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### JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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, organizing the Grays Harbor Open Studio Tour (ghOST), placing art in local venues, organizing and staging the annual Rain Glow Festival in Aberdeen, 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 August 19, 2024**

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**HAG officers:**

**Douglas Orr**, President

**Nancy Eichenberger**, Vice President

**Kris Jenott**, Secretary

**Brenda Woods**, Treasurer

### MEMBER NEWS:

Election of Harbor Art Guild officers was held at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pleased to announce we re-elected all of our officers as they are all doing an excellent job and are happy to continue in their positions. Congratulations to **Douglas Orr**, **Nancy Eichenberger**, **Kris Jenott**, and **Brenda Woods**. Looking forward to another creative and eventful year!

Aberdeen hosted a **Music World Day** on Friday, June 21. Several of our members attended. There were two main stages with rotating bands and soloists. We were excited to get a preview of the new Green Room in the Bacon building's ground floor. Beautifully decorated with Nirvana/Cobain memorabilia, a lounge-inspired bar, and a small stage. We look forward to future events there.



Members Tracey Hartje and Debbi Jensen in the Green Room

**Art Splash Studio Tour 2024** happens August 10-11 in Ocean Shores. The tour includes two of our members, **Sue Lowatchie** and **Loni Lou LaQuill**. The tour features 18 artists in 10 studios. I've attached the map of the tour.



## MEMBER NEWS (cont'd):

Unfortunately, our newest HAG project, **ghOST (Grays Harbor Open Studio Tour)** did not get enough artists this year to make it viable. Plans are in the works to reschedule for a 2025 tour. Let's all try to find a way to open our studios in Aberdeen and Hoquiam to bring public awareness to our town and the wonderful art that happens here. Fingers crossed for a successful launch in 2025.

Please welcome new members to the Harbor Art Guild: **Suzan Campbell** from Hoquiam and **South Beach Arts Association** located in Westport.

A call for art went out to HAG members (and others) for the **Grays Harbor Community College Fall Gala**. Deadline for submittals to the exhibit is August 30, 2024, with a fee of \$35. This is a juried show with Marguerite Garth and Michael Beck as jurors. Member **Jan Swan** is the contact for artist submittals. We hope HAG artists will be well represented at this exhibit.

The 27<sup>th</sup> **Westport Art Festival** takes place August 17 and 18 at the marina. No HAG members entered the festival this year, but it is always a fun way to spend an afternoon and see some local art and artisan products.

## RAIN GLOW 2024!



Members **Jan Swan, Nancy Farrar Coughlin, and Carole Cohen**, along with fellow-travelers **Liz Bolton and Carmen Herrera**



Members **Tracey Hartje (left)** and **Debbi Jensen (right)** and friend



## FEATURED EVENT: RAIN GLOW FESTIVAL 2024!

The 2024 Glow was another successful and very fun event in downtown Aberdeen on Saturday, July 27. There were nine Worlds, music, food, and vendors. A lot of people dressed up with lights and costumes.



HAG members were well represented including **Tracey Hartje, Debbi Jensen, Carole Cohen, Nancy Farrar Coughlin, Jan Swan, Doug Orr, Mary Lou Gregory**, and more that the editors didn't happen to cross paths with. Doug and many hard-working volunteers really pulled off another amazing event.



Each year this festival features new marvels and the creativity and hard work involved in each World is truly extraordinary.



Congratulations especially go to Member **Doug Orr** and David Rodriguez who sacrifice many hours of their time and sleep to make sure this annual event is a great success.



This year, as always, was extremely well attended and everyone seemed to be having a truly wonderful time.

Until next year . . .

**EDITOR'S NOTE By Jan Swan:**

**Guerilla Girls, Do Women have to be naked to get into the Met. Museum?**

The Guerilla Girls were a group of feminist activist artists who use facts, humor, and outrageous visuals to expose gender and ethnic bias and corruption in politics, art, film, and pop culture in their artworks. In 1989, they designed this billboard for the Public Art Fund (PAF) in New York, aimed to criticize the museum institutions for under-representing female artists and objectifying women. The PAF rejected this piece, deeming it "too provocative." Instead, the Guerilla Girls rented advertising space on NYC buses and ran the ad themselves.



From *Artland Magazine*.

**Quote of the day:**

"No amount of skillful invention can replace the essential element of imagination."

*Edward Hopper*

**Membership:** Annual Dues are \$20 *pro rated* for a January renewal. Membership applications and fees should be sent to member **Brenda Woods**.

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