

Former Harbor Art Guild member, Connie Newton, opens studio in Grayland



When a former HAG member becomes inactive in our group, we wonder what she may be up to. We know that Connie Immerzeel Newton is the coordinator for the Westport Art Festival, August 18 & 19, and that it's a huge undertaking, but her Facebook friends know that Connie has also just opened a new studio - **The Cat's Away**.

Located at **2172 St Rt 105**, across from The Local Bar in Grayland, the studio has flexible hours. Right now, she is trying an early week-night so that locals can pick up supplies during the week instead of driving to Olympia, waiting for the UPS guy, or for her store to be open on the weekends. **Store hours are Tuesday and Friday from 4pm to 7pm and Sat 10am to 4pm.** Plus class hours as scheduled.

Connie has art supplies for sale. Right now she has Pinata Alcohol Inks, felt for ink application, and Lindy's Stamp Gang two-toned embossing powders and shimmer sprays. Polymer clay will be next, and more things after that. She would LOVE to hear from anyone with suggestions of products they'd like to have available at her store.



With space for classes and supplies as well as art items for sale, The Cat's Away is ready for business. Inset: Earrings created by Connie with polymer clay.

When asked how this new endeavor is fulfilling her passion for art, Connie replied, "In two ways: first and foremost the studio is my 'she-shed' - the place I go to get away from the distractions of boyfriend, dogs and napping opportunities. I can just get away from the world, spread out and create!

"I had been trying to work in half a bedroom and it just was too cramped to be conducive to creativity, so here I can dial up the blues on the radio, shut out the world and just MAKE!

"Secondly, I've always enjoyed teaching, I love when a student has that "AHA!" moment and they realize they DO have creativity. I have so much fun laughing with students, meeting new friends, sharing tips and tricks - and I ALWAYS learn something from a student in a class, as well."

The Westport Art Festival takes up most of her time now so she

doesn't have classes scheduled until September 9, when she will be teaching mixed media techniques to decorate a paper mache wine bottle box/canister. She has plans for lots more classes, including beginners' polymer clay workshops, beginning alcohol ink class, all kinds of paper arts classes, and many project-oriented classes like making stamped dishtowels, sharpie marker scarves and more.

The Cat's Away Studio is a Gallery, Gift and Art Supply Store. It is a working artist's studio, and people are welcome to stop in any time, pull up a chair and see what she's doing. Her works are for sale, as well as her candle line - The Best Damn Candles On The Planet. She may begin consigning works by a few friends, but this will come later.

Contact Connie at **TheCatsAway-Studio@gmail.com** or message her on **Facebook.com/TheCatsAway-Studio**.

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Six Rivers Gallery at
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Noon - 5 p.m.

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President's Message

As a result of the tragic museum fire last week, I have been flooded with messages of support and of regret. So many people knew that the museum was here but never took the time to visit it thinking that it would always be there for them

This makes me think about the hundreds of residents here who have not visited Six Rivers Gallery or the Aberdeen Art Center. Many will pop out of the wood work if we should ever go away and tell us of how they always wanted to visit but never did.

Please, don't be shy members! Grab your friends, family and loved ones and get them over here **today**, if not sooner. So many who would help, so many who would belong if they only had someone help them with the first step: getting them in the door!

Thanks a ton to folks who have stepped up and filled in on the days that no one is sitting at the gallery. Kitty Mady sat for the first time at this location. I overheard her say how bored she was because no one came in but she was ready for them.

This summer I'd like to suggest we have a picnic/BBQ July 28th after the downtown art walk. A field trip to a gallery or museum in Tacoma would be a great HAG activity. I'd also like to do a river raft down the Wishkah or Wynooche this summer and even a few plein-air painting trips.

Lets take advantage of what we have now and have some fun this summer Hagsters!

Your Prez
Douglas

HAG will participate in the 2018 Art Walk on July 28. HAG members are asked to bring art for the booth to the gallery on Thursday or Friday before the art walk so we won't have to remove art from the gallery. We will need help setting up and taking down.

Aberdeen Art Center has art classes coming soon

The Aberdeen Art Center has announced art classes for July to November. Three instructors will be teaching these classes: Roy Lowry, Joseph Kinnebrew, and Doug Orr.

The classes include:

Alcohol Ink on Yupo Paper taught by **Roy Lowry**, July 9 & 10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. cost is \$150.

Acrylic Painting Techniques taught by **Joseph Kinnebrew** (with several sessions each 4-day/2-hour session cost is \$70) July 11/12 & 18/19, 10 a.m. - noon

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August 14/16 & 21/23, 10 a.m. - noon

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September 12/13 & 19/20, 10 a.m. - noon

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Mural Painting taught by **Douglas Orr**, July 14/15, August 11/12, & Sept 8/9, 1 - 3 p.m., cost is \$150.

Paper Mache & Wine taught by **Douglas Orr**, August 30 & September 1, 6 - 8 p.m., cost is \$25

Pumpkin Sculpting & Wine taught by **Douglas Orr**, October 27, 2 - 4 p.m., cost is \$25

Paper Mache & Wine taught by **Douglas Orr**, November 10, 6 - 8 p.m., cost is \$25

Contact Douglas Orr at 562-208-4226 or mindsculptor1@gmail.com

or visit aberdeenartcenter.com for more information or to sign up for a class. Space is limited to 10 people per class.

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