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SEPTEMBER 2023 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 Pollinators 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.

HAG officers:
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Next Member Meeting is October 16, 2023, for our 15th anniversary dinner

MEMBER NEWS:

■ An abstract painting by member **Nancy Farrar-Coughlin** was chosen by the Olympia Symphony Orchestra to feature in the promotional material for the concert "Pride" on March 17, 2024, featuring Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky pieces. Congrats to Nancy!



<https://www.washingtoncenter.org/event/pride>

■ Member **Marshelle Backes** taught another free art class on First Friday, September 1, at the Aberdeen Art Center. The class was very well attended and looks like lots of fun. Many thanks to Marshelle for stepping up and leading these popular community art events.



■ Members **Douglas Orr**, **Wiles Duke**, and **Jan Swan** represented HAG at a booth at the Aberdeen Sunday Market on August 27, 2023. We will have a booth at the Aberdeen Sunday Market for the last time this year on September 24th. Let's go out with a bang and have several members show up with art!



MEMBER NEWS (CONTD):

■ Members **Rick Woods** and **Brenda Woods** and **Donn Angel** and **Karri Wood** had booths at the Lake Sylvia Art Festival on September 10, 2023.



■ The **HEALING GALLERY** of HRH Community Hospital and Our Aberdeen held an opening reception on September 15, 2023. Member **Jan Swan**, along with hospital staff member Chris Majors, juried in the art of 17 artists and Jan curated the 42 paintings, photographs, mosaics, drawings, and collages. Members **Laveta Bowen**, **Rick Woods**, **Brenda Woods**, and **Marshelle Backes** provided invaluable help in intake and hanging. Members who had pieces accepted into the exhibit are **Marshelle Backes**, **Kristi Beitzel**, **Laveta Bowen**, **Carole Cohen**, **Nancy Farrar-Coughlin**, **Rich O'Donnell**, **Loni Lou LaQuill-Stoelting**, and **Rick Woods**. Our member artists are so well represented! Members **Arlene Eubanks**, **Tammy D'Andrea**, **Debbi Jensen**, **Douglas Orr**, **Tracey Hartje**, and most of the exhibiting artists attended (sorry if we missed anyone – it was crowded at times).



*Hanging the show
(photos by Marshelle Backes)*

The Daily World wrote a nice article promoting the reception and included paintings by **Nancy Farrar-Coughlin** and **Rick Woods**.



*The opening reception
(photo by HRH Community Hospital)*

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Our Harbor Art Guild will hold a **HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY** potluck celebration on October 16th at 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Aberdeen Senior Citizens Center at 208 W. Market. A silent auction of members' artwork to benefit HAG will be held. Sixty-two people have RSVP'd. Should be a great time!



■ On September 30th, from 3 to 7 p.m. the Friends of the Aberdeen Museum will celebrate 40 years since the opening of the original Aberdeen Museum of History on September 30, 1983. This will be held at the museum's soon-to-be new location at 118 W. Wishkah.



■ A ribbon-cutting to celebrate the completion of the Senior Citizens Center Pollinators Park will be held on September 23rd at 12:00 p.m. NOON in front of the Center. City reps will attend and cookies and cake will be served. Let's show the City how much we love our HAG projects by showing up for this event.



■ Member **Kris Jenott** will be teaching a free public painting class at the Aberdeen Art Center on First Friday, October 6th. Thank you Kris for providing this community art opportunity.



FEATURED ARTIST: JAMES WEST



James West got his first serious camera in 1972 and began studying with professional photographers and printmakers. His love of darkroom processes and alternative printmaking led to awards in amateur competitions in 1973 and 1974.



After a successful career in Aerospace, James retired to the Pacific Northwest in 2015 to pursue art photography full-time. Able to pull from a 45 year collection, James began making prints of his favorite photographs. In 2018 he won Best in Show at the North Beach Artist Guild juried photography competition, and also a Judges Choice award in photography at the Associated Arts of Ocean Shores juried art show.



Recently, James has been working with an alternative print method called Polymer Photo-gravure Intaglio Printing. This process transfers a photographic image onto a metal plate which can then be inked and printed onto paper via high pressure rollers.

His photography is currently showing in Ocean Shores, Aberdeen, and Shelton. James teaches photography classes when time permits.

Jameswestphotoart.com



EDITOR'S NOTE BY JAN SWAN

Five years ago, shortly after moving to Aberdeen in October, I saw a notice about the ten year anniversary celebration of the founding of the Harbor Art Guild. I had only arrived in Aberdeen on October 1st, and wanted to meet new people and find out about Aberdeen's art world. I assumed this was a stand-around-and-chat type gathering where I could mingle and unobtrusively introduce myself. Well, I walked into the Alder Grove Gallery to find a long table with a white table cloth and many people obviously at a sit-down dinner among friends! I was half way to the table when my "fight or flight" response kicked in. But I realized it would be just as embarrassing to turn around and leave as it would be to just join the party. So, as awkward as I felt, I did join the party. And the people I've met, and continue to meet, in and through the Harbor Art Guild have been my friends and colleagues, my support and inspiration, and have made my life in Aberdeen truly wonderful. And now I will be able to celebrate HAG's fifteenth year at our event on October 16th. Let the champaign flow!



Watercolor by Nancy Farrar-Coughlin



Plein Air watercolor by Rick Woods

Poetry:



Landscape with the Fall of Icarus – Pieter Bruegel the Elder 1558

In Bruegel's Icarus . . . how everything turns away
Quite leisurely from the disaster; the plowman may
Have heard the splash, the forsaken cry,
But for him it was not an important failure; the sun shone
As it had to on the white legs disappearing into the green
Water; and the expensive delicate ship that must have seen
Something amazing, a boy falling out of the sky,
Had somewhere to get to and sailed calmly on.- W. H. Auden

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

Deadline for publication in newsletter is the third Monday of each month (the day of our monthly meeting). Submit information for inclusion in the newsletter to Jan Swan at janswanart@gmail.com. Artwork must be in jpeg format. Anything arriving after the deadline will be saved for the next issue, if appropriate.