

Harbor Art Guild brings art to the community for 10 years

by Mary Lou Gregory

Decade birthdays are something to celebrate. As HAG completes its tenth year, it's good to look back at where we have been and think about where we want to go from here. I have been keeping a scrapbook of our events and these reflections come from this collection.

In June 2008 several artists got together to discuss the formation of an art guild. These charter members include Kathleen Graddy, Matt Jump, Kat Connelly, Jenny Fisher, Mary Lou Gregory, Susan LaMadrid, Carrie Larson, Donna Miller, Robin Moore, Mery Swanson, and Steve Swindell. Just five of these are still members of the guild.

In October 2008, we opened Six Rivers Gallery in the little cottage at 210 6th Street in Hoquiam. The first event there was the Hoquiam Art-About on October 24. The Art-About featured art and artists in several businesses in Hoquiam as well as our first art show in the gallery. A shuttle bus was available that day to ferry visitors from one art location to another.

Early art shows ran for three months and had seasonal themes. Live musicians have played at many of our opening celebrations.

Poetry nights were a regular monthly event from the beginning and had a lot of participation by members of HAG as well as non-members.

In June 2009 we held our first art supplies yard sale. This continued for many years though the art materials became less plentiful and usual yard sale stuff increased. Proceeds



A page from the scrapbook in 2010.

from these sales helped to pay the expenses of running the gallery.

Hoquiam held an On Track Art Festival for six years and HAG had a booth in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

We gained many members through contacts we made at these festivals.

In September 2009, we held our first Young Artists Show. This has continued as an annual event, with special thanks to the efforts of Jenny Fisher. Having this show fulfills part of our mission and vision to include young artists in the community.

Our second annual Art-About was held in October 2009 and was co-sponsored by the Hoquiam Lions Club and the 2010 Census with help on this from Kathleen Graddy who worked on the census.

In 2010 the gallery received The Best of Twin Harbors award as best

art gallery.

In January I went to the gallery to help hang a show. When I opened the door I couldn't see because the gallery was filled with smoke. No serious damage was done but it did need a cleaning which members accomplished. The gallery was closed January 7 to 21, 2011. No art was damaged. We had to replace our gas fireplace insert - our only source of heat - and ended up with a new one that was more "arty" than the previous fake logs.

In 2011 we held two art shows that included the works of others. Childhood Perceptions was a fiber and textile exhibition and included a children's dress-up corner.

Later in 2011 we had the first of two Larry Hagehorn retrospective featuring the late artist's work.

Our winter shows always have items that are aimed at gift-giving. Openings for these shows have been more festive than for other shows.

Six Rivers Gallery was the incubator for the ukulele group, Salm-onberry Band which had its first meetings in the gallery in 2011.

Our ReUse • ReCycle • ReArt Show in 2012 was a favorite and featured art made from materials others might discard.

Another memorable month-long event was our Authors & Art Show in 2012. The gallery had art that was book related. Kitty Mady arranged to have 20 presenters who were authors, poets, and others. This celebration of literature and art was amazing and gave our members

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Harbor Art Guild operates
Six Rivers Gallery at
200 W. Market St. in Aberdeen
360-532-9979
www.harborartguild.com
Open Thursday - Monday
Noon - 5 p.m.

Harbor Art Guild

Membership/Donation Form

Guild Member

- Includes opportunity to sell approved items in gift shop with 20% going to HAG,
- Non-juried inclusion in special gallery shows,
- Requirement to staff the gallery once per month.

Guild Patron

For supporters of art who may or may not identify as an artist but want to be involved in the guild.

To join, please fill out this form, enclose it with a check written to **Harbor Art Guild**, and send to:

Harbor Art Guild
200 W. Market Street
Aberdeen WA 98520

For more information, see harborartguild.com or contact harborartguild@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Member Level:

___ Guild Member \$50* _____

___ Guild Patron \$50* _____

___ Additional Donation _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

[HAG is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization] Thank you for supporting the Arts.

*Dues may be paid in two installments.

Cassie Andre offers a mola class and ideas for the 2019 Home & Garden Show

Molas are fabric art focusing primarily on reverse applique. I have developed my own style but will share the history of the art and the original style. This class is for all skill levels – totally non-intimidating. I supply everything but scissors & needles. A valuable reference notebook will be provided at the end of the three sessions. The emphasis is on fun, relaxed learning. see the ad below for more information.

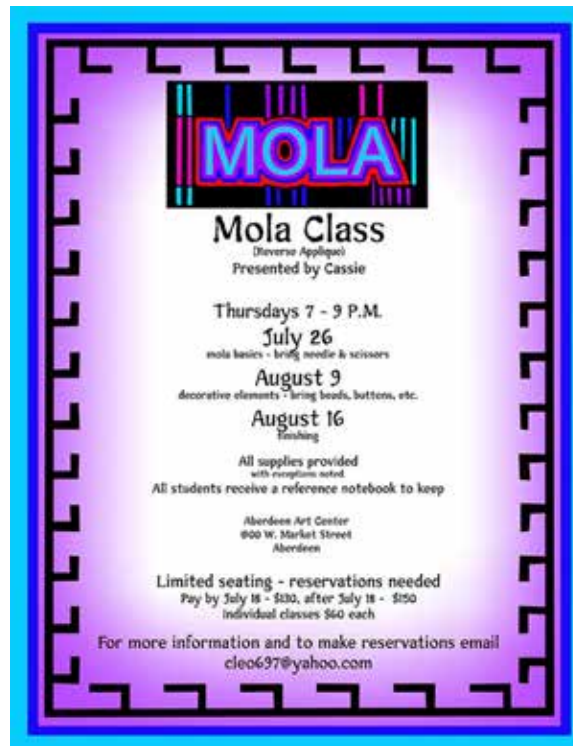
Our booth at the Home & Garden Show was such a success, we've decided to participate again next year.

The H&G show is not an appropriate venue for our fine art but perfect for plant, garden & home decor crafts. I know that some of you do not do crafts and aren't interested **but** before you turn up your noses, consider how much your fine art skills can raise the quality of simple crafts. This is what will set our booth above the others. This is a fund raiser that could turn into a reliable, annual activity - one that can leisurely be worked on all year and be very profitable.

If you want/need ideas, contact me. Would you like to sponsor a work party? It is essential that you keep me informed of your progress.

At our BBQ potluck be sure you sign our Thank You card for the benefactress who paid for our booth this year. We will have to pay for it next year.

Contact Cassie - cleo697@yahoo.com - for more info.



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opportunities to show more of their talents.

Sherryl Jackson transformed the gallery into a fairy land of little people that she created called "Huckleberry Creek." Her little people all had children's shoes and appeared in scenes around the gallery that Sherryl incorporated into a children's book about being different. Gary Lennon did the photography for Sherryl.

Robin Harlow had a solo show called Strange Weeds also in 2012.

Ken Hunt had a solo show of his encaustic photography in 2013

In August 2013 we celebrated our first five years with a barbecue, an auction, and a lot of fun. Our celebration was big enough that we held part of it in the parking lot across from the gallery. The Salmonberry Band serenaded the celebrants.

The August Articles newsletter will have more of the history of HAG.