



New artwork by Eric Faramus

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Watercolor by Nancy Farrar Coughlin

From its beginnings in June 2008, the Harbor Art Guild has worked toward its Vision and Mission by joining together and supporting artists in Grays Harbor County, creating public artwork such as the Pollinator's Pocket Park in Aberdeen, placing art in local venues, organizing and staging the annual Rain Glow Festival in Aberdeen, raising scholarship monies for students through its Adoor Project, and much more.

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Harbor Art Guild (HAG) meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is in person at the Aberdeen Art Center, 200 W. Market, Aberdeen, or via Zoom.

Next Member Meeting is July 17, 2023

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MEMBER NEWS:

Member and HAG Secretary **Kris Jenott** provided a free painting class at the Aberdeen Art Center during First Friday Art Walk. Member **Debbi Jensen** attended and fun was had by all!

Several members, including **Douglas Orr**, **Jan Swan**, **Arlene Eubanks**, and **Sue Lowatchie**, attended the Aberdeen Sunday Market on May 28th with a booth to promote HAG and allow our artists opportunity to sell their art. We had a lot of interest in HAG membership information and sold some art too! Members **Eric Faramus** and **Rich O'Donnell** stopped by for a visit. HAG will have a booth again this coming Sunday, June 25th.







MEMBER NEWS (CONTINUED):

Members Nancy Farrar Coughlin, Eric Faramus, and Jan Swan attended the "soft" opening of the new art gallery in the Aberdeen Art Center "Gambit Art and Gifts" on June First Friday.





ANNOUNCEMENTS::

Member and HAG Vice President **Nancy Eichenberger** and member and founder of the ADOOR Project, **Debbi Jensen**, presented \$2,150 in scholarships to six senior students, two from each of Aberdeen High School, Hoquiam High School, and the Harbor Learning Center. Each student got a check for \$525 to put toward their future plans.

HAG's **ADOOR Project** has found a new director to replace the (almost) irreplaceable member **Debbi Jensen**. New member **Brook Hoiness** will be taking over this active high school scholarship program for students pursuing technical and trade careers. We are so pleased this vital community program will continue while Debbi turns her attention to other endeavors. And we thank Debbi sincerely for establishing and guiding this successful scholarship venture. THANK YOU DEBBI!







Some of our members would like to form a **book discussion group** that would meet once a month to discuss books chosen by the members. Please contact Laveta Bowen at <u>Laveta.a.bowen@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in joining.

Also, The City of Aberdeen is re-activating its art commission, which will be known as the Aberdeen Arts Commission. It will consist of six members to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The Aberdeen Arts Commission will establish goals and policies for the selection, funding, procurement, and maintenance of public art in Aberdeen. The deadline to apply to become a member of the Commission is June 23rd.

OPPORTUNITIES: There are many opportunities this summer!

The Olympia Symphony Orchestra has announced its "True Colors" season concert artwork contest. Materials for each concert during the 2023-2024 season will feature a different local artist's submission. Local includes Grays Harbor County. Artwork should interpret the phrase "True Colors." For more information and to submit go to https://www.olympiasymphony.org/artwork. DEADLINE IS JUNE 30TH.

OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED):

Columbia City Gallery in Seattle has a call for submissions to its 16th annual juried show, "Heroes vs. Villains." Cash awards are given. For more information go to https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=11896. Fee is \$25. DEADLINE IS JUNE 30TH.

Superfine Seattle Art Fair 2023 has booths available for the July 27-30, 2023, fair. There is no fee to submit and no commission on sold artwork. Booths are going fast. For more information go to https://www.superfine.world/sell-your-art. DEADLINE IS JULY 20TH.

Franke Tobey Jones is calling for art for a Senior Art Show in Tacoma. This organization was founded to enrich and extend the quality of life for seniors in the Tacoma area by providing senior residential services, a supportive continuum of care, and innovative community outreach. Submitting artists must be at least 55 years old and art submitted must have been created within the past three years. Get the scoop at www.franketobeyjones.com/community/events/senior-art-show/. Fee is \$35. DEADLINE IS JULY 21ST.

The Grays Harbor Community College **Fall Gala**, which has been on hiatus for several years, will be back this fall. The former curator has left and taken her list of artists with her, so the Gala will have all new artists. The deadline for submitting to the Gala is September 1, 2023. There are applications in the Alder Grove Gallery for those interested.

FEATURED EVENT: RAIN GLOW FESTIVAL 2023

The 4th annual Rain Glow Festival, sponsored in large part by HAG and built from the ground up by member **Doug Orr**, is on July 22 from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. There will be seven Worlds, bands, DJs, and a vendor marketplace. A beer garden will be next to World #6. The event will branch off of South K Street between Market and Heron. The tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate. Children 5 and under enter for free. A map of the 2023 Glow is attached. The World installations are:

- World #1 Wonka Vision (brought to you by the black light geniuses)
- World #2 Fractured Fairy Tale
- World #3 Penny Candy Store (by Friends of the History Museum)
- World #4 Metamorphosis (with DJ Mia Ohms)
- World #5 Plank Island (featuring a Greek stage and columns)
- World #6 The Field (lights galore)
- World #7 Kids World



From last year's Sea World



Visit the Penny Candy World this year!

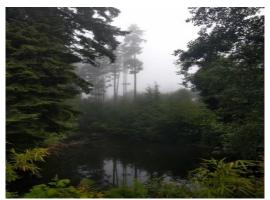


From last year's black light installation

EDITOR'S NOTE by Jan Swan:

On my daily morning walk, I often stopped under a clump of cedars growing along a sidewalk on Arnold Street. For some reason, these particular trees "spoke" to me – I would often stand under them, close my eyes, inhale their tangy earthy scent and, for a moment, feel peace and connection. I had begun to think of these cedars as my personal little nature chapel. The other day, these magical trees were all cut down to the ground for no apparent reason. They were just gone.

As I stopped by the stumps this morning to mourn the trees, there was a robin hopping around on them -- as though it too mourned for the solace and shelter that was taken from us.



Photograph by Jan Swan

Let us not forget that Ukraine is still fighting a bloody war against Russia to protect its very existence. One Ukrainian artist, Mykola Kolomiets, gave citizens refuge in his underground studio during bombing of his city and helped children work out their trauma through painting workshops that ran non-stop for 40 days.



POETRY:

Honey & Art
Honey to a bee
Is art to my human soul
To where I belong

By Nancy Farrar Coughlin



Detail from a mural by Nancy

MEMBERSHIP:

Annual Dues are: \$20 (pro-rated for January due date) Contact Brenda Woods for more information.

DEADLINE for publication in newsletter is the third Monday of each month (the day of our monthly meeting). Submit information for inclusion in the newsletter to Jan Swan at janswanart@gmail.com. Artwork must be in jpeg format.