



Van Gogh at Bassins de Lumieres



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### JUNE 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.

**HAG officers:**  
**Douglas Orr**, President  
**Nancy Eichenberger**, Vice President  
**Kris Jenott**, Secretary  
**Brenda Woods**, Treasurer

**Next Member Meeting is July 15, 2024**

### IMPORTANT!

Election of Harbor Art Guild officers happens at our July 15, 2024, meeting. There are four positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in being nominated for any of these positions, please contact member and Secretary **Kris Jenott** and plan to attend the July meeting for a vote. All members should plan to attend the July meeting to vote for our Guild's officers.

### MEMBER NEWS:

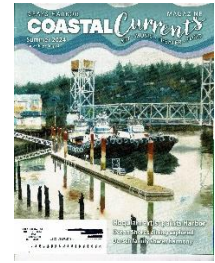
Member **Douglas Orr** participated in the annual Ocean Shores Wearable Art show on June 1, 2024. Doug Orr treated the crowd to his illuminated design "Rain Glow Fairie" as a preview of upcoming Rain Glow Festival in Aberdeen. I think Doug's dancing and costume probably stole the show. What fun!



Member **Nancy Farrar Coughlin** has been asked to jury the two-dimensional artwork for the exhibit "Kenmore Art Show 2024" presented by *Arts of Kenmore*. This annual exhibit of photography and two-dimensional art will be held at the Kenmore Camera Studios on August 16-18, 2024. Two-dimensional works will include paintings, drawings, collages, mixed media, etc. Congratulations on this honor, Nancy.



Member **Rick Woods** was selected for a feature in *Coastal Currents*, with his painting “Brusco Tugs” for the cover and a nice write up. Congratulations Rick!



Member **Kris Jenott** taught the June First Friday art class, demonstrating how to create a miniature featuring a jeweled cross as the subject matter. Each student created a truly beautiful miniature, won a prize and, it seemed, left the class inspired. Kris greatly enjoyed teaching this class.



Members gathered for a good luck and best wishes party for member **Donn Angel** on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Aberdeen Art Center. Donn was going in for surgery on his back a few days later. We hear that his recovery is going well. Members attending, in addition to Donn, were **Brenda Woods, Rick Woods, Jan Swan, Laveta Bowen, Doug Orr, Carole Cohen, Kris Jenott, Ken Hurley, John Bowen, Terry Hosford, and Karri Woods**. As always, apologies if we left anyone out!



Member **Carole Cohen** presented the final ADOOR scholarships to students of Aberdeen High School. No one has stepped forward to take over this worthy project, so we will close the project and sell off the remaining doors at future events.

Member **Wendy Ryan** will be teaching the community art class on First Friday July 5<sup>th</sup>. She will teach wire wrapping of stones to make jewelry. The new procedure for these First Friday classes is sign-up at the gallery on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 5:00 p.m. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

### OPPORTUNITIES:

**ghOST** (Grays Harbor Open Studio Tour) is seeking a volunteer to set up and manage a social media presence for the tour from now through October on as many sites as possible, including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc. As we all know, social media is the best way to reach a large audience these days so it is vital to get this studio tour on-line everywhere. If you are willing to help with this this fun and important promotional endeavor, please contact member **Rick Woods**.

### OTHER NEWS:

The HAG sponsored **Rain Glow Festival** is scheduled to take place on July 27 from 9 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in downtown Aberdeen. There will be nine “worlds” of light installations, many bands and musicians, food trucks, and vendors. Please offer to help out and come all aglow for the event.



## FEATURED ARTIST: WENDY RYAN

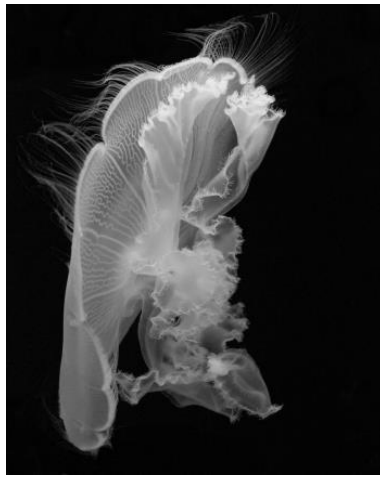


Wendy recently retired as a Biology professor and she has spent decades examining the natural world through a variety of lenses, both microscopes and cameras! Wendy learned photography the old-fashioned way with a fully manual SLR, black and white photos, and darkroom development and printing! It took Wendy a while to warm up to color photography and digital photography, but now her work reflects all her techniques, both old and new.

So, what's with all the rocks??? When Wendy moved to Grayland, she discovered our amazing beach rocks and the isolation during COVID provided an opportunity for her to learn to present them in a way they can be appreciated. Wendy is now completely in love with rocks and enjoys finding ways to highlight their unique features through wire wrapping. She enjoys doing commissioned work to wrap found rocks, sea-glass, ancient pottery shards, and more.

Wendy's artwork is exhibited at the Aberdeen Art Center's Alder Grove Gallery, Grayland Beach Outfitters, and the Coastal Interpretive Center in Ocean Shores.

You can contact Wendy via her website at [wryan.creations@gmail.com](mailto:wryan.creations@gmail.com)



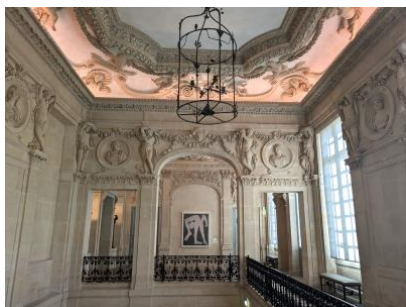
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## EDITOR'S NOTE By Jan Swan:

As many of you know, member **Laveta Bowen** and I were able to spend time in France this month. Being artists and art lovers we, of course, focused our travels on art galleries and museums in Bordeaux and Paris. First, we went to an immersive exhibit in Bordeaux at the *Bassins le Lumieres* which showed works by Van Gogh, Mondrian, Vermeer, and others in an astonishing display. The building is a former Nazi submarine concrete repair bunker on the Garonne River. I was struck by the delightful irony of displaying what Hitler called "decadent art" in one of his war facilities.

Once in Paris, we went to the *Pompidou Center*, which had a huge Brancusi exhibit. Pompidou also has an extensive and impressive permanent exhibit of modern art including Mondrian, Chagall, Leger, and Matisse. We also went to the newly reopened *Picasso Museum*. This museum in a beautiful old building houses what it calls "Picasso's Picassos" because the collection consists of the artist's own collection of other artists' work and his personal collection of his own work. We all have those pieces we keep for ourselves and it was truly fun to see what work Picasso favored. In between and somewhat randomly, we visited various art galleries to see what is happening now. The galleries were great fun, but the art paled by comparison to the master works in the museums. Also, being a street photographer myself, I was happy to see a lot of street art in both cities. Here are photos of some of the places we visited and what we saw:



Entrance to the Picasso Museum



Pompidou Center Leger Painting



Charming Bordeaux Gallery



Brancusi Exhibit with Paris Vista



Bordeaux Wall Poster



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### Thought for the day:

"Originality! don't worry about your originality. You could not get rid of it even if you wanted to. It will stick to you and show you up for better or worse in spite of all you or anyone else can do."

From *The Art Spirit* by Robert Henri

**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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