

# Olympia Art League Newsletter

## September 2019

*September presenter...*

**MASTER WATERCOLOR ARTIST**

**BILL HOOK**

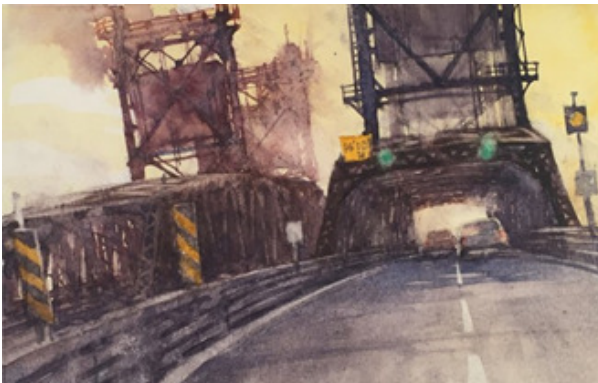


Bill Hook is a Seattle based artist, internationally known for his masterful watercolor interpretations of industrial and urban settings. His drawing and observational skills were developed during a 40-year career as a highly respected and awarded architect and architectural illustrator.

A turning point in his career occurred in 2007 when he was awarded a NIAUSI Fellowship for a two month residency just to observe, think, and paint in Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy. He has since focused his efforts toward freeing his artwork from the constraints of illustration and sees his art career as a process of change and development as he searches for more evocative, introspective and powerful means of capturing his interests. He is currently interested in transitions in his environment: studying what is temporary and what will become memory. His current project is a series of paintings capturing the demolition of the Viaduct in Seattle.



He is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, and Northwest Watercolor Society, and has won awards in all of these as well as numerous other exhibitions. He was a finalist in the



Art of Watercolor Magazine World Watercolor Competition in Narbonne, France in 2014 and was a featured artist in the August 2016 issue of Watercolor Artist Magazine and SPLASH 18.

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[wghookart@gmail.com](mailto:wghookart@gmail.com)



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**OAL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE BACK**

**Next Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** ELKS LODGE, 1818 4<sup>TH</sup> Ave. E, Olympia

6:30—Socializing and sharing art

7:00—Meeting and announcements

7:30—Speaker Demonstration

Check out our website: <https://olympiartleague.com/>



## BUSY SUMMER AND BUSY YEAR AHEAD

It's been a busy summer for many of our OAL members despite the break from our monthly meetings. Every Thursday morning and evening the plein air groups met with great participation. Our monthly support groups continued over the summer. Think Tank Tuesday met in August to discuss the up and coming year. Planning is already underway for our April Arts Walk Juried Show. I'm happy to report that Carolyn Burt and Veronica Kessler will be the Co-Chairs.

Our committee planning the 75th Anniversary of OAL this coming year started meeting over the summer. We are tentatively planning a celebration of that milestone in the late fall of 2020. We'll update you on the details once the board reviews the plans and let you know how you can help make this event memorable. In the meantime, if you have questions contact one of the co-chairs—Rick Drescher or Linda Selsor.

The Thurston County Fair Art Show was larger and very well attended this year. Kudos to Diana Fairbanks who served as Superintendent of the show and coordinated the volunteer efforts. Thanks to all of the OAL members who staffed the fair, counted ballots, did demonstrations, checked in art, hung the show and checked it out.

Lots going on and that's the way we like it. This coming year will be a busy one as well. The Schmidt House Brewery Show will be in the month of May. Quite a few people have already been painting the Brewery Historical area. Lastly, I want to remind you about the workshop coinciding with the Spring Arts Walk Juried Show in April. Dale Laitinen is an excellent painter and teacher; this is a great opportunity to learn from a master. The dates will be Monday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 22. The cost is \$300 for three days. We already have four people signed up to take the workshop. Please contact me, Nicki Weber, if you are interested. You can reach me at (253) 222-0505. You may send your deposit of \$150 to Nicki Weber, 6037 Swayne Dr. NE, Olympia, WA 98516

I'm looking forward to the kickoff of our program year and monthly meetings on September 19th. We're in for a treat with the presentation from Bill Hook.

See you soon,  
Nicki, OAL President



Arts & Culture  
Event Information



## Cover Art Sneak Peek

Mark your calendar—Fall Arts Walk is Friday, October 4th (5 to 10 PM) and Saturday October 5th (Noon to 5 PM). Hit the streets with over 10,000 of your closest friends to celebrate the arts in downtown Olympia!

Above is a sneak peak of cover art "Held Dear" by Faith Hagenhofer. To check out more information about the event go the website listed below.

<http://olympiawa.gov/city-services/parks/artswalk.aspx>

THE ARTISTS' GALLERY

CELEBRATES  
HARVEST MOON

FEATURING ARTISTS  
JUDITH FROST & NEIL PECK

RECEPTION  
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13th 4-7 PM

In the Mall Promenade between Italia & Massage Envy  
[www.theartistsgallery.com](http://www.theartistsgallery.com) 360 357 6920



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



### OAL EVENING PAINT-INS

*We're back inside September 5th!*

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

To get on the list to learn summer locations, 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 during paint-ins

### Morning Paint-Ins... Back September 5th

**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



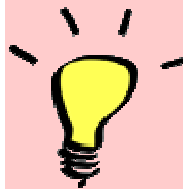
### Abstract Support Group

*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.*

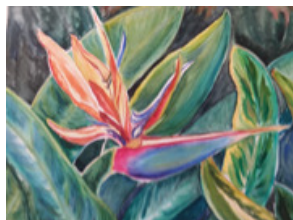
**Time:** The **third Monday** of each month. The next meeting is September 16th from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

**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, monthly location and information contact Lindsey Ford at [lindsey4d@comcast.net](mailto:lindsey4d@comcast.net) or (360) 789-7860.



**THINK TANK TUESDAY** meets the second Tuesday of each month, **Tuesday, September 10th** at 2:00 PM at Haggens on Olympia's west side off the intersection of Black Lake and Cooper Point. *Join us—members are encouraged to socialize, talk art, and think up terrific ideas to make OAL a more amazing art club.*



### Watercolor Support 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, September 13th 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 JoAnne Sanford, 360-878-8225  
[san3jo@comcast.net](mailto:san3jo@comcast.net).



### Drawing Support 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 next meeting is September 3rd from 3—4:30 PM.

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

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

### OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Monday, September 23rd

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

## Join the Thurston/ Lewis Sketchers



**Date & Time:** 2nd Saturday of every month  
10:30 AM —12:30 PM. Join us for lunch  
afterwards.

### Coming Locations:

September 14th: Claquato Church 125 Water St & Cemetery  
142 Stearns Rd, Chehalis  
October 12th: 222 Market, Olympia

A location backup due to weather or as an ad hoc will be the JB  
Lewis/McCord Historical Museum.

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



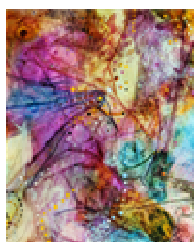
## ACRYLIC SUPPORT GROUP

**Dates & Time:** The fourth Friday of the month, September  
27th.

**Locations:** Lacey Timberland Library, 500 College St SE,  
Lacey, off Abbey Way.

**Program:** Includes painting critiques, a monthly painting chal-  
lenge, plus valuable information sharing about tips, techniques,  
and materials. September's challenge is painting one or more  
cars or trucks.

**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 wel-  
come.



## MIXED MEDIA CHALLENGE & SUPPORT GROUP

**New Date & Time:** The third Friday of  
each month from 1 PM – 2:30 PM.  
Next meeting September 20th

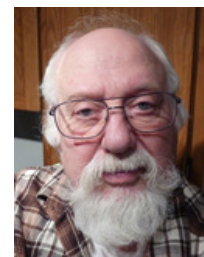
**Change of Location for Sept:** The clubhouse at Sherié's  
apartment complex located at 913 Lilly Rd. NE, Olympia across  
from Kaiser Permanente.

**Contact:** Sherié Balko-Nation at (360) 628-0968 or by  
email: [Gipseefire@Hotmail.com](mailto:Gipseefire@Hotmail.com)

## GETTING ACQUAINTED



### Introducing Paul Barton



Paul Barton, OAL member for 11 years,  
works in pastel, bronze, oils, acrylics, print-  
making, and most drawing mediums. For 40  
years he's been doing realistic and impres-  
sionistic nudes. "Life drawing and the subtleties of color and  
composition with the nude figure have been endlessly fascinat-  
ing for me."



He frequently has pieces in national juried  
shows and is a signature member of the  
NW Pastel Society and several other art  
organizations. He was formerly repre-  
sented by the Full Moon Gallery and For  
Arts Sake Gallery in Gig Harbor.

You can learn more and see his artwork on  
his website: [www.paulbarton.artspan.com](http://www.paulbarton.artspan.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

*Don't forget...*

### Time to Pay OAL Membership Dues



Beat the rush; renew your OAL membership before the  
end of the year. The cost for a year's membership in the  
Olympia Art League is only **\$30 per year**. Membership is  
for a calendar year, so your current membership will ex-  
pire at the end of 2019.

Please bring your check to the next OAL meeting or mail it  
to: Olympia Art League, PO Box 404, Olympia, WA 98507



**Artists' Brunch Club**...Enjoy brunch with your fellow artists at Cooper Point Public House, 3002 Harri-  
son Ave. on the Westside, at **11:00 AM** on the fourth Monday each month—next one is **September 23rd**. This is a  
totally social Brunch Club get together. Contact: Rick Drescher at 360-786-1958, e-mail: [rickdartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickdartist@gmail.com)

## Kudos and shows...

**Carolyn Burt's** "Personality Plus" won first place in the pastels division at the 2019 Thurston County Fair as well as the People's Choice Award



**Deborah Henderson** received second place for her piece 'Diving Into Blue' in The Northwest Pastel Society's Signature Member Show at the Scott Milo Gallery in Anacortes in July. Awards voting was done by NPS members.

**Linda Selsor** has an upcoming show of her abstracts in acrylic September 13th - 29th at the Olympia Little Theatre. The theatre is located at 1925 Miller Ave. NE. Check the theatre's website to learn about the 2019-2020 season and find out how you can get tickets—  
[Olympialittletheatre.org](http://Olympialittletheatre.org).



**Teresa M. Staal-Cowley** will be demonstrating mixed media and calligraphy at the Washington State Fair in the Hobby Hall on Saturday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM and Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 6 PM and again in the Fine Arts Department on Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 am to 7 pm. She will also be creating names in mixed media and calligraphy as a take-away.

## Upcoming art change out at...

### OAL SPONSORED ART VENUES



Art currently hanging at the **Cooper Point Public House** needs to be picked up on Saturday, October 5th at 9:30 AM. The restaurant is going to be closed for a couple of weeks as they do a major remodel. We will be hanging new art later in the month; the exact date has not been set yet; an e-mail notification will go out once we have the date. The next theme is "Extreme Close-Up"—sort of in the Georgia O'Keeffe style. Contact Rick if you have questions-- 360-786-1958, e-mail: [rickartist@gmail.com](mailto:rickartist@gmail.com)

## Workshops and classes...



### The Artist Gallery Classes

#### Coast Salish Weaving Class-Susan Pavel

Learn to weave on a traditional stand up loom.

Sept 8th 10-2:00

Oct 13th 10-2:00

**Cost: \$95 per class**

#### Jewelry Stamping 101-Michele Marshall

Beginner stamping class- Charm Bracelet

Sept 24th 5-6:30 Oct 23rd 5-6:30

Nov 13th 5-6:30 Dec 18th 5-6:30

**Cost: \$30 per class**

Beginner Stamping Class-Mandala Bracelet

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 2- 5:00

**Cost: \$60**

**Please sign up and pay at The Artist's Gallery, The Mall Promenade or call the gallery at 360-357-6920**

### Skilled Photoshop Instruction with Claudia Montero



Photoshop provides ways to enhance your next painting by adjusting the composition of features in your photo. You can:

- Remove unwanted objects,
- Adjust image quality,
- Combine images and many other options.

There are two options for class dates:

Option 1: 5 days, Sept 30-Oct, 4th from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Option 2: 3 Saturdays , Sept. 28th, Oct. 5th, Oct.12th from 9 AM-4 PM

Select the dates you can attend on the application. The location is to be determined. The class fee is \$350. Each class member will need the version of Adobe Photoshop 2017, 2018 or 2019 on their computer. A minimum of four participants is required to hold the class. If you want to receive a flyer and an application, e-mail or call Jill Jacoby [avrio1@hotmail.com](mailto:avrio1@hotmail.com), cell# 1-360-477-3675, or Claudia Montero [claudiamontero.fineart@gmail.com](mailto:claudiamontero.fineart@gmail.com), cell# 360-701-3906, for more details. Thanks to OAL member Jill Jacoby for making arrangements for the class.



## OAL Board & Committee or Activity Leads

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**Meetings:**

*Name Tags:* Ruth Fuller

*Phone Reminders:* Jean Van Doren

*Refreshments:* Heather Simons

*Meeting Set Up:* Mike Scheurich

*Reverse Mirror:* Jean Stewart

*Artistic Advice Basket:* Carolyn Long

**Website Gallery:** Rick Drescher

**OAL Sponsored Shows:**

*Members Only Art Show:* Heather Simons

*Arts Walk Juried Show:* Carolyn Burt, Veronica Kessler

*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

*Providence Saint Peter 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

**Support Groups:**

*Abstract:* Lindsey Ford

*Acrylic:* Karla Fowler

*Drawing:* Rick Drescher

*Watercolor:* JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller



## ARTrails 17th Annual Studio Tour

*How to find your fave...*

There are two ways to find your favorite of ARTrail's 42 (five are on sabbatical) artists during the ARTrails 17th Annual Studio Tour. The tour takes place September 21-22 and 28-29.

The first way is to attend the Gala Opening Reception Friday, September 20, 4:00-8:00 p.m. The Gala is held at the Exhibition Gallery in Centralia's Historic Train Depot. Those who attend the Gala will meet the artists and see one item exhibited by each of them. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 21 through Sunday, September 29. Though the artists will not be there during the week, you can still see the exhibition and choose your favorites.

The other way is to get a copy of the *2019 Studio Tour Guide*. There you will find a list of all 37 participating artists on page 1 with the town, studio number, and the page where they can be found in the Guide. In the Guide's center is a convenient map showing where all the studios are located. Karen McInturff and JoAnne Watson provide the opportunity for kids to work in their mediums.

For more information contact JoAnne Watson at (360) 736-1082 or at [jobyrn@comcast.net](mailto:jobyrn@comcast.net).

## RECTANGLE GALLERY & creative space

This summer OAL member Kathleen Guest made a point of exploring art galleries in our part of Western Washington. In one of her outings she discovered an "outstanding cooperative gallery in Centralia", just a short ride from Olympia. The name is Rectangle Gallery & Creative Space.

"This wondrous space is in the older part of Centralia at 209 North Tower Avenue. The owner, Jan Nontell, emphasizes all types of art, from traditional Native American to contemporary two dimensional. It is huge and beautifully presented." Artists from both Lewis and Thurston Counties are represented.

"Across the street is a great coffee shop/deli and just down the street a used bookstore. Art, good food, books and free parking. Just perfect for this member of Olympia Art League. Worth the investigation."

To learn more about the gallery contact Jan Nontell--[Jan@therectanglegallery.com](mailto:Jan@therectanglegallery.com) or 360-304-5299 (Mobile), 360-669-5918 (Gallery). Check out the gallery's website--[www.therectanglegallery.com](http://www.therectanglegallery.com).

*Contributed by Kathleen Guest*

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