


HARBOR Art Guild



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Marshelle Backes - president

Rick Woods - editor.

This is my final issue as editor. Please come to the HAG meeting Jan. 19, and step up if you want my chair - Rick.

Calendar

Harbor Art Guild meets at
Aberdeen Art Center, 200 W
Market St, Aberdeen
Monday, January 19, 6:30 –
7:30pm

From the Harbor Art Guild president
Marshelle Backes

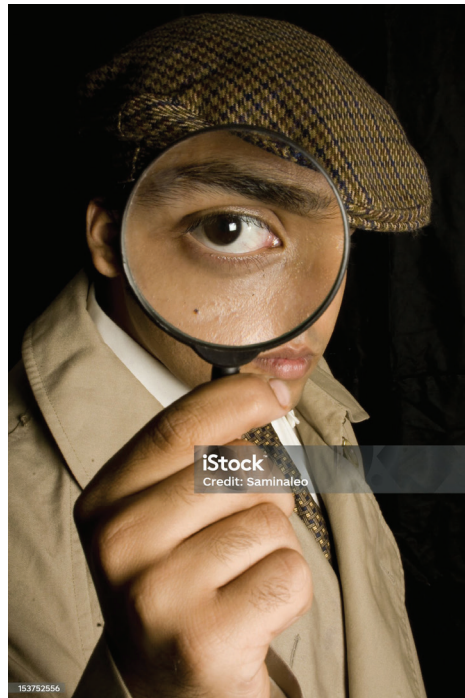
Dear Members,

I am writing to you today to remind you that January is membership renewal month. For just \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a group or family membership, members have a full year of activities and events to enjoy, all while making a difference in our community. A printed form is attached for your convenience. This form is new so we are asking all members to please fill it out and send it with your check to our treasurer, Brenda Woods, 624 Hyde Park Dr. Hoquiam, Wa 98550

EXCITING PROJECTS FOR 2026!

Murder Mystery Fundraiser:
OH THIS IS GOING TO BE A
GOOD ONE!

April 25th, from 7 to 9 PM, we will be holding a fundraising event at the Senior Center where local high school students will be collaborating with us to provide a murder mystery play where the audience helps to solve whodunit! The theme is a glamorous Casino Night, feel free to dress up! Appetizers and desserts with beverages will be included along with some poker chips to help you get started playing our casino games. There will be prizes for the games as well as for solving the mystery. Local high school students will present the mystery play with all the usual suspects and the circumstances of the murder. The audience will sort through clues and then work together to solve the mystery.



This will be an evening of good fun. Look for an announcement of how to purchase your tickets soon. We expect them to sell out quickly.

I would like to take a moment to thank the incredible committee that is bringing this event together. Debbi Jensen, Terry Hosford, Tamara D'Andre, Tammy Heth, Richelle Barger, Danielle Townsend, and the students who will be working towards their 15 hours of volunteer time for graduation at our event. Debbi Jensen is the Committee Chair for this event and we need more volunteers. If you can help with a

couple of meetings a month and the day of, please reach out to Debbi at debbi.j@yahoo.com. If you have something you would like to donate to the silent auction, let Debbi know. The next committee meeting is from 2:30 to 3:30 PM at the Aberdeen Art Center, January 26th.

First Friday Artwalk Free Class:



The Harbor Art Guild provides a free art class to the community each month during the First Friday Artwalk with a variety of instructors and projects. We ask for donations, but they are unpredictable and can't be figured into our budget for future classes.

This is a popular class and a vital program. It is enjoyed by professionals and amateurs alike, beginner to advanced. These classes are set up for everyone to be successful, even if they have no experience.

For 2026, we have a budget shortfall of a few hundred dollars to fully fund the class through the end of the year. This money pays the instructor fees

so that we can continue to offer free classes to the public. With new grant resources unavailable, we need to cover the gap in funding for the remainder of the year.

We are starting a fund drive with the members, in which each member contributes as little as \$10-20 to the class fund. If we fail to fully fund this class, we may have to withhold classes or discontinue altogether. To send your tax-deductible donation for any amount for the art classes, please make the check out to Harbor Art Guild, in the memo line, write "FFAW Class" and send those to our Treasurer, Brenda Woods, 624 Hyde Park Dr. Hoquiam, WA 98550.

With the passing of one of our most popular instructors, Kris Jenott, there are some class slots that need to be filled with an instructor: June 5th, July 3rd, September 4th, December 4th.

Each instructor receives a \$200 stipend to help cover materials cost and time. There are art materials available to you at the Art Center that are free for your art classes, stored in the HAG storage closet. Ask about them if you are interested in teaching a class.

New for 2026: JAG – Junior Art Guild

Debbi Jensen spearheaded a concept with local high schools and has begun discussion for forming for a new auxiliary group, the Junior Art Guild, or JAG for short. We are working on coordinating a show for JAG artists at the Aberdeen Art Center in the former Gambit Gallery. Already in the cue for 2026 is a scheduled mural project led by artist, Jenny Fisher scheduled for this summer.

This collaboration helps bring in young, enthusiastic artists who want to build skills. HAG members will have the opportunity to work with youth to mentor skills and experience in a wide variety of artistic ventures. Please reach out to Debbi if you are interested in participating. Working with young artists is one of the most rewarding things that we, the wizened skilled artisans that we are, can do. This mentorship is a precious opportunity that I hope many of you will be involved in.

Volunteers and participation

A Guild is nothing special if the members are not sharing what they know and what they can do. HAG has been a very visible member of the community, and we need to keep it going. Unfortunately, too few of our members step in to volunteer and the ones that do, get overburdened.

The Guild wants to put on at least two events each year; one a fundraiser involving the public. This event brings recognition and shows the community of the good work that we do. Two, an annual members-only event, which is just for our members to enjoy.

Last year, we did not hold our regular members' holiday party due to lack of volunteers. We literally had none. That is a shame because the holiday party is one of our most well-attended events. It's a chance to reconnect, enjoy some great food and beverages, exchange gifts, and catch up on what each other has been doing during the year.

No matter the event or project, you are the most important part!

You are needed, your thoughts, skills, and ideas are wanted. For those of you who have physical and time challenges, many of our members do also. We can accommodate you so that your physical commitment is minimal.

Please, when you fill in your membership form (attached) check the boxes for volunteer opportunities and interests. We will contact you when we have events and opportunities that match your availability and interests.

To learn more about upcoming events and opportunities, contact me, Marshelle Backes at 564-544-9535 or email marshelle.backes.65@gmail.com.

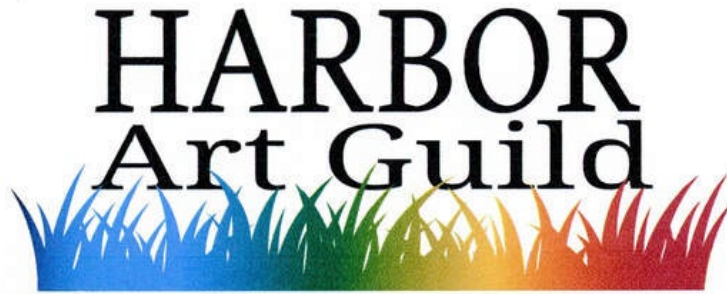


ghOST 2026

Yes, we are doing it again! June 20th, 21st. If you are interested in volunteering and in opening your studio for the tour, more information will be announced soon at the first volunteer meeting, January 22nd, from 4 to 5 PM.

Harbor Art Guild is a 509(a)(2), a subtype of 501 (c)(3) non-profit public charity. Fees and donations to HAG are tax deductible. Tax ID No. 80-0290397

2025 Board: President: Marshelle Backes marshelle.backes.65@gmail.com | Vice President: Terry Hosford terryterryfic@yahoo.com | Secretary: Cara Beth Stevenson lithogrleena@gmail.com | Treasurer: Brenda Woods bakbb9@gmail.com | Webmaster: MaryLou Gregory harborartguild@gmail.com



Membership Application/Renewal

Harbor Art Guild, established in 2008, brings artists together and presents art to the community through public projects, events, and guild activities.

Membership in Harbor Art Guild (HAG) is open to anyone who supports the purpose of the Guild. No person shall be denied membership based on race, gender, creed, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, or political ideology.

Dues/Donations are paid for a period of one-year. Renewals are due the first month of each year. New members joining Harbor Art Guild during the year in progress will be pro-rated for the remainder of the calendar year and renewed in the first month of each following year. All current HAG members have voting rights at our Membership Meetings and all members are encouraged to attend. Harbor Art Guild meets every third Monday of the month at the Aberdeen Art Center from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> New Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership \$20.00/yr - 1 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$25.00/yr – 2 Votes
Name: _____	Names: _____ _____ _____

Mailing Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Donor Levels (1 vote per individual, 2 votes per family)

- \$50-\$99 Parton
- \$100-\$199 Sustainer
- \$200-\$299 Bronze
- \$300-\$499 Silver
- \$500 & above Gold

Amount Enclosed _____

Please enclose a check for Annual Dues or Annual Donation and mail it with this completed form to the address below

Brenda Woods (Treasurer)
Harbor Art Guild
624 Hyde Park Drive
Hoquiam, Wa 98550

You can now pay your dues online (RENEWALS ONLY). Visit harborartguild.com to learn more

Art Interests

<input type="checkbox"/> Fine art (paint, sketch, print making.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital art (video, illustration, content creator)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture (metal, clay, wood, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Glass work (fused, stained)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiber artist (quilt, spun, weaving)

Volunteer Opportunities


<input type="checkbox"/> Public events (Gala, Rainglow,)	<input type="checkbox"/> Member events (annual party, field trips, plein air)	<input type="checkbox"/> Classes and workshops (students and instructors)
<input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing, donor program	<input type="checkbox"/> ghOST Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please list

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Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

For office use only		
Board-Member-Signature: _____		Date: _____
Date recorded: _____	Initial: _____	Check #: _____
Membership Card: Date Sent: _____		Initial: _____

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