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Watercolor by Carole Cohen

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR \$20 MEMBERSHIP DUES IN JANUARY 2024

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 January 15, 2024

ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Nancy Farrar Coughlin

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HAG officers:

Douglas Orr, President

Nancy Eichenberger, Vice President

Kris Jenott, Secretary

Brenda Woods, Treasurer

MEMBER NEWS:

On December 4th, members of HAG and others faced the river of falling rain and decorated the Christmas tree in Zelasko Park in Aberdeen. Members helping included **Douglas Orr**, **Carole Cohen**, **Nancy Farrar Coughlin**, **Debbi Jensen**, **Rick Woods**, and **Jan Swan**. Doug borrowed a lift and used it to place ornaments up high. It was a night we will never forget and the tree looks beautiful now.



During First Friday Artwalk at the Aberdeen Art Center, member **Marshelle Backes** offered a free painting class with a holiday theme. It was, as always, very well attended and very fun.



MEMBER NEWS (CONTD):

HAG sponsored a delightful Christmas dog parade on December 15th. It was skillfully organized and managed by member **Tamara D'Andrea**. We had 17 dogs show up in costumes. Members participating included **Wiles Duke** (as the Grinch) and **Pam Heward** with her cute little Cairn Terrier. Member **Jan Swan** took photos and **Doug Orr** helped on every level, as usual.



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OPPORTUNITIES:

Working Artist Org. in Tacoma is interested in buying art! The Working Artist Grant/Art Purchase Award is a one-time art award of \$1,000 intended to disperse vitalizing bursts of funding to support an artist's ongoing art making process. If selected as our winner, the award recipient will exchange one of their original works or smaller series of original works for inclusion in our collection, in return for our award. They make it super simple to submit, just send your website, or 5 images (each under 1 mb), along with your name and contact information to: grant@workingartist.org. No written proposals or CV's are required unless the artist would like to include them. There is no application form. The fee is \$25 and can be paid on their website at: <https://www.workingartist.org/submission-guidelines.html>. **Deadline is December 31.** No harm in trying!

The **Black Box Gallery** in Portland has a call for black and white photography. The exhibit will showcase 24 photographs selected by a juror with 30 additional photographs will be selected for their on-line gallery. All 54 photographs will be included in a catalog available on Blurb Books. The gallery provides free printing, matting, and framing for all exhibitors! **Deadline is January 12** for a February 1-20, 2024, exhibition. Entry fee is \$40 for up to 5 photos. For more information go to: <https://blackboxgallery.com/Black%20and%20White%202024%20CFE.html>.

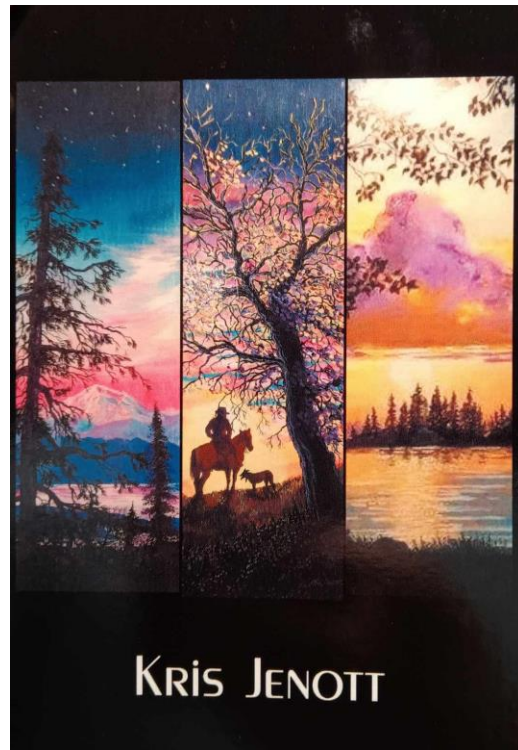
Gallery One Visual Arts Center in Ellensburg, WA, has a call for a juried exhibit "Looks Good on Paper" for works that feature paper as a primary medium for an exhibit in March 2024. Awards totaling \$800 will be given by the jurors. **Deadline is January 28.** Entry fee is \$20 for up to 6 images. For more information go to: https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=12536

FEATURED ARTIST: KRIS JENOTT



Our HAG Secretary was born in Yreka, California. Her father, mother, and grandmother were all artists. Being surrounded by creativity, she grew up drawing and painting. She sold her first painting at age 14. In college, Kris studied art and drama. Kris married and had two children, a daughter and son.

Kris has had a varied and exciting work history including modeling for large stores such as Macy's in their runway shows.



Oo-la-la!

Kris also did TV ads and spots, worked as a newspaper layout artist, and as a book cover and layout artist for a publishing house. After she divorced, she began working as a paralegal in family law and worked with domestic violence and child abuse survivors.

Kris moved to Washington in 2000 and decided to dedicate her time to painting and writing, determined to paint every day. When she was able, she retired from working other jobs. She met her current husband, fellow artist and HAG member **Ken Hurley**, at an art show.

Kris contributes to the community by exhibiting her art and teaching free art classes at the Aberdeen Art Center.



EDITOR'S NOTE BY JAN SWAN

As we come to the end of yet another event and art-filled year in Grays Harbor, I wanted to reflect on some of the things the Harbor Art Guild and its members have accomplished this year.

With our President, Douglas Orr, running to be the next Mayor of Aberdeen, many of us were active in his campaign. We all know that supporting Doug in his new role as Mayor is supporting the arts in Aberdeen as much as anything. Doug ran a really wonderful campaign in a gentlemanly manner and with openness to new ideas to improve our little town.

In 2023, HAG and its members accomplished this and so *much more*, including:

- Hosting a booth every month last summer at the Aberdeen Sunday Market.
- Getting involved in making sure art happens at our new traffic circle.
- Taking fieldtrips to the Glass Museum in Tacoma, Fern Hill Cemetery, the Seattle Asian Art Museum, and to the Roadhouse Nursery in Copalis Crossing.
- Sponsoring and participating in the annual Rain Glow festival.
- Providing free community art classes at the Art Center.
- Participating in open studio tours and/or art fairs in Ocean Beach, Westport, and beyond.
- Putting on a party to celebrate HAG's 15th anniversary.
- Opening a new gallery, Gambit Art and Gifts, in the Art Center.
- Continuing the scholarship program of the ADOOR project.
- Joining the Aberdeen Arts Commission.
- Participating in *plein air* events.
- Joining Doug's campaign in the Founders Day Parade.
- Curating and exhibiting in the Healing Gallery of the HRH Community Hospital.
- Completing and officially opening the Pollinator Park on Market Street.
- Having art accepted in juried shows and for promotional materials, including the Fall Gala and the Olympia symphony orchestra.
- Taking over the revamped Grays Harbor Open Studio tour.
- Forming a book discussion group.
- Decorating the Aberdeen Christmas tree.
- Sponsoring the new annual Holiday Pet Parade.
- Publishing a Newsletter every single month!

Here's to an another eventful and productive year in 2024!

Poetry:

Sitting between the sea and the buildings
He enjoyed painting the sea's portrait.
But just as children imagine a prayer
Is merely silence, he expected his subject
To rush up the sand, and, seizing a brush,
Plaster its own portrait on the canvas.

From "The Painter" by John Ashbery

Membership: Annual Dues are \$20 *pro rated* for a January renewal. Contact any of the HAG officers to request a membership form.

We use email addresses for meeting notices and for the newsletter.

To submit information for inclusion in the newsletter, email Jan Swan at janswanart@gmail.com. Artwork must be in jpeg format.

"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home." – Twyla Tharp