

# Art Facts Newsletter

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### Thank You, Show Team Members!

*Coordinator* - Kay Nemjo

*Publicity* - Bobby Forbes

*Photography* - Mary Jane Larson

*Raffle Painting* - Suzan Estes

*People's Choice Vote Counter* - Pat Matley

*Show Brochure* - Shelley Marris

*Judge Host* - Ulrike Halverson

*Thank Yous* - Sheila Martinson

*Awards* - Cheryl Poole

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*Banquet Setup* - Thom Golden, Lettie Enquist (573-0462), Kay Nemjo

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It was a scramble to find replacements for the many trained helpers who had emergencies or illnesses which prevented them from helping for our Spring Show.

*If you are willing to help out as needed in the future, please call any of the members listed above to find out what is involved.*

### SWWS Events

#### **Membership Meeting and Artists Helping Artists (AHA)**

**May 10th, Saturday, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the International Air Academy - Room #137 (Mill Plain & Grand Blvd)** - Join us for this free three-hour painting session featuring guest artist Lynda Raven Brake and her expertise in 'Light and Shadow.' There will be a critique session for those who would like advice on their paintings. We always have a great time, so be sure to mark it on your calendar and bring your paints!

#### **Paint-Out, Potluck/Picnic and Artist's Fellowship**

**May 24th, Saturday, 12:00-3:00 p.m.** - Join in for a day of fun and bring your favorite potluck dish, sketching materials and/or paints and a chair or stool if needed, too! Lewisville Park, SR 503 (north of Battle Ground), Knotty Pine - covered shelter #6 (with tables and benches). There will be plenty of subjects to paint! A parking fee may be assessed.

#### **Membership Meeting and Artists Helping Artists (AHA)**

**June 14th, Saturday, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the International Air Academy - Room #137 (Mill Plain & Grand Blvd)** - This free three-hour session will be fun and informational, so be sure to make it! Guest artist Lee Baughman will be teaching us techniques for creating 'Water & Rocks.' Be sure to bring your painting supplies! Participation in critique is optional.

#### **'Light & Shadow Workshop' with Lynda Raven Brake**

**June 27-28, Friday-Saturday at the Clark County Genealogical Society, 715 Grand, Vancouver.**

Fee: \$75 members / \$100 non-members.

To register, send total fee to:

SWWS, % Jane Alys Deupree, Treasurer

PO Box 2876, Vancouver WA 98668-2876.

Visit [www.pnwartists.com](http://www.pnwartists.com) (click on Raven) to view Lynda's beautiful work.

### SPRING SHOW STATISTICS

108 Entries

9 Paintings Sold ~ Total Sales \$2,300

Raffle Sales \$223

**Don Divens** was the winner of the Raffle Painting, 'Moods' donated by **Suzan Estes!**

### Congratulations New Juried Members!

Leslie Cole

Robin Nelson

Diana Thewlis

### **WORKSHOPS!**

**Sharon Freeman** Workshop **May 17-18**. Workshop information online at [www.pnwwatercolors.com](http://www.pnwwatercolors.com). You may also email Sharon at: [pnwwc@teleport.com](mailto:pnwwc@teleport.com) or phone (360) 576-1525.

**Bev Jozwiak and Vickie Nelson** Workshops- **May 26-30** and **Sept. 8-12**. For workshop information email Bev Jozwiak at: [paintingjoz@hotmail.com](mailto:paintingjoz@hotmail.com). Also visit them online at: [www.bevjozwiak.com](http://www.bevjozwiak.com) and [www.vickienelson.com](http://www.vickienelson.com)

**Patricia Schmidt** Workshops **May 31** 'Soft Focus Background Rose' and **June 29** 'Tropical Textures'. Contact her at 503-287-2899 or by email at [pattys@hevanet.com](mailto:pattys@hevanet.com) for details.

**Lee Baughman & Susan Cowan** Art Adventures! May 27-31 San Juan Island, WA; August 12-16 Moab, Utah; September 8-20 Krakow and Krapkowice, Poland. [www.art-adventures.com](http://www.art-adventures.com) for more information.

### Welcome New Members!

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## SPRING SHOW AWARDS

### Juried Division

Best Of Show

'Ghosts' by Suzan Estes

1st Place

'Rain Forest' by Lee Baughman

2nd Place

'Heading Out To Dinner' by Bobbie Nelson

3rd Place

'Cool Jazz' by Peter Miller

4th Place

'Fish Freeway' by Shirley Anderson

Honorable Mention

'Sunny' by Shelley Marrs

Honorable Mention

'Girl In A Whirl' by Corinne McWilliams

### Associate Division

1st Place

'The Guardian Of Leon' by Michelle Bigelow

2nd Place

'Mountain Village' by Don Divens

3rd Place

'Catch Two' by Joan Giddings Turley

4th Place

'Winter In The Desert' by Bonnie Bellis

Honorable Mention

'Caribbean Sun' by Kathy Divens

Honorable Mention

'Rose Montage' by Katey Sandy

### **People's Choice**

### **'Polly's Picnic' by Carol Boudreau**

1090 votes were cast for the 'People's Choice Award.'  
Runners-up in numerical order:

2. 'Flower Girl' by Denise McFadden
3. 'Rain Forest' by Lee Baughman
4. 'Gifts From The Sea' by Mary Jane Larson
5. 'Ghosts' by Suzan Estes
6. 'Power Nap' by Cheryl Robertson
7. 'Awakening' by Sandi Yorke
8. 'The Guardian Of Leon' by Michelle Bigelow
9. 'Pink Ladies' by Pat Hollingsworth
10. 'Father's Day' by Bob Ross



### Our FEATURED ARTIST is a Winner!!!

My name is Michelle Bigelow and I'm a native Vancouverite. As a staff assistant at Marshall Elementary I have a passion for children, the hungry and literacy. I've been to Nicaragua three times in the last five years working with children that are living in extreme poverty. I'm looking forward to returning sometime soon. Much of my current artwork is from pictures I've taken while there.

My earliest memory of drawing is when I was 4 years old and used crayons to draw a picture of Jesus on my bedroom wall. That was the beginning of a life-long passion for drawing and color! I cannot recall a time that drawing and the love of color weren't a part of my life. During my school years I fell in love with colored pencils. In the late 1980s I took colored pencil classes from Bet Borgeson and Judy

White. Then 'life' happened and my artwork took a back seat.

In 1986 and again in 2002 I battled cancer. It once again compelled me to take a long, hard look at my life and what I was and was not doing! One of my revelations concerned my artwork, or lack thereof. I decided I wanted to loosen up and thought I'd like to try watercolor. I took a watercolor class from Gwen Babbitt who attended our church at that time, and immediately fell in love with the media, but in 2003 my paper, pencils and watercolors were set aside once again. Then in November my brother, who lives in Tennessee and had never drawn before, showed me his first picture. He challenged me and now we work together on our pictures via web-cam.

With a strong background in drawing, I'm always fighting with the desire to draw with the watercolors, but I feel a wonderful rush of excitement whenever I get out my palette and brushes and I'm learning to let go and let the water and colors do their thing. I am never quite sure what I'm doing, but I do know I love it! For Christmas my husband gave me a watercolor class with Lee Baughman through Clark College's Adult program. Since then I have been drawing or painting almost every day and am amazed at how much peace I have, doing what I believe I was created to do . . . interpret the beauty around me so others can enjoy that interpretation."

## WWW.CREATIVEARTSCOMMUNITY.ORG

WEEK 1 August 3 - 9

Carving  
~ Kevin Braker

Ceramics  
~ Jill Allen

Jewelry  
~ Vicky Wilson

Maskmaking  
~ Diane Trapp

Painting  
~ Sandy Roumagoux

Pastel  
~ Trish Harding

Ukulele  
~ Brook Adams

Water Media  
~ Sue Jensen

WEEK 2 August 10-16

Ceramics  
~ Jennifer Hill

Collage  
~ Linda Berkley

Mosaic  
~ Anna Meyrick

Painting  
~ Melinda Thorsnes

Plein Air Painting  
~ Sarah Wolf  
Newlands

Water Media  
~ Ruth Armitage

Writing  
~ Martha Gies

**Creative Arts**  
**COMMUNITY**

503-281-2204

\* See Michelle's painting 'The Guardian of Leon' in the insert. It won 1st Place in the Associate Division!



**Clark College Mature Learning Program**  
Call 360-992-213 to register

**Patricia Schmidt - Watercolor Flower Painting (9200)** 7/9-8/6 Learn to paint leaves, flower petals and background using your own photos.

**Susan Cowan - Skies & Water in Watercolor (9201)** 7/1-7/29 Learn techniques during the first class that you will use for 'Plein-Air' on location in the Vancouver area.

**Susan Cowan - Aqueous Media - Keeping Creativity Alive (9202)** 6/30-7/28 Focus on creative projects that use acrylics and mixed media over a base of paper, canvas and found/constructed objects.

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*Membership Dues are due!*

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**Annual Dues:**

- \*JURIED Member -- \$30
- ASSOCIATE Member -- \$20

\*JURIED membership is based on your work being juried by the Membership Committee.

~ A \$5 late fee will be added to dues paid after April 1st (except new members)

~ New members who join after June 30th pay only for one-half year - \$10.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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