

Visit art museums when you are in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland or Victoria

by Mary Lou Gregory

While I was sitting at the gallery a couple came in and told me they were playing tourist in their hometown and that was what brought them into our gallery.

Every now and then I check the websites of art museums to see what is being shown and whether it is time to go be a tourist in the big city, if even for a day. All these museums also have other exhibits.

Both Seattle and Portland are currently showing art by members of the Wyeth family. The descriptions are from the websites of the museums.

Portland Art Museum is featuring **The Wyeths: Three Generations, Works from the Bank of America Collection, October 7, 2017 – January 28, 2018**

“Drawing from the Bank of America Collection, *The Wyeths: Three Generations* provides a revealing survey of works by N.C. Wyeth, one of America’s finest illustrators; his son Andrew, an important realist painter; Andrew’s son Jamie, a popular portraitist; and members of the extended family. Visitors will explore 74 paintings and drawings by artists from three generations of the Wyeth family, all showcasing a commitment to realism, technical brilliance, and narrative sensibility.”

Seattle Art Museum has the works of **Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect, October 19 - January 15.**

“On the 100th anniversary of the artist’s birth, *Andrew Wyeth: In Retrospect* examines the American master’s 75-year career.

“Presenting 110 of Wyeth’s finest paintings and drawings, this first major retrospective since the artist’s death challenges long-held critical notions of Wyeth as a realist and offers unexpected perspectives on his art, legacy, and influences.”

The Tacoma Art Museum, September 2, 2017 – January 7, 2018, Two Centuries of American Still-Life Painting: The Frank and Michelle Hevrdejs Collection

This collection has “still-life masterpieces from the past 200 years, ranging from European-influenced

realism and trompe l’oeil to Modernism, Pop Art, and beyond.”

Another favorite museum is the **Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.** There is always an exhibit of Emily Carr’s works. Currently the show is **Picturing The Giants, The Changing Landscapes of Emily Carr, June 10 - March 31.**

“This exhibition examines Emily Carr’s work through the dual lenses of the artist’s increasing interest in environmental issues and the status of ancient forests of the region in present times.”

Fun art project is planned for our December meeting/ Holiday Party



This sample ornament shows what you can create at the December meeting.

As part of the Harbor Art Guild holiday party December 18, we will be creating holiday tree ornaments using blown out eggs. We will be providing the white pearl beading and some eggs and ask that members bring magazine pages with small holiday images and maybe some old jewelry that they’d like to use.

The sample shown has parts of an old rosary, pearls and magazine pictures on it. You are welcome to make more eggs, but we will only be providing one for each person so bring more if you’d like to make more.

Extra hot glue guns and scissors would also be welcomed to cut down on wait times. It may work for you to bring your magazine pictures already cut out too.

Should be a fun project and you’ll leave with something that you’ll be able to cherish for years to come.

Editorial

Tell city leaders art and music build vibrant communities

When companies look to locate into a new community they often think about the well being of the workforce that they will be employing and many times, (in a male dominated workforce) they are thinking of the families and the wives of the employed. As in Aberdeen, many of the upper paying jobs are taken by folks who choose to live elsewhere because they to are thinking of the well being of their families.

Art isn't always taken seriously by city administrations as one of those "family well-being elements", often to the detriment of the city. An active arts community gives the impression of a well-rounded and thriving community and also tells prospective companies that their employee's families will find things to do and a culture to be a part of. Theater has always takes center stage and it's sad if the city that feels that that is all it needs. Aberdeen has the Bishop Center, the Driftwood Playhouse for its theater but the circle remains incomplete without art and music.

At this time we have both a fledgling art community and a fledgling music community trying to build inroads and added life to our city.

Both communities are struggling and waiting to be embraced by our city fathers. Without the help from our city and support of patrons these efforts are doomed to fail and this is where you, the artist or the art lover come in.

Please take a moment to talk to your city representatives and let them know how much we need their support in aiding these arts organizations in their efforts. Ask them what the city is actively doing to help and support these efforts; ask them why they don't feel that their assistance is needed. Let them know that these groups are not the same as a 7-Eleven or fast food restaurant that simply provide a few low wage jobs, these groups build communities. Tell them how art and music has effected your life and of others in our community who have directly and indirectly benefited by these arts groups.

We need to make sure that our city leaders understand the value in what is being created in our community with very little investment and how the end result will lead to new businesses locating here as a result of these groups.

Have a great day and support your local artists. - Douglas Orr

Harbor Art Guild operates
Six Rivers Gallery at
200 W. Market St., Aberdeen
360-532-9979
www.harborartguild.com
Open Thursday - Monday
Noon - 5 p.m.

Harbor Art Guild

Membership/Donation Form

Guild Member

- Includes opportunity to sell approved items in gift shop with 20% going to HAG,
- Non-juried inclusion in special gallery shows,
- **Requirement to staff the gallery once per month.**

Guild Patron

For supporters of art who may or may not identify as an artist but want to be involved in the guild.

To join, please fill out this form, enclose it with a check written to **Harbor Art Guild**, and send to:

Harbor Art Guild
200 W. Market Street
Aberdeen WA 98520

For more information, see harborartguild.com or contact harborartguild@gmail.com

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*Dues may be paid in two installments.

Seasonal gifts are available at Six Rivers Gallery



Barb Shillinger has created knitted ornaments while Dawn Huntsman has been taking her beads to a new dimension by melting them and getting fun results.