

EVENING PAINT-OUT GROUP PERSEVERED THIS SUMMER



Karen Bush, group contact

On August 13th OAL's weekly Thursday night paint-out was at Tumwater Historical Park. The group traditionally moves outdoors during the summer months. The move outdoors this year actually made it easier to keep meeting during the pandemic. They picked venues each week that gave them enough space to social distance and always wore their facemasks.

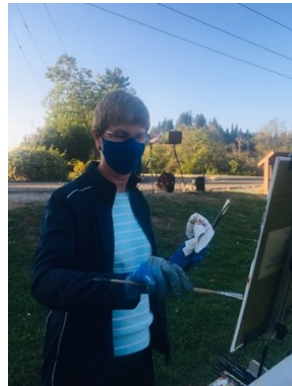
The park was a popular place on the 13th and many visitors were curious about why a group of artists was at the park. They stopped by to see what the group was doing and commented on the paintings. Their interest was a mixed blessing—many other park visitors weren't wearing face masks and keeping social distance. On the other hand, one artist sold her painting right off the easel.



Lone Hojmosse Moody



Marz Doerflinger



Kristina Henderson



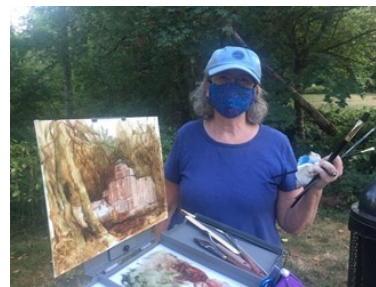
James Kroner



Above, Deborah Henderson, to the right Anne-Marie Brown



At left, Diane Murphy



The group will meet outside into the fall, weather permitting. If you want to keep in the loop for updates on the Evening Paint-Out plans or would like to share your thoughts and ideas for possible venues, please email Karen Bush at kbush35@comcast.net.

Janelle Kroner



Moving Forward

It's been a rough 2020 so far and it looks like things are not going to get better any time soon. So, where do we go from here and what does the future hold for us? These are not easy questions to answer, especially since we are not getting very good information from those in our government. About the only good thing for artists is that we have more time to be creative. But, what does this mean for our organization? We are not able to be together in person and share our art. We have learned to use Zoom to meet and share our art virtually. It's not the same, but it does keep us connected. We are working on expanding this forum so more of us will be able to participate.

I would really like to know how each of you are doing. I hope you are all staying safe and in good health. It looks like we are not going to be able to have our monthly meetings which would have started again this September. Our Members Only Art Show is canceled for this year. The 75th Anniversary celebration is canceled that was scheduled for this October. There is a question if we will be able to have our Juried Art Show next year. We are working on ideas for having a virtual art show. We need to stay engaged and inspired. It's easy to give in to despair and withdraw. Let's not give in. Let's work hard to find ways to move forward. Please share any ideas you might have on ways for us to stay connected and engaged. I miss you all and look forward to a time when we are able to be together again.

Rick

Support Groups Meeting Via ZOOM



For the foreseeable future, the abstract, acrylic and watercolor support groups will be conducted via Zoom. To receive a meeting invitation, please check in with the support group lead listed on page four and consult our new directory for their contact information.

Olympics West Online Art Auction

OAL President Rick Drescher has been speaking with Hattie Russell, Community Resource Director at Olympics West, about alternatives to our regular Members Only fall show which was canceled. The facility enjoys working with OAL to promote local artists. They came up with a great plan—Olympics West will host an online art auction. Olympia Art League members can help by donating a piece of art to be auctioned at the online event. Proceeds from the art sales will be used to fund different local charities like Meals on Wheels. This is a great way for the Olympia Art League to stay connected with our local community during these trying times. Rick will be donating two paintings to the event.

To participate drop off your art on Saturday, September 12 from 11am -1pm.

- To drop off your art, enter the parking lot off of Trospers Rd SW.
- Go left to the center entrance doors with the overhang.
- Stop at the entrance and open your vehicle, they will remove your donated art.
- If you need to get out to open your vehicle, please wear a mask and maintain a 6 ft. distance by stepping away from your vehicle while the art is removed.
- After removal of the art, drive forward and exit back onto Trospers Rd SW. (See map above)
- You may also either hand the art through the window or if it's in the back seat let them open the door, remove the art and then close the door.
- Please wear a mask if you choose to do either of these options as well. We want to make this as safe as possible for everyone by following these guidelines.



Be sure and label your art on the back—include your name, the name of the piece and contact information. The painting at right is one of two Rick is donating. If you have any questions, please contact Rick at:

Email ricketartist@gmail.com Phone: 360-786-1958.



Kudos and shows...



Deborah Henderson received first place in the Northwest Pastel Society's 39th Annual Open Exhibition for 'Queen Anne's Field'. The show was held in July at Scott Milo Gallery in Anacortes. Happily the gallery was open for the show!

LaDonna Krueger had two paintings accepted in the Northwest Pastel Society's open show. Her painting "Breaking Free" was awarded the Third Jurors Award (Jack Richeson Juror Award). The award winners and all the paintings are shown on the Northwest Pastel Society's website: <https://www.nwps.org>



Pam McKinnie had works accepted at a number of virtual shows over the summer. Her piece *Faith In Our Future* was accepted in the International Society of Experimental Artists 29th Annual Juried Exhibition which opened August 1. The piece was also accepted in the Fusion Art 4th Annual Skies International Art Exhibition. The Society of Layerists in Multi-Media juried in *Emerging From the Flames* (shown at left) in a June online exhibit.

Her *Mystical Horse* painting was accepted in the Las Laguna Gallery Second Half - 50 and Over Show, September 3 - 26, 2020; it can be viewed on the Las Laguna Gallery website <https://www.laslagunagallery.com/>. The Shelton Civic Center hung a solo show of Pam's work which will be up through October.

For the months of July and August **Linda Selsor** had a solo show at Cliff Creek Cellars wine tasting room in Newberg, Oregon. The tasting room features artists for two months throughout the year and charges no commission on art sales. Plus they make great wines.



Nicki Weber Featured On Thurston Talk

The article on *Thurston Talk* chronicles Nicki's art journey from Interior Designer to watercolorist and features several of her works. It is a great opportunity to get to know our past President a little better.

In the article, Nicki gave OAL a great plug—including a link to our website. In it she said, "OAL has been a significant source for my continuing education, exposure to techniques and new friendships. It's a wonderful group and we encourage each other."



You can see the full article at the following link: <https://www.thurstontalk.com/2020/08/17/olympia-artist-nicki-weber>



GETTING ACQUAINTED

Introducing...

Cynthia Walker

"In college, I studied Urban Geography and obtained an MBA and set out to save the world, working domestically and internationally in environmental and health care management. Retiring in 2012, I took watercolor and acrylic painting workshops and joined OAL in 2015.



"The natural world is my main inspiration, often representational, but I also enjoy the mystery of working abstractly and intuitively. My work has been accepted into juried shows with the Olympia Art League, Northwest Watercolor Society, Healdsburg Center for the Arts, the Emerald Art Center, and the Leonor Fuller Gallery.



"I half-jokingly say that I worked for 40 years trying to save the world—and that obviously did not work—so I decided to revisit a long-time love. Art is my meditation; a brief break from the challenging times we live in." Check out her website—

CynthiaWalkerStudio.com

Contributed by Lindsey Ford

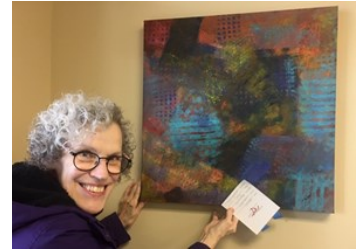


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Local OAL Art Show Venues:
Bonsai Wok: Anne-Marie Brown
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Watercolor: JoAnne Sanford, Ruth Fuller

OAL Person of the Summer By Ruth Fuller

Linda Selsor has served as OAL's newsletter editor for over four years. Usually she takes a 'vacation' from the newsletter during the summer months. Last spring, she decided to go the extra mile and publish an additional edition in June. With the isolation and in person meetings eliminated due to COVID 19, she thought it essential to reach out and keep us in touch with each other.



She has shared news of member's shows and awards, and passed on dates and times for support group virtual meetings on Zoom. The 'Getting Acquainted' interviews of individual members—including photos of the artist and their work—was her brainchild. Particularly in the editions after COVID hit, she included art 'tips' and highlighted how members were keeping connected with art while in 'lock down.'

Linda also spear-headed the Zoom virtual meetings. She demonstrated its advantage to support group leaders and gave lessons to small groups and individuals on using Zoom. She has attended Zoom meetings of the OAL Board to suggest further possibilities with virtual meetings.

Thank you, Linda, for bringing a bright spot to our summer and giving us the opportunity to find out what is new with our members. It's good to know that OAL is alive and well.

Editor's Note: "This article was a delightful surprise when Ruth submitted it. It's greatly appreciated. I love OAL!! Thanks for being here for all of us."



South Sound Urban Sketchers

When: Sept 12, Saturday, 10:30 - 12:30
Where: The statue at the old St. Martin's Abbey, 5000 Abbey Way SE, Lacey
Note: We will be social distancing and wearing masks.
Contact: Cheryl Wilson at [cwil-son3250@gmail.com](mailto:cwilson3250@gmail.com)



Art Change Out at Bon Sai Wok

We'll be changing art Saturday, September 5th at 10:00 AM at the Bon Sai Wok located at in Tumwater at 408 Cleveland Ave. SE. Contact Anne-Marie Brown if you want to participate: (360) 867-3270 or via e-mail at : anniebrownie123@yahoo.com

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE **Monday, September 21st**

Please send your kudos, photos, announcements and ideas for the **October** newsletter to Linda Selsor via email—lselsor@msn.com. If you have questions give her a call at (360) 491-0377

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