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Trash to Treasure showing at Art at the Cave through January 29



Visit **Art at the Cave** in January to discover the beauty of discarded treasure. The exhibit runs January 5th through 29th. The **Artist's Reception** will be held from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, January 22.

For at least three months, **Bill Leigh**, local metal

artist and Recycled Arts Fair artist, has been visiting the transfer stations and gleaning materials for new works.

Hosted by Waste Connections of Washington and Clark County Public Health, this exhibit is the culmination of an artist residency which provides an artist with access to materials discarded at local transfer stations for the creation of new art made of at least 75% recycled materials.

From Our President

Rick Jones, President

January, the first month of the New Year, marks the moment when we start sorting out those things that need to be set in place for the rest of the year. It's not like we're heading outside to enjoy the sun or balmy weather, so we might as well fuss about indoors and work on business for 2022.

January is named for Janus, a Roman god of beginnings, endings and transitions — as in a gate to a building or temple. Janus is represented as a two faced figure, with one face looking back and the other forward. He was a god of transitions, journeys, travelling, and shipping. January is also national Soup month, and national Nothing Day, which, of course, never amounted to much as it was, after all, a Nothing Day holiday and self-fulfilling..

Looking back and saying adios to 2021, we must give a sincere thank you to those who worked so hard during 2021 to make it against all odds a most successful year for SWA. Our Spring Show, (April-May) was headed up by **Katey Sandy**, and followed our successful format of combining the virtual with an in-person show, this time at the Camas Gallery. Our General meetings were held via Zoom and included a technique demo by **Kelsey Birsa** on her use of oil glazes in skin tones, followed by **Susan Kuznitsky** on the use of pastels. SWA also responded to a last minute request for art from the Main library and was able to place 24 pieces through July and August.

We did suffer a big loss in August with the unexpected passing of **Wanda Brewster**. But September presented SWA with the opportunity to participate in the Arts Alive event at the County building on Franklin, allowing Wanda to halt the rain during the event. As the booths were being dismantled, the sky opened up and we were drenched in what can only be called a deluge of cold rain. Thanks, Wanda, for that break in the weather and thanks to our crew; **Janus Innes, Sarah Hunter, Allan Oliver, John Relyea, Ed Martin, Diane Hurst, Steve Elliot, and Elaine Pawski**.

The Holiday show was a huge success. The team, headed up by **Allan Oliver**, did an outstanding job in putting everything together. This was our final virtual/in-person show, as we plan on returning to in-person only shows for 2022. The Cave Gallery provided the space for hanging the art selected from the submissions on the virtual site. We greatly appreciate the participation of the fine crew at The Cave Gallery in helping making the SWA Holiday Show a success.

SWA was also well represented in the 2021 Clark County Open Studio Tours with **Katey Sandy, Julie Koch** and **Liz Pike**. The Open Studio Tour will

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(Members of the Executive Board)

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VICE PRESIDENT:	Ed Martin
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MEMBER-AT-LARGE:	Katey Sandy

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be even bigger in 2022. For those participating, sales are usually brisk, and it's a wonderful way to spend a weekend.

Our scheduled general meeting in September was thwarted, but we recovered and held our first in-person General meeting in December, with members bringing in their art and discussing how they created what they created during the lockdown. We were pleasantly surprised to find one of our members, **Sarah Lynne Hunter**, had an entire wall at the Corridor gallery/Esther Short Building filled with her art. She took us on a very informative tour, explaining each painting in detail. Needless to say, it was extremely nice to have everyone together again, and was a pleasant ending to the year. Thanks to **Sue Tellock** in completing the foraging for suitable refreshments – the cupcakes, fresh fruit, and coffee were excellent. Our next General meeting is tentatively set for February 26th at the Esther Building Community Room. We'll keep you posted on the meeting as things develop.

We would like to extend a welcome to five new members joining this December; **Julie Ann Smith, Katherine Gibson, Sandra Longmore, Christine Wichers, and Malee Kenworthy**. Welcome aboard all. And, while on the subject of membership, if you haven't already done so, please take a moment to go online and renew yours as soon as possible.

Fortunately our Januarys are filled with plenty to do. We'll be filling out the 2022 calendar with events, and shows, as well as reworking our web and social media sites giving them a fresh face. We are also working on pop-up events at local wineries and galleries, and the two big shows scheduled for spring and fall. We also would encourage our SWA members to submit articles to the Pen & Palette newsletter under the column heading "Speaking of". We have had some excellent contributions from several of our members in 2021 and wish to continue with this in 2022. The piece on creating murals by **Kelsey Birsa** and **Sarah Lynn Hunter** was both informative and entertaining. Please keep in mind, as a member you can promote your work on the SWA Facebook page, the SWA website, or create a personal Blog with the assistance of **Angela Swanson**.

And, of course, no newsletter could be complete without a request for helping hands. As we work through the planning of the coming year we will be asking for assistance from our members and subscribers in all the projects for the next eleven months. We are on the hunt for assistance with our bookkeeping, website, and show committees. As always we have the radar tuned to suitable venues. As for the Spring Show, **Ed Martin**, SWA Vice President, has a column nearby on this very topic so please take a moment and check it out.

Rick Jones

Two art opportunities from ARTrails of Southwest Washington

The 2022 Spring Art Expo will be April 22–24

All artists, ARTrail members, and non-members are invited to apply to the **2022 ARTrails Spring Expo**.

We are looking for talented local and regional artists interested in this fun exhibition and sale. There will be a demo area if you would like to demonstrate your art. The Spring Expo will be held in Kitchen Two at **Fort Borst Park**, Centralia WA. Applications are due by March 16. Info and application is on our website : <https://www.artrailsofsww.org/spring-art-expo/>

ARTrails Studio Tour and Membership

ARTrails is a community of emerging and established artists who live and work in the greater Lewis County area. Our annual Studio Tour (the 3rd and 4th weekends of September) provides an opportunity for the public to meet artists in their studio/workplace and to observe works in progress and purchase work directly from the artists. ARTrails promotes the art and work of member artists through exhibits, workshops, and educational programs in coordination with area businesses, schools and organizations. See our website: <https://www.artrailsofsww.org/>

2022 SWA Membership Renewal

2022 marks the **60th year** that SWA has been providing its members a conduit to put forth their wonderful art to art lovers worldwide.

A membership allows you to participate in

- Art shows (including the spring and Holiday shows)
- Workshops and art demonstrations
- Fort Vancouver Regional Library show
- Arts Alive event
- Lively and informative general meetings
- Participation in the election of board members
- Social media and blog promotion of your artwork through SWA
- Blog posts highlighting members' achievements and events
- And more!

It's time to join or renew! You may send a check for renewals to SWA, PO Box 2992, Vancouver, WA 98668 or pay online by clicking the button below.

[SWA membership](#)



Call for Volunteers for the Spring Show

Ed Martin

At this time, we have need for several volunteers to help with the Spring Show. We need chairpersons of the following committees:

Show Sitters Chair:

- Recruiting sitters for the show. Organizing and assuring that we have each shift covered.

Transport, Set-up, and Take-Down of Panels and Equipment Chair:

- Recruiting and overseeing able-bodied persons to load, move, and unload the show panels and other equipment at the beginning and conclusion of the show. (We will probably rent a U-Haul truck for this).
- Recruiting and overseeing able-bodied persons to set up and take down the panels and equipment. These may be the same persons as Transport or a different team.

These committee chairpersons will sit on the Steering Committee and will have the support of that committee, several of whom know the ropes from past years. The Steering Committee meets via Zoom about once a month, with meetings more frequent as the show draws near.

Other than these chairperson positions we need volunteers to help with the following:

- Able-bodied persons to transport, set-up, and take-down equipment.
- Show sitters for two-hour shifts on the three days of the show—four shifts each day. Tentative show dates are April 26-May 1. Please indicate if you are willing to do more than one shift.
- Overseers for the take-in and pick-up of art.

If you are willing to help in any of these areas please contact the show coordinator, **Ed Martin**, at edmon1939@gmail.com.

SWA Minutes for December 3, 2021

Sue Tellock, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Jones. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer, Linda, reported a balance of \$10,729.98 in all accounts. Angela and Linda will check into the cost for storage in order to save the history of previous art shows. Currently, there is \$365 in the Wanda Brewster fund and we have received donated supplies from Wanda's estate with an approximate value of \$591. Allan moved to approve the treasurer's report.

Unfinished Business

Holiday Show paintings have been hung and are ready for the show opening which will be 4-8 pm at THE CAVE. The Awards Presentation will be at 2 pm on Sunday. There was discussion about having an ad in The Columbian for the show but there was no interest.

The December general meeting will be December 18. Masks will be required. Members may bring a painting to show. A suggestion was made to consider using wineries for future spring events.

The Spring Show committee headed by Ed Martin is on schedule. There are concerns about finding a venue as well as concerns about moving panels. If we need to move panels, it was suggested that we hire someone to assist. The way show registration is handled was discussed and some changes may be made.

New Business

Because we are using credit cards for payments, there is a concern about a privacy policy. Angela has some information about this and will look into it further.

Information for the December newsletter is due the 10th but a delay will be requested in order to include show event pictures.

A question was raised about having a January annual meeting but there was no decision.

The next Board meeting will be on ZOOM on Thursday, January 6 at 4 pm.

Art Shows and more!

Current Exhibitions

Art at the Cave Gallery.

January 2022:

Trash to Treasure

(please see related story on cover)

February 2022:

Love in the Time of ...

March 2022:

Mylin and Ford

Art on the Boulevard

February 4–March 26

Sweet 16

Group show celebrating the gallery's sixteen year anniversary, featuring Romona Youngquist, Elo Wobig, Jennifer Williams, Harry Wheeler, Yer Za Vue, Oleg Ulitskiy, Joanne Shellan, Mike Rangner, Emily Schultz-McNeil, Denise McFadden, Michael Lindstrom, Fay Kahn, Steve Hill, Elizabeth Ganji, Matthew Clarkson .

Oregon Society of Artists

In the gallery **January 6–26**

OSA Member and Portland Art Museum Docents Show, *(will continue online through February 28)*

Online through January:

12x12 Art Show and Sale

online: <https://www.osagallery.org/>

ArtReach Gallery

1126 SW Park

Jan. 6- Mar, 2022

40 oil paintings by Randall Vermeer, of musicians around the world with Haiku by Malaysian poet and artist Christina Chin.

Are there events you'd like to share?

We welcome your submissions about galleries, art events, or anything you might be of interest to our members. We'd like to post about shows you have entered email: info@swavancouver.com

Call to artists

Oregon Society of Artists

February: Portraits, Figures & Selfies, non-juried show open to the public, enter by January 14, show opens February 3.

March: Water Media, Juror: Lynda Hoffman-Snodgrass, open to the public, enter by February 18, show opens March 3.

<https://www.osartists.org/gallery/call-to-artists>

Alberta Street Gallery

6x6x6 Community Art Show — Everyone is welcome to enter!

Third Annual 6x6x6 Show

March 3–27, 2022

Online Registration Deadline: Feb. 21

Show will be exhibited in Lavaun's Community Gallery, inside ASG Each piece must be maximum 6x6 inches (or 6x6x6 for 3d entries) and priced at \$100 or less. <https://www.albertastreetgallery.com/sixbysix.html> for more information and to enter.

Southwest Washington Watercolor Society

SWWS Spring Exhibition, "Nature's Gifts" will be at the Ridgefield Public Library, April 9-29th, 2022. There is an open call to all artists from Clark, Pacific, Skamania, Cowlitz, Lewis, Klickitat, Wahkiakum counties.

<https://swswatercolor.org/2022/01/10/spring-exhibition-2022/>

Classes

Winter is a great time to develop your skills or try something new by taking a class. There are so many options: local in person classes, online classes where you can join from anywhere, or just watching demos and following tutorials online.

Oregon Society of Artists online demos, classes and workshops

OSA offers a number of classes and workshops, both in classrooms and online. Some SWA artists are among the teachers there. Go to www.osartists.org and go to the "instruction" tab for all class and workshop schedules and to register.

Winslow Art Center online courses, Technique Takeaways and free weekly Art Talks

For information and schedules, visit winslowartcenter.com

De Pirro Art Workshops

January 22, 11–1 (PST)
Online Painted Papers for Collage

Video Preview [HERE](#)
Register [HERE](#)

Fee: \$40

February 12, 11–1 (PST)
Online Mixed Media Textiles & Acrylic

Register [HERE](#)

Fee: \$40

February 26, 11–2 (PST)
Online Sculpture: Fiber, Paper & Acrylic

Video Preview [HERE](#)
Register [HERE](#)

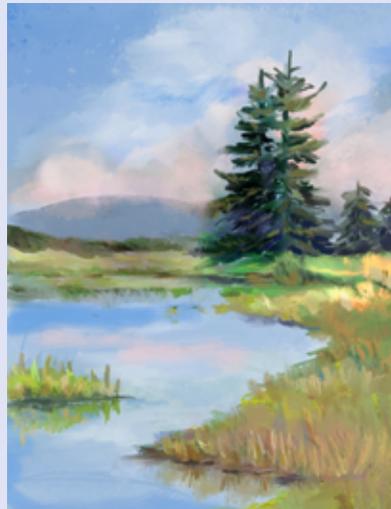
Fee: \$60

A Painterly Approach to Procreate Oregon Society of Artists

Elaine Pawski, Instructor

For more info and to register

<https://public.osartists.org/public/adultclasses>



Whether you are interested in digital painting as an end result or as a tool for sketching, preplanning and troubleshooting your traditional media paintings, this class will help make your iPad an important art tool. We will be working mainly in Procreate, but I encourage discussion and exploration of other digital programs as well. Procreate is a very powerful, yet very affordable (\$10) program. Each week we will tackle a different painting project which helps build your painting skills, your Procreate knowledge, and your creative approach to painting.

YouTube

Has some great, and not so great videos on every subject imaginable. This month we'd like to recommend an interview with Wayne Thiebaud posted by The Morgan Library & Museum. Wayne Thiebaud was an American Painter, Illustrator and Teacher, known for his colorful works, depicting commonplace objects. He died on December 25, 2021 at age 101. <https://youtu.be/xR-fMQOd7b0>



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