

## SWA May General Meeting

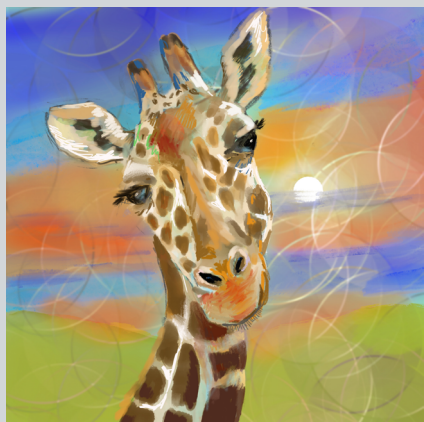
**May 21, 2pm - 4pm**

Clark Community  
College Room 103,  
1933 Fort Vancouver Way,  
Vancouver WA

with a demo by our own  
**Elaine Pawski**

Elaine will be demonstrating Digital Painting using Procreate on the Ipad. Her demo will contain many tips and tricks for preplanning your painting in any media.

Elaine is an instructor at Oregon Society of Artists and you can preview here [work @ www.sweetpapayaarts.com](http://www.sweetpapayaarts.com)



Giraffe, by Elaine Pawski

visit us online at: [www.swavancouver.com](http://www.swavancouver.com)

## From Our President

**Rick Jones, President**

May is finally here. Stormy April, with its unusual weather, is hopefully, behind us. To wake up on the morning of the 10th to find two inches (13" in Kalama) of snow on the ground was certainly not what we expected. April ended with a wonderful surprise, however, as the Spring Show, by all accounts, was a huge success. For those of us who have relied on the labors of the local galleries these past two years, to suddenly be reminded of how much goes into organizing a show of this size was enlightening. Kudos go out to Ed Martin, Show Committee Chair, and to all of the forty three fine volunteers, who stepped up and filled key positions making the Spring Show possible. Without their efforts the show would not have been possible. There were a total of 152 pieces of art displayed, ranging from 2D oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, and pastel, mixed media and the wonderful 3D sculptures and carvings. Judging was conducted by Elizabeth Steinbaugh (Aurora Gallery), with awards for best Figurative Art going to Richard Ferguson, best of Landscape to Christine Wichers, and best of Abstract/Surreal to Tamara Dinius. Additional awards were given to Marshall Miller, John Turley, Joanne Cavallaro and Sandra Longmore for Oil and Acrylic. Awards in Water media on Paper went to Dottie Schaffer, Judith Howard, Nathun Finkhouse, and Lynda Brake. Other 2-D awards were given to Chris White, Rita Niblock, Katey Sandy, and Ellen Nordgren. In the 3-D category awards went to Maurice Whittingham (twice) and Richard Britschgi (twice). SWA was fortunate in being able to find a venue with the room to accommodate such a large display of art work. There are two venues of the size necessary to host a show like the Spring Show; UCC or the Water Resource Building. Previously submissions through a gallery were juried until a fixed number of pieces, (with which the gallery was comfortable in displaying), was compiled - usually 50-100. The upside of having a gallery do the show is that the transportation, checking-in, hanging etc. was handled by the gallery. The gallery showing was preceded by a virtual showing on the SWA website for a month prior to the actual show. The downside to a gallery showing is that only selected pieces were on display thus the majority of artwork was not. Utilizing the venue at the United Church of Christ (UCC) allows us to showcase all of the artwork submitted. The downside of the UCC venue is the contraction of display time from one month to four days and the necessity of closing the show Saturday evening. The UCC venue is also less expensive and more accessible than the Water Resource Bldg. Eventually there will be a visual arts center in Vancouver which will accommodate a show the size of ours but, until then, we will forge ahead. With the Spring Show team having worked through this event, the Holiday Show should be

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a piece of cake especially, as this is our 60th year. The Holiday show will be themed around this historic event.

Elaine Pawski is our presenter at the May 21st General meeting, which will be our final General meeting until this September. Elaine will be doing a live demo on the use of Procreate a painting app designed for iPad which allows the user to create and edit artwork in extraordinary detail. If you've ever seen Elaine's artwork on display, you'll no doubt think it a watercolor, or pastel piece. It's quite remarkable. While on the topic of General meetings Pam Richey-Curtis is now committee chair for Venues, Programs, and Workshops. Pam is putting together the schedule for the General meeting for 2022-2023 which will fill the calendar from September 2022 to May 2023. Please watch for a survey coming your way. Your input will help Pam in determining the theme and content of the meetings.

SWA is looking for a member to step in and help Linda Whittingham ([treasurer@swavancouver.com](mailto:treasurer@swavancouver.com)) with the nitty-gritty of keeping our books in order. This is not a full time position but does have its moments (generally around the shows). We are looking to expand Linda's responsibilities so your involvement will help immensely.

Something new this year is the invitation for area artists to participate in the 2022 Vancouver Parks and Recreation's Movie Night events. An announcement from Columbia Arts Network went out recently asking for those interested in doing a pop-up art display at the selected parks to sign up. This invitation is applicable to members from the affiliated CAN groups, which include, among others, SWA, MAA, NOPG, and SWWS. If you've not participated in one of these, they can be a good deal of fun. You might need a market umbrella, or tent, your medium of choice, a chair and small table, easel, canvas, panel or paper, refreshments, and a means to conduct sales (if you plan to conduct sales). The artist set up is on a specified walkway, and registration is necessary as space, in some parks, is limited. Check out the CAN website for additional details. In the Speaking Of column, you'll find more information on what is happening with Columbia Arts Network and a link to this event.

Our Artist Highlight this month features Liz Pike, artist, farmer, Master Gardener, and Beekeeper. Liz has been painting on canvas since 1984. She is a self-taught artist working primarily in oils. Liz is also the founder of Camas First Friday Art Walk. Her work can be seen at numerous summer art festivals in and around southwest Washington and she is represented by Camas Gallery. Liz hosts events at her beautiful Shangri-La Farm including a Paint Plein Air Friday June 17 with the invitation extended to Battle Ground Art Alliance, Artisans Guild of Camas and the Society of Washington Artists. If interested please RSVP Liz at [pikeadvertising@comcast.net](mailto:pikeadvertising@comcast.net).

Rick Jones

***Do you have experience leading workshop or have taken a workshop you would recommend?***

**please email:**

**Pam Richey Curtis**

**SWA Programs Director**

**Pam @ [pam@belleflower.farm](mailto:pam@belleflower.farm)**





# Another Successful Spring Show!

## 2022 Spring Show Winners

Best of:

Figurative: Metamorphosis, Richard Ferguson

Landscape: Rooster Rock, Christine Wichers

Abstract: Falling, Tamara Dimius

### Category 1 Oil and Acrylic

1st: Across the Columbia, Marshall Miller

2nd: Reclamation, John Turley

3rd: Sunflower, Joanne Cavallaro

### Category 2 Watermedia on Paper

1st: Pring Tulips, Dottie Shaffer

2nd: Hope in Darkness, Judith Howard

3rd: Austin Healy, Nathun Finkhouse

Honorable Mention: Lynda Brake

### Category 3 All Other 2D

1st: Chimp, Chris White

2nd: Back to Simple Times, Rita Niblock

3rd: Textures of Nature, Katey Sandy

Honorable Mention: Futility, Ellen Nordgren

### Category 4 3D

1st: Rooster, Maurice Whittingham

2nd: Mother and Baby Whale, Maurice Whittingham

3rd: Mosquito, Richard Brischari

4th: Rock Lobster, Richard Brischari



Rooster Rock, Christine Wichers

For the first time we held a random member volunteer drawing to award two Blick art materials gift certificates of \$100. Alejandra Krogh- Winkler and Joan Giddings Turley were the lucky winners.



Falling, Tamara Dimius



Metamorphosis, Richard Ferguson

# Artist Highlight

## Liz Pike

Liz Pike is a self-taught artist, and began working in oil on canvas at age 22. Liz paints in her art studio at Shangri-La Farm in Fern Prairie. Liz continues to be inspired by the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and the lush gardens at her organic farm.



Liz is the founder of Camas First Friday Art Walk, believing that historic downtown Camas could become a haven for artists and art galleries. First Friday Art Walk lives on today in Camas and is one of the strongest retail days of the month for city merchants. In 2005, Liz opened Pike Art Gallery in downtown Camas and operated it for three years. During that time, Liz created a living room in downtown Camas with Pike Art Gallery attracting hundreds of visitors to her gallery. Liz paints natural landscapes and still life in oil on canvas. Her work can be found for display and sale at several outdoor art festivals and at Camas Gallery. Details about private and group painting lessons and events can be found at [LizPike.Art](http://LizPike.Art).

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## Shangri-La Farm Hosts 3rd annual Fern Prairie ART FEST Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31 in Camas, WA

By Liz Pike, member of Society of Washington Artists

Ten local artists will unveil new works of art at the third annual Fern Prairie ART FEST on Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, 2022, staged in the peaceful and tranquil setting of our Shangri-La Farm, just a little over a mile north of Lacamas Lake.

The public is invited to attend this free art event. Complimentary parking is available at neighboring Grove Field Airport, 632 NE 267th Avenue, Camas, WA 98607. Our farm's "Sunflower Mobile" will transport guests from the rented airport parking lot on a scenic trail through the woods to Shangri-La Farm. The Sunflower Mobile is a vintage all-electric six-passenger golf cart that I repurposed a few years back. Using oils, I hand painted the entire fiberglass body in my signature sunflower motif. People love this cheerful and comfortable ride to the farm!

I organized the first ever Fern Prairie ART FEST in 2020 out of frustration from the cancellation of nearly every art festival in our region that year. I was determined to create a new outdoor art event for the public to enjoy while also providing a much needed sales venue for local artists. It was a huge success for everyone involved. For the past two years, ART FEST has attracted thousands of guests and participating artists have sold an abundance of work.

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To date, ten artists have signed up to return to the Fern Prairie ART FEST this summer. Several oil paint artists joining me this year include Bev Birdwell, Cheryl Mathieson, Keith Russell, Cheryl Folkers and Sarah Bang. Copper artist David Gerton will be displaying his beautiful metal works and Amy Ernst will be showcasing her original pottery works. Pastel artist Suzanne Grover is teaming up with her sister Char Hale, a local fused glass artist in a shared booth.



This is not a typical summer art festival. The public really gets two shows in one. They get to view beautiful original art from local artisans and also tour lush organic gardens at the same time. My husband and I established Shangri-La Farm eleven years ago. It's finally coming into its own as a rural destination. We invite visitors to wander on our meandering botanical garden paths to take in the season's beauty. Our farm is all organic with several dozen raised beds, an extensive berry patch and fruit orchard. See busy bees, happy chickens and a small flock of sheep in action.

My latest completed project is an E-CRAP composting station. E-CRAP is my clever acronym for Environmentally Conscious Recycled Animal Poop. At this facility, I turn spoil from our animal barns into rich composted soils to biodynamically nourish our gardens. There's also a quaint road-side farm stand that operates on an old-fashioned honor system. We sell farm fresh eggs year round and organic produce during the season. Guests are also invited to tour my on-site exhibition gallery, my private art studio and and also see my "Sip & Paint for Fun ART FARM" instructional studio where I teach several oil painting classes each month.

I look forward to seeing you at Fern Prairie ART FEST on July 30-31!

## SWA Supporters



## Speaking of:

### Vancouver Movie and Art in the Park Opportunity this Summer Hosted by CAN and the City of Vancouver

Columbia Arts Network is joining with the City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation for a special series of Pop-Up Art events this summer. Starting on Friday, July 8th, 2022, and continuing every Friday night for 6 weeks, Vancouver Parks and Rec is again hosting Friday Night Movie Nights at local Vancouver Parks. All movies are family-friendly and free to the public. The showings may be canceled in the event of prohibitive weather (might be too hot!)

Columbia Arts Network is inviting all artists in our membership to participate in an exciting opportunity to demonstrate and sell their art at the movie nights. This pop-up art opportunity is also open to any artists who are members of CAN organizational members. Artists are encouraged to bring their pop-up tents or umbrellas and set them up around the perimeters of the parks. Parks and Rec sets up starting at 3:00 p.m. They have invited our artists to begin set-up no later than 5:00 p.m. and be done setting up by 6:30 p.m. The public will start arriving in the late afternoon to set up their chairs and blankets in preparation for the films which will start around dusk (approx. 9:15 - 9:30 pm, although the exact start time will change due to the weather. Attendees have several hours to wander around until the movie begins. This is a great opportunity to reach a captive audience, particularly if some of the art we bring can be tied to the movie being shown. Parks and Rec estimate 500 - 2000 attendees depending on the venue. Parks and Rec does a variety of outreach for their events, including social media, press releases, Columbian ad, and flyers.

The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, as well as picnics and other ready-to-eat food to enjoy while the movie plays. In addition, vendors may have non-alcoholic beverages and snacks available at some of the parks. Porta potties are provided by the City.

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The 2022 dates, movies, and locations are as follows:

Encanto	8-Jul	NPS (Fort Vancouver Historic Site) Gazebo
Sing 2	15-Jul	Nikkei Park
Spiderman No Way Home	22-Jul	Bagley Park
Jungle Cruise	29-Jul	Columbia Tech Center
Cruella	5-Aug	Fruit Valley Park
Eternals	12-Aug	Hearthwood Park

Columbia Arts Network is asking for a 10% donation for total art sales. This donation will be earmarked for our goal of a brick-and-mortar visual arts center in downtown Vancouver.

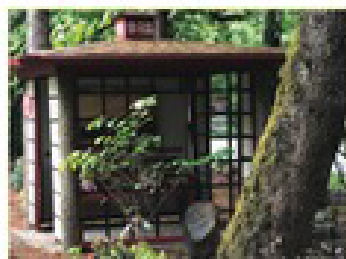


#### **COLUMBIA ARTS NETWORK NEEDS YOU**

**"CAN" is looking for a few good volunteers to fill positions in a growing and dynamic non-profit Arts organization.**

- 1. Secretary**
- 2. Member at large**

**If you are interested in one of these openings please contact us at:  
[info@columbiaartsnetwork.org](mailto:info@columbiaartsnetwork.org)**



## Let's make art at the farm!

### Paint Plein Air at Shangri-La Farm

Camas artist Liz Pike invites

**Battle Ground Art Alliance**

**Artisans Guild of Camas**

**Society of Washington Artists**

to paint on location at Shangri-La Farm!

**Friday, June 17, 2022 • 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.**

Shangri-La Farm 26300 NE Third Street, Camas, WA 98607

Park at Grove Field Airport, 632 NE 267th Avenue, Camas.

The Farm's Sunflower Mobile will transport you and your plein air supplies on a trail through the woods to the farm.

This event is free to artists, hosted by Liz Pike, Artist, Farmer, Master Gardener and Beekeeper and sponsored in part by Port of Camas-Washougal

**This is an outdoor event that will be held rain or shine!**

**Bring everything you need to make art!**

#### Artist Schedule of Events:

10:00a.m.: Artist Hospitality

Enjoy coffee and farm fresh scones on the patio

10:30a.m.: Start your painting!

4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.: Artists Happy Hour

Enjoy happy hour at the farm with complimentary beverages and appetizers! Check out the Farm!

**Come see a working organic farm at the beginning of the season!**

Tour gardens, see honeybees and happy chickens in action.

Visit Liz's private art studio and her

"Sip & Paint for Fun ART FARM" instructional studio.

See raised beds, berry patches, a fruit orchard and a quaint farm stand operating on an honor system.

#### Artists please RSVP:

Kindly RSVP via email to [pikeadvertising@comcast.net](mailto:pikeadvertising@comcast.net) or  
Text / Call Liz at (360) 281-8720

Site of Clark County Natural Garden Tour: 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2022

web: [LizPike.Art](http://LizPike.Art)

