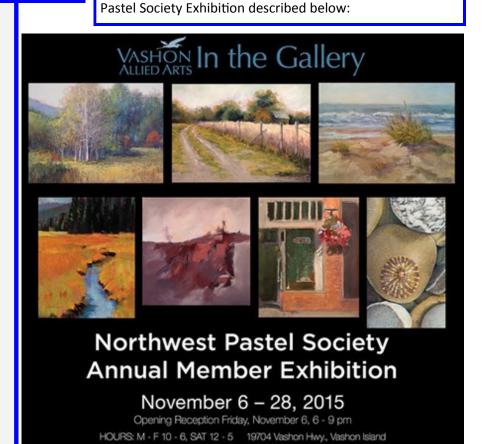
Olympia Art League members Laraine Wade-Butter and LaDonna Kruger, with four other artists and jewelers will present their works at this show. There will be an artists reception from 5pm-8pm Friday evening with hors d'ouvres, complimentary wine, and the background repertoire of renowned Harpist Kippy Lou Scott.

OAL members will have special "will call" invitations available to them at the door.





Note: OAL member **Mia Shulte** will be showing at the NW



Beth de Groen