

## Barbara De Pirro Demonstration... Mixed Media Sculpture



### Find Barbara De Pirro's Online Workshops

Barbara De Pirro is a representative for Golden paints and offers a wealth of workshops online. She also provides free demonstrations of Golden paint products. To learn more, check out her website [Barbara De Pirro 'biomimicry'](http://BarbaraDePirro.com) and workshop page: [Golden Artist Colors, Inc. \(goldenpaints.com\)](http://GoldenArtistColors.com)

Join us at our next virtual monthly meeting **Thursday, February 18th 6:30 PM** for a presentation by acrylic artist and expert in all things acrylic—Barbara De Pirro. She will demonstrate how she creates mixed media sculptures and installations.

Her observations of nature have triggered a profound admiration for its brilliance, resilience and its vulnerability. With each project she strives to create a sense of wonder; enticing the viewer to turn that vision outwards into the natural world, nurturing an understanding of that interconnection and encouraging reflection about our relationship with the environment.

De Pirro's artwork has been commissioned and exhibited in museums, galleries, sculpture parks, art centers and public art spaces. She is a member of Northwest Designer Craftsman, Surface Design Association and National Basketry Organization. She is an Artist Trust Fellowship, Residency and GAP (Grants for Artists Project) Grantee, Millay Colony for the Arts and Golden Foundation for the Arts Alum. De Pirro's artwork is highlighted in multiple publications: including *Basketry Now*; *Artistry in Fiber: Sculpture*; *TextileArt Around the World*; *Green Art: Trees, Leaves and Roots*; *World of Threads*; *Fiber Art Now*; and *Surface Design Association*.

### Want to attend the Zoom monthly meeting?

The invitation to the meeting on the 18th will be sent by email to those on our membership distribution list. New to Zoom or just want to pick up some tips on extra Zoom tools you can use in larger meetings? Contact Linda Selsor at [lselsor@msn.com](mailto:lselsor@msn.com) to schedule some time together.



## We're back...sort of

Greetings everyone. By the time you read this we've had our first general meeting in almost a year. Granted it was via Zoom, but that is the reality of our current situation.

A lot of work went into getting this first Zoom meeting together. Thanks to our tech consultant Michael Kyer and our Zoom Manager Linda Selsor. It went well; we had at least 26 members present. If you were not able to join us for our first Zoom monthly meeting, I hope you can join us for our February presenter, Barbara De Pirro. It promises to be a real treat.

There are still some aspects of meeting via Zoom that we are working on as we try to improve our monthly get togethers. We will be experimenting with ways to share our art during these virtual meetings. In February we'll try doing a Power Point presentation of art members submit to share with the group. Send in a photo of your work and we'll share them at the beginning of the meeting. (More information elsewhere in the newsletter).

Remember our support groups continue meeting monthly via Zoom and have been a great source of camaraderie and inspiration. You'll note that one new, and hopefully one returning group, may be added to our support group offerings. Please think about joining one of these meetings. They are a great way to keep connected with fellow artists during this crazy time.

With a vaccine starting to make its way to us, there is hope that someday in the not too distant future, we will be able to meet in person and resume all of the Olympia Art League's activities. In the mean time, stay safe and continue to create your art.

See you all soon.

Rick

## Share Your Art at the February Meeting!



Artist: Linda Selsor  
Title: Blue Moons  
Medium: Acrylic, ink & collage  
Size: 24" by 24"

Starting this month, we'll resume our practice of sharing art at our monthly meetings. To participate simply send a photo of the work you would like to share along with the title, medium and size to [Linda Selsor at: Lselsor@msn.com](mailto:Lselsor@msn.com) by Monday, February 15th.

She'll download all art received into a Power Point presentation; photos of your art will be on a continuous loop at the beginning of the meeting. Share your art and make the launch of this new feature a success!



## South Sound Urban Sketchers

South Sound Urban Sketchers is alive and well and sharing their love of drawing on their Facebook page. Due to pandemic restrictions the group has not been able to meet up in person for some time, but members still sketch and post their drawings online.

The regularly scheduled sketch outings have been replaced with fun twice a month prompts for everyone to attempt. The two prompts for January were something built of stone and rain scenes. Prompts for each month are emailed to the group on the first and fifteen of the month. The sketch shown is Sheryl Harris' response to one month's "signs" prompt.

Visit their Facebook page at South Sound Urban Sketchers to see what's been happening and join the fun. For more information or to get on their email list...

**Contact:** Jan Hansen at [justjansue@gmail.com](mailto:justjansue@gmail.com)



## GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Introducing...*

### Eva “Candy” Ferris

Growing up, Eva remembers always having pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, and a huge roll of butcher paper to draw on. “In high school, art class was the obvious choice over home economics for me, and I decided then I was going to be an ‘artist.’ By the time college rolled around, my parents had pretty much made it clear that a vocation other than art was in my best interest. I still ‘doodled’ on every piece of paper which made its way in front of me.”



“In 1985, while attending a pharmaceutical seminar in Kingsport, Tennessee I peeked into a conference room while hunting for my next lecture and observed a petite white-haired lady dressed all in black except a brilliant multicolored scarf, which flew behind her as she roller bladed around the room. She stopped to speak to a half dozen people scattered about the room who were engrossed in a watercolor workshop. The skater was an artist and teacher, Judi Betts, who invited me to join the group the next day. I did stay an extra day for the workshop and was hooked!



“I have continued to explore watercolor painting and experiment with acrylics, inks, and oils as a hobby. Occasionally I attend workshops, but primarily try to learn new things on my own. When I retired mid 2019, I planned to attend workshops and classes and travel—unfortunately that proved to be bad timing!”

“I joined OAL in 2015 to meet and spend time with people who know the magic in creating, and I’ve been blessed and inspired by wonderful people ever since. Most of my works are mixed media collage, leaning towards abstract. I enjoy most artistic challenges, finding the creative process itself is the real attraction.”

*contributed by Lindsey Ford*

## Interested in reviving the Pastel Support Group?



Lorna Sheveland is new to the area and the art league. She works primarily in pastels and loves getting together with other pastel artists. She particularly enjoys plein air painting and looks forward to joining our paint out sessions. If you are interested in restarting the pastel support group, check in with Lorna at [lsheve@comcast.net](mailto:lsheve@comcast.net). She has a Zoom account and could even host the meetings. The pastel painting shown is one of her favorites.



*New support group!*

### Oil Painters Unit

If you are interested in starting an oil painting support group, contact Jill Jacoby at [avrio1@hotmail.com](mailto:avrio1@hotmail.com) or give her a call at (360)477-3675 to talk over the idea. She’d love to hear your suggestions about the group. She already has one recruit! The oil painting featured is Jill’s *Childhood Denied*.

## Support Group Meetings Via ZOOM

The abstract, acrylic, drawing and watercolor support groups meet monthly via Zoom. To receive a meeting invitation, check in with the support group lead listed on page four and consult our new directory for their contact information.



## You Can Still Pay Your Membership Dues!

The deadline for 2021 OAL membership dues has been extended. To maintain your membership and stay on the OAL mailing list, please mail your **\$30** check to: Olympia Art League, PO Box 404, Olympia, WA 98507, ATTN: Tony Lirette.



## OAL Board & Activity Leads

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## Collective Visions Gallery's 2021 Juried Show

The **2021 CVG Juried Show** featuring 135 invited entries by artists from all over Washington State is open through February 26. OAL members Ruth Bravetti and Pam McKinnie have entries in the show.

Please stop in and vote for your favorite for the People's Choice Award! The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm and is located at 331 Pacific Ave., Bremerton. Check this link to view the entries and find their calendar with virtual offerings: [The 2021 CVG Show](#).

At right, Pam McKinnie's entry, *Emerging from the Flames*.

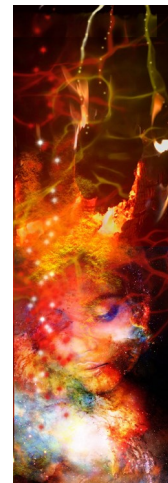
*You've still got time...*

### "Leave No Trace" Postcard Exhibit

The closing reception and live auction for the Lenor R. Fuller Gallery's 2021 postcard show is coming up fast—**Friday February 5th from 5 to 7 PM**. It will be live streamed. All auctions end Sunday, February 7th at 9 PM so you still have time to check out the entries, bid and support the gallery at South Puget Sound Community College.

You still have a few days left to visit the gallery. It's open Monday—Friday 2—6 PM. Contact: [sbarnes2@sscc.edu](mailto:sbarnes2@sscc.edu) or call (360) 596-5527.

The postcard show has been a popular venue for OAL artists. Check out the show in person and vote for your favorite, better yet bid on it.



2020 Viewer's Choice Award—art by Lori Ohman Heckman

### MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021

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

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