

# Olympia Art League Newsletter

## February 2019

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***We're back to  
THURSDAYS!!!***

MEETINGS—3<sup>rd</sup> **THURSDAYS** of  
the month

#### Next Meeting:

**Thursday**, February 21, 2019

#### Location:

ELKS LODGE  
1818 4<sup>TH</sup> AVE. E.  
Olympia

#### Time:

6:30 PM Socializing

7:00 PM Meeting and Announcements

7:30 PM Speaker Demonstration

*February's speaker...*

### **WATERCOLOR PAINTER OAL'S OWN CELENE RYAN**

Once Celene Ryan was introduced to watercolor painting, she became passionately drawn to the process. "I was told it was one of the most difficult mediums to master. My educational history had already included many arts and crafts, such as sewing, weaving, drawing, pen and ink, acrylics, pottery and wood working. I found my niche with painting in watercolor."



"Through determination over the years, my skills in watercolor painting developed. It was further encouraged by taking workshops and classes from many gifted watercolor painters in the Northwest including: Jan Kunz, Susan McKinnen Rasmussen, Barbara Nechis, and Jean Haines." Much of Celene's inspiration has come from the garden, forest, and viewing wildlife while hiking the Northwest.



Celene has shown extensively and been juried into and received awards from the Northwest Watercolor Society--quite an honor considering they have over 600 members! She also received the first place award for watercolor at the 2018 Western Washington Fair.

Her presentation at the February meeting will focus on negative painting and textures. You can check out her web page at [celeneryan.com](http://celeneryan.com).



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## BUSY TIMES, BUSY PEOPLE

The big news is that the Members Only Show will hang through February culminating with a reception for OAL members and guests on Friday March 1st from 6—8 PM. There will be hors d' oeuvres, beverages, music, and fellowship. Hope you have submitted a painting, but even if you were unable to participate this year, it is an opportunity to mingle with OAL artists and get to know them better.

Spring is a busy time and just when we finish one project another presents itself. I am trying to keep up myself and am trying to refer to the newsletter to keep me informed. Art for the Members Only Show, the juried show in April, art for St. Peters Providence Hospital, Coopers Point—I could go on and on. I do find that knowing these shows are coming in the future helps me to be more productive. Last month our Watercolor Critique Group was the next week and I painted four watercolors to get ready; that's a record. The funny thing was, the one I thought was passable was the one our watercolor group liked. You never know; you may not be the best judge.

On another note, I just wanted you to know how much I've enjoyed being your President. It was a bit daunting at first, but we have so many people willing to work to help make OAL fun, inspiring, and mutually beneficial. Thank you to all that participate in the big and little jobs. It makes it worthwhile. My first questions were how do we get our newsletter published? Up steps Linda Selsor to be our editor, publisher, and occasional writer. We need leadership for shows and we have volunteers who make it possible. Emails need to be sent to keep us on track and April Works says she's up for the job. It feels a bit like herding cats, but it works. Just wanted you to know as some day you may need to step-up; it's a great opportunity.

Blue Skies, Nicki Weber OAL President

P.S. Just take a moment to peruse the back page where we list who does what—it takes a lot of people to make OAL tick and so many step up. Thanks!

## January speaker...

### WATER MEDIA ARTIST ROSALIE NOTTON THUN

It was obvious from her expertly rendered horses and animals that Rosalie has a love of nature and the creatures that inhabit it. Rosalie is masterful at painting with three mediums—watercolor, acrylics and oil. After spending 31 years as an educator (13 as an art teacher), she now has time to fulfill her own need for creating art.



As her walls, cupboards and under bed storage began to fill up, she looked to find an outlet for her art. Her marketing strategy involved finding a group of people who were as “in love” with her subjects as she is. She has had great success with sales at the Western Washington Fair and the Emerald Downs Equestrian Art Show. Many of her admirers loved her art but were not financially able to purchase originals so Rosalie began making calendars to sell. Costco printing provided the best and cheapest source.



Some tips for our Olympia Art League artists: Do not work with poor photographs. If you are not an outstanding photographer, link up to a photo artist who is. Edit the photos for composition and color emphasis. Lighting on your subject is critical. Make a lot of mistakes because we can make discoveries and learn from our many attempts. Rosalie believes

that as we age we may no longer be able to jump out of airplanes or swoosh down black diamond runs, but we can fulfill our artistic passions. “Keep painting.”

Contributed by Roxana Caples

*“Vuja De: That intense feeling of never, ever having done anything like this before.”*

Anonymous

## Opportunities to paint, play & learn together...

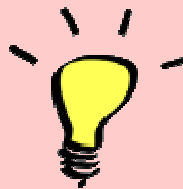


### OAL EVENING PAINT-INS

Meet Thursday evenings  
6:30—8:30 PM  
Diana Fairbanks Studio  
1230 8th Ave. SE, Olympia

For more information contact Karen Bush at 360-455-8176 or via email [kbush35@comcast.net](mailto:kbush35@comcast.net)

“All mediums and people are welcome.”  
\$5 fee covers utility costs



**THINK TANK TUESDAY** meets the second Tuesday of each month, **Tuesday, February 12th** at 2:00 PM at Haggen's on Olympia's west side off the intersection of Black Lake and Cooper Point.

Members are encouraged to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club.



### Watercolor

### Critique Group

*Join this helpful, supportive and often inspiring group. Bring a work for gentle, constructive feedback.*

**Time:** The second Friday of each month. The next meeting is Friday, February 8th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.

**Location:** – Lacey Fire Station #33, 6500 Mullen Road SE (Entrance is side door to right of front door.)

**Contact:** Call or e-mail Jo Anne Sanford, 360-878-8225  
[san3jo@comcast.net](mailto:san3jo@comcast.net)

### Morning Paint-Ins



**Time:** Thursdays 9 AM – Noon .

**Location:** Thunderbird Village Community Club House, 716 Dennis St SE in Tumwater

*Join other artists at work.*

**For more information:** call or e-mail Karen Crate  
[wkcrate@comcast.net](mailto:wkcrate@comcast.net) (360) 943-1827



### Abstract Critique Group

**New Meeting Date!!**

*We do a gentle critique of each other's work and share information about classes, books, artists or teachers that have inspired us. All experience levels and mediums welcome.*

**Time:** The **third Monday** of each month. The next meeting is February 18th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

**Location:** Lacey City Hall, 420 College St. (next door to the library). To find the room, enter through the middle door; the Community Room will be on your immediate left.

**Contact:** To RSVP, for directions, information contact Lindsey Ford at [lindsey4d@comcast.net](mailto:lindsey4d@comcast.net) or (360) 789-7860.



### Drawing Critique Group

**Focus:** Bring your drawings for a friendly critique. You can leave them in sketchbooks if you like.

**Date and Time:** Meets the first Tuesday of each month. *The February meeting is canceled* so member's can participate in the Providence show. The next meeting is March 5th from 3—4:30 PM.

**Location:** Rainier Room at Capital Medical Center, 3900 Capital Mall Drive SW, Olympia. The Rainier Room is just past the information desk in the main lobby, first door on the left.

**Contact:** Rick Drescher at Phone 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: [rlickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rlickdartist@gmail.com)



**Artists' Brunch Club...** Enjoy brunch with your fellow artists at Cooper Point Public House, 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside, at **11:00 AM** on the fourth Monday each month—next one is February 25th. This is a totally social Brunch Club get together. Contact: Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958, e-mail: [rlickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rlickdartist@gmail.com)



## Mixed Media Challenge and Support Group

**New Date & Time:** The Second Thursday of each month from 11 AM -1 PM. The February meeting is canceled. Please join us for the next meeting March 14, 2019.

**Place:** Tumwater Old Town Center, 215 North 2nd Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98512

**Contact:** Sherié Balko-Nation  
Email: [Gipseefire@Hotmail.com](mailto:Gipseefire@Hotmail.com)

## Join the Thurston/ Lewis Sketchers

**Date & Time:** 2nd Saturday of every month 10:30—12:00



**Coming Locations:** *February:* Starbucks in the old Chambers Prairie Grange No. 191 at the corner of Henderson Blvd and Yelm Hwy (across from the Briggs YMCA). Lunch TBD.

*March:* Centralia Olympia Club. This is a McMenamins restored in a wonderful old building. Lunch on site.

**Contact:** Cheryl Wilson at [cwilson3250@gmail.com](mailto:cwilson3250@gmail.com)

## Come draw with us!

The Developing Artists of Olympia (DAO) meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 in the old Don's camera building downtown. We have fantastic live models and it only costs \$15 for three hours! Some people draw; some people paint. This is a great opportunity to improve your figure and portrait skills.

Contact Mary Campbell for details at [sailmaryc@gmail.com](mailto:sailmaryc@gmail.com).



## MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Wednesday, February 20th

Please send your articles, photos, announcements & ideas for the **March** newsletter to Linda Selsor at [lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com).  
**Questions?** Call (360) 491-0377.



## ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

**Dates & Time:** The fourth Friday of the month—February 22nd from 1—3 PM.

**Locations:** Lacey Timberland Regional Library at 500 College St. SE off Abby Way.

**Program:** Includes painting critiques, a monthly painting challenge, plus valuable information sharing about tips, techniques, and materials.

**Contact:** Anyone interested in acrylics wishing to attend who isn't already on our list should contact Karla Fowler at [nwnxart@comcast.net](mailto:nwnxart@comcast.net). Anyone interested in acrylics is welcome.



## GETTING ACQUAINTED Introducing...

### Sue M. Marshall

Sue moved to the area from Nashville, TN one and a half years ago. She downsized and de-cluttered her life by selling her 1890s log cabin B&B on five acres. She purchased an RV and traveled across the USA ending up in Washington state.



"I came to visit friends here and never left! The Northwest can't help but inspire me as an acrylic painter. I use bright hues in my landscapes, water views and critters with a touch of whimsy. I also enjoy creating paintings that evoke memories from the heart such as classic cars, trucks and vintage items." She shows her work in Splash Gallery on Olympia's boardwalk. You can view Sue's photography and art at [suemmarshall.com](http://suemmarshall.com).



If you'd like to be featured in *Getting Acquainted* contact Lindsey Ford at [lindsey4d@comcast.net](mailto:lindsey4d@comcast.net) or (360) 789-7860

## Kudos and shows...

**Gay Hoffman's** 'Cyclists on Steamboat Island Bridge, Olympia WA' is a finalist in the 2019 City of Olympia Traffic Box Wrap Project. Public voting for will take place February 1-28, 2019. To vote community members can visit the [City's Facebook Page](#) and choose their favorite works by "liking" the image. It is okay for folks to like more than one. At the end of the public vote, the top ten images with the most likes are printed as vinyl canvases and installed on traffic boxes around town.



And, last fall 'The City of Seattle Office of Arts & Culture' purchased **Gay's** picture entitled "A Murder of Crows" for their permanent collection. The artworks are displayed on a rotation basis throughout the public spaces of Seattle Public Utilities in Seattle. These public spaces include lobbies, entry hallways, reception areas and conference rooms. The collection is also occasionally borrowed by museums and galleries for exhibitions.

**Alice Liou's** work is included in The Puget Sound Sumi Artists (PSSA) show from February 2nd through March 2nd at the Handforth Gallery of the Tacoma Public Library. The opening reception is on Saturday, February 2nd, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The theme of this PSSA exhibition is "Flow and Balance." There will be demonstrations of Sumi art making, calligraphy writing, and hands-on practice opportunities at the reception. The library is at [1102 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma](#). The Handforth Gallery is on the first floor of the Carnegie Building.

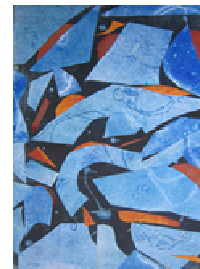


**The Meditation Paintings**  
by  
**Becky Knold**  
(a series of 21 paintings intended for contemplation)

**Vashon Center for the Arts**  
The Koch Gallery  
19600 Vashon Highway SW  
Vashon Island, WA 98070

February 1-22, 2019  
(M-F 10-5, Sat 12-5)  
Reception, February 1, 6-9pm

**Lois Beck** has work hanging in the Department of Ecology building on 300 Desmond Drive in Lacey. Her collages and mono-prints will be up until late March.

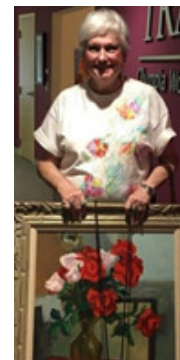


**Karla Fowler** will have a display of paintings at the Olympia Little Theatre in conjunction with their play "Men on Boats." Performance dates of the play are Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:25 PM January 31 through February 16, and Sundays at 1:55 PM February 3, 10 & 17. Information about the play is available

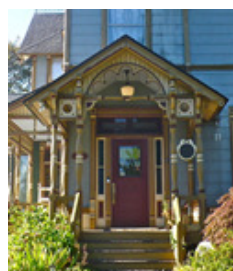
at [www.olympialittletheatre.org](http://www.olympialittletheatre.org).

## Upcoming art change out at... OAL SPONSORED ART VENUES

New art will go up at **The Women's Health Center at TRA Medical Imaging of Olympia** February 13th at 2 PM. All sizes and styles of art are welcome. This venue offers space for sculpture as well and everyone is encouraged to participate. TRA is located at 500 Lilly Road NE, Suite 160 in the Memorial Medical Plaza (across the street from St Peter Hospital). For more information contact Jan Hansen at 360 352-2751 or at [justjansue@gmail.com](mailto:justjansue@gmail.com).



Pictured, Caroline Nigh-Long with a piece she displayed at TRA.



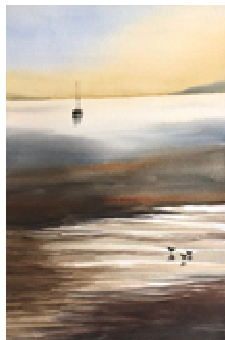
**Reminder:** Art at **Cooper Point Public House** located at 3002 Harrison Ave. on the Westside will be switched out on *Wednesday, February 6 at 9:30 AM*. The theme for this show is "Doors". Contact Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958 or via E-mail: [rickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com)

**Reminder:** The date to submit art to **Saint Peter's Providence Hospital in Olympia** show



is Tuesday February, 5th, 2019 from 3 PM to 4 PM. The theme is birds. Contact Teresa, 360-866-1512 home, 360-480-9955 cell or [teresamarie4art@gmail.com](mailto:teresamarie4art@gmail.com)

## Workshops...



### WATER COLOR CLASSES WITH ANN BRECKON

**Dates & Time:** Mondays, February 11th and 25th. 12 PM—3:00 PM

**Focus:** Still life in blue. On the 11th we'll explore the characteristics of blue pigments, best uses of each, fun studies that can be turned into greeting cards. On the 25th: We will paint a lovely blue pitcher on a calico napkin

**Location:** Hobby Lobby on Martin Way in Lacey.

**Cost:** \$40 per session (please note the price change)

**Contact:** Please e-mail Ann if you plan on attending or would like to be included on her e-mail list.—[annbreckon@gmail.com](mailto:annbreckon@gmail.com)



### CAL CAPENER OIL PAINTING CLASSES

*Newcomers, beginners  
and  
advanced students*

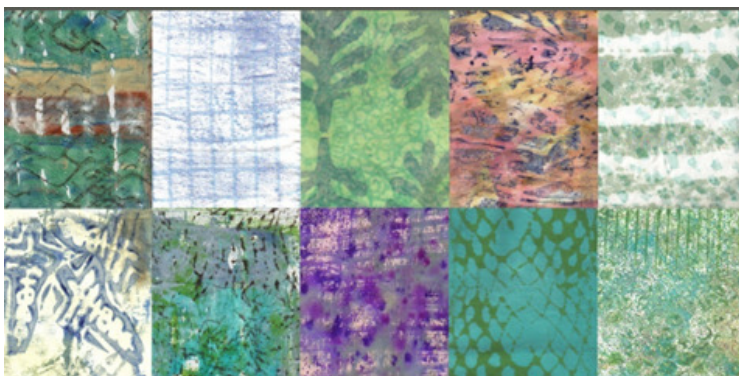
**Time:** Saturday, February 16th, 9 AM – 3:30 PM (half hour break for lunch)

**Cost:** \$60 with your own materials --\$65 if you use Cal's

**Focus:** Painting Mountains will be the primary focus, with composition and color mixing included.

**Location:** Class is held at the Diana Fairbank's Studio, 1230 8th Ave., SE, Olympia.

**Contact:** Call Cal Capener at 360-491-0704 to register or contact him by email at: [ccnac@msn.com](mailto:ccnac@msn.com)



### Textile Painting with Acrylics

Discover a range of techniques, tips & tricks that can transform your Fiber Art! We will explore a whole range of methods & acrylic products that can be used to create incredible surfaces while unraveling the mystery of acrylic! Whether you choose to use your fabrics for art to wear, sculpture, installation or 2 dimensional art, this workshop will open your eyes to a whole new approach. Each artist will create samples of each product, process & technique; each detail will be documented, creating a reference that will prove to be an invaluable resource for all future projects.

All products graciously provided by Golden Artist Colors for all my workshops.  
Supply list provided upon registration.

Borst Park (ARTrails)

FEB 9, 10-4

2020 Borst Ave (Kitchen #2), Centralia, WA

Contact for registration: [depiroart@gmail.com](mailto:depiroart@gmail.com) or **ONLINE**

\$100

*Check out the art classes offered at the  
Olympia Center—our Art Walks Host...*

## Experience It!

Register NOW for

Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Winter Classes

Register online at [www.olympiawa.gov/experienceit](http://www.olympiawa.gov/experienceit) or call us at 360.753.8380!

## Pressing Matters

Introduction to Printmaking: 4 nights and 4 techniques

Tuesdays, Feb 5, 12, 19, and 26

6:30pm to 8:30pm or so

All materials supplied (dress to mess)

\$120.00 8 students max.

Contact: Diana Fairbanks

OlyImages Studio, 1230 8th Ave. S.E. 98501

[OlyImages@comcast.net](mailto:OlyImages@comcast.net) or 360-878-9529

*Keep up on art happenings in  
Olympia...*

Subscribe to Stephanie Johnson's **ART DIGEST** for upcoming local events. To join her e-mail list write to her at City of Olympia: [sjohns1@ci.olympia.wa.us](mailto:sjohns1@ci.olympia.wa.us)

*"I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."*


Albert Einstein

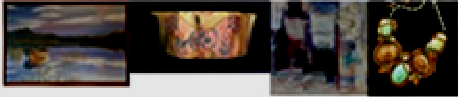


*Call for artist's...*

## 2019 PATRIOT'S LANDING JAZZ AND ART FESTIVAL

Following the success of its 2018 Jazz and Art Festival, Patriot's Landing will be hosting this year's event on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM. Patriots Landing is located at 1600 Marshall Circle, DuPont WA 98327. Indoor booth/display space will be free of charge. Artist and Artisans will be able to sell their work and retain 100% of the profits. Patriots Landing will supply an 8 or 6 foot table and 1 – 2 chairs. The vendor will supply their own table covering and any necessary/needed items to display their work. In addition to the Art displays, two Jazz groups will be performing in the Bistro. There will be complimentary appetizers for guests and vendors as well as drink specials available for purchase in the bar. Last year we had several hundred people come through. We'd have you join us! For more information contact Marketing Director Karen Getchell—Office (253) 964-4900, Cell (253) 343-4868 or e-mail--  
[kgetchell@patriotslanding.com](mailto:kgetchell@patriotslanding.com)





**ANNOUNCING**

Michele Marshal - Jewelry

Suzanne Carrell - Jewelry

Robert Hunter - Fine Art

Chuck Eklund - Fine Art

Please stop by the gallery to see work by our new artists and the new displays!!

Visit our new website at:  
[www.theartistsgallery.com](http://www.theartistsgallery.com)



*Treat Yourself*

*to a night filled with wine, live music, and art by local artists.*

*February 8, 2019*

*4:30-7:30pm*

*Bring your invitation to the event*

*The Artists' Gallery*  
*2505 4th Ave W*  
*Olympia, WA 98502*

## Olympia African American Arts Gala

Experience the diversity of our community at the Olympia African American Arts Gala on Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Local African American artists will display their work in honor of black history month, starting at 1 PM for early viewing and a tasking room opening at 5PM. Evening programming will begin at 7 PM. Entry is free. RSVP at [www.olyaagala.com](http://www.olyaagala.com) for more information.



## OAL WEB GALLERY

The Web Gallery features OAL members' art. If you'd like to be included:

1. Take photos of three pieces of your art with a digital camera; this creates a jpg image file which is the right format for the Web Gallery. Unfortunately, photos taken with a phone aren't the right format for the gallery.\*
2. If you want your photo to be part of your artist statement, provide a digital photo.\*
3. Create an artist statement of no more than 150 words; include your website or Facebook page. You can write your artist statement in the text of the email.
4. Attach the art photos, your photo and artist statement in an email and send them to Rick Drescher [rickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com).

\*If you have problems taking photos of your art, OAL member Dan Innes can help you. Contact Dan by phone 512-639-4971 or email at [jdinnes@msn.com](mailto:jdinnes@msn.com).

## OAL Board & Committee Members

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*Meeting Set Up:* Dan Innes, Mike Scheurich

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**OAL Sponsored Shows:**

*Members Only Art Show:* Heather Simons

*Artswalk Juried Show:* Janus Innes, Sherié Balko-Nation

*County Fair Art Show:* Diana Fairbanks, Kay Tolles

**Local OAL Art Show Venues:**

*Bonsai:* Anne-Marie Brown

*Capitol Chiropractic:* Lone Moody

*Cooper Point Public House:* Rick Drescher

*Saint Peter's Providence Hospital:*

Teresa Marie Staal-Cowley

*TRA Medical Imaging:* Jan Hansen

**Painting Get Togethers:**

*Paint Out:* Rick Drescher

*Paint In Day:* Karen Crate

*Paint In Night:* Karen Bush

**Critique & Support Groups:**

*Abstract Critique Group:* Lindsey Ford

*Acrylic Support Group:* Karla Fowler

*Drawing Support Group:* Rick Drescher

*Mixed Media:* Sherié Balko-Nation

*Watercolor Critique Group:* JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller

## New Feature on the OAL Website

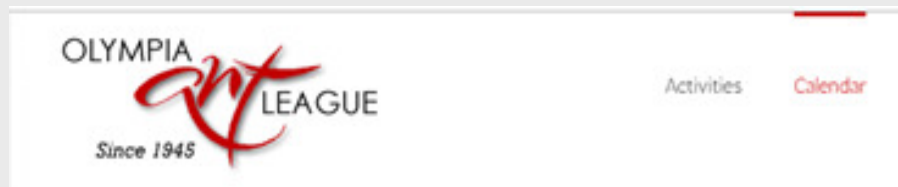
Beginning January 2019, we have a new feature on the OAL website—a **calendar** of events. This will give you a quick view of all the activities in a month so you can plan your own art activities and schedule an event without fear of conflict with another OAL event. It is for OAL sponsored events only.

You can access the calendar several ways. On the OAL website home page ([olympiaartleague.com](http://olympiaartleague.com)), you'll see a small calendar on the lower right side of the page (image to the right). Just below it you'll find a few events for the month listed. If you are interested in checking out a particular date, simply click on that date and the list below will show you what's happening on that day.

January 2019						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

If you'd like to see the whole calendar with all the listings for the month, go to the top of the home page on the same line as the logo and you'll see a series of titles, click on the second one, "calendar", and it will take you to the current month's activities. (See image below.) Want to look ahead a couple of months? Go to the bottom of the calendar and click on the little arrow next to the coming month.

FRI	Acrylic Support Group
25	January 25 @ 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SUN	Member Show Art Drop Off
27	January 27 @ 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM



To add, change an event or if you have questions, contact Linda Selsor, [lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com) or (360) 491-0377.

## SOUTH SOUND STUDIO TOUR AND REGISTRATION INFO

Event Date: May 4, 2019, 10 AM – 4 PM

Deadline to register: February 15, 2019, 11:59 PM

Participation Fee: \$40 fee per location for participation covers inclusion in the 11 by 17 tri-fold map, yard signs, URL fee and inclusion on the website. Please head over to our website, read about the event, register and submit your payment. We're excited to have you join us.

Website: [www.southsoundstudiotour.wordpress.com](http://www.southsoundstudiotour.wordpress.com)

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