

A Fair Opportunity

The Clark County Fair is once again happening in August and the Art Exhibit where community members of any age can display their art without charge has been a big attraction at the fair. For many years, the art exhibit happened under the direction

of SWA member, Ann Amies, her husband Tom and many volunteers. Due to health problems, Ann is unable to work on this project. Volunteers are needed to help make this exhibit possible. If you feel that this is something you would like to do, contact Sue Tellock at tellsue@earthlink.net and she will pass your information along to those who wish to make this happen.



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Clark County Fair photo.

From Our President

Rick Jones

June is the mid-point of the year, and my favorite month. June has the longest days and most pleasant weather, (most of the time). Last, year we were cruising through June and heading towards a normal summer when, on the 20th the temperature climbed to 93 degrees. It quickly shot north of that to finally settle in around 115-117 degrees. I remember the date well as our A/C unit was straining under the effort to cool the place. Had we known what was really going on with the air conditioning unit we would have acted sooner than we did, which was two months later when, of course, we were up against a deadline. The rest of this story will have to wait until August.



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June 19th is Father's Day, the 21st is the Summer Solstice and the start of summer; the 24th is Mid-Summer day (the 23rd is Mid-Summer's eve an event we remember from William Shakespeare) June 30th is Asteroid Day. The flowers of June are the rose and honeysuckle.

- SWA is in the process of reworking the demo and classes as well as expanding the offerings. SWA is a mixed-media group working in 2D and 3D, which can be limiting in demos and classes, or, as Pam Richey Curtis noted, an expanding experience. Pam is looking to broaden our event offerings and to move away from a classroom environment into the local community. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Pam at: pam@belleflower.farm for more information.
- Columbia Arts Network is involved with the City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department in the "Vancouver Movie and Art in the Park" events. During six nights from July 8th through August 12th movies will be shown in selected city parks. Local artists have been invited to set up and participate. Art sales are permitted. A list of parks and times are on the Parks Dept. website. Mind the weather, as this June looks to be cooler and wetter than last year.
- The Fort Vancouver Regional Library Operations Building reuse project is underway with a city board meeting planned for July 12th 12:30 with the Historic Trust and Cultural, Arts, and Heritage Commission involved. The goal is to eventually have the Library Operations building converted into a visual arts center with some performing arts facilities as well.



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We are following this closely as it could solve one of our more perplexing issues – that of adequate space to hold shows, conduct classes, demos and workshops, in a central location with ease of access, and affordability. Keep your fingers crossed.

SWA was founded in 1962. This year marks our 60th year as an arts organization. SWA is the largest and oldest arts organization in Clark County. With this in mind, we thought that this milestone should not go unnoticed, so we are organizing our Holiday show around the 60th year celebration. We would very much like to keep our crack team of Spring Show volunteers on deck to help on this event. If you helped on the spring show, or would like to join for this show please contact either me (president@swavancouver.com.) or Janus Innes at (communications@swavancouver.com). Details will be forthcoming as they develop. As always your input is critical so please send us your ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for all you do.

Rick Jones

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Artist Highlight

Leslie Struxness

Photography can bring the world to you. Your senses can reach new heights and imagine various sights and sounds just by looking at a photo. Without booking a plane ticket, you can see not only images of dramatic landscapes, climate, and ancient cultures, but also modern attractions and glimpses of everyday life. You can even meet new people by looking at portraits portraying human strength and vulnerabilities.

This is what travel photography is all about: capturing a wide range of cultures, milestones, and experiences to share with everyone. Let me show you the world behind my lens.



Hello! My name is Leslie Struxness. I have been a photographer for more than 15 years. Though I reside in the Pacific Northwest of the United States, I have become an international volunteer and an intrepid adventure traveler. This has brought a new

perspective to my digital photos: the history, beauty, and diversity of people and places both near and far.

I hope my images are thought-provoking, inspiring, and challenge you to take a worldwide view. May you see opportunity and possibility.



Guatemala

In February, I went on a medical/surgical mission trip to Guatemala. I was one of 23 surgeons, doctors, and nurses from 9 different states who came with [Faith in Practice](#) to provide surgical services to native Guatemalan people.

7 or 8 of the people on the team were people I'd worked with before and it was so nice to see them again after the pandemic.

Our team completed approximately 16 surgeries per day while we were there.

Because of COVID, many of the patients had been waiting 2-3 years for surgery.

I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve the Guatemalan people and to work alongside great surgeons, doctors and nurses.

Spain

In May I'll be traveling to Spain with a few of my girlfriends. We'll spend our trip hiking Camino de Santiago. The plan is to hike about 365 kilometers during our 3 week trip. I'll be taking pictures all along the way.

This will be my second time visiting Spain, but I've never hiked these routes before.

Most of my photography has come from international trips where I spend a lot of time hiking and in nature. View my trip to [Nepal here](#), [New Zealand here](#), and [Patagonia here](#), and [Italy here](#).

During these long trips, I'm able to embed myself into the culture and the land in a way that's different from most "tourist" trips.

More Opportunities to Connect

If you want to see more of my work or get in contact with me, you can find me on my [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) pages.

Art Shows and more!

Classes

Oregon Society of Artists 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 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

Sitka Center for Art and Ecology workshops (*Otis, Oregon*)

Workshops being held through the summer and early fall. Visit www.sitkacenter.org for more information and to register.

Call to artists

Oregon Society of Artists

July 7–27: First International Multi-Cultural Showcase | non-juried | Deadline for entry is June 24.

August 4–24: Plein Air and Alla Prima Showcase | Juror: Barbara Jaenicke | Deadline for entry is July 22.

September 1–28: Oils and Pastels Fall Show | Juror: Scott Conary | Deadline for entry is August 19.

For summer call to artist details and dates for submitting work, visit www.osartists.org.

Art at the Cave

All Forgeries are Intentional

Deadline for entry is August 13. Submit works for consideration to galleries@artatthecave.com. submission fee is \$15. Visit <https://artatthecave.com>. for more information.

Mosaic Arts Alliance/Gallery 360

Will have their annual Fall show at Art at the Cave. It will run August 5–26. Registration closes July 18. Please visit Mosaic Arts Alliance for more information.

Exhibitions

Art at the Cave Gallery

Kites! Kites! Kites! through June 25

July 2022: **Old Talks With New Icons** by Philip A Robinson Jr., and **a Colony of Nudes** by Invited Artists

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Art on the Boulevard

June 3–July 30: "Passages", Mitch Baird — Solo show focused on European Passageways

September 2–October 29, "Discovery", Denise McFadden and Joanne Shellan, two person show. Opening reception First Friday, Sept. 2, 5–8 p.m.

Chehalem Cultural Center

In Newberg, Oregon. Visit chehalemculturalcenter.org for information on exhibitions, events and education.

The Northwest Woodfire Conference and Eastcreek presents **A Retrospective of Eastcreek, Landscapes and Platters**. June 3–July 29

Spirit of Pastel — Pastel Artists of Oregon

International Juried Exhibit, August 2–September 30.

Art Harvest Studio Tours Exhibition, Oct. 4–Dec. 2.

Maryhill Museum of Art (*Goldendale*)

2022 Pacific Northwest Plein Air in the Columbia River Gorge. Juror: Paul Kratter. Exhibition dates: July 31–August 27.

Northwest/Southwest: Indigenous Art After 1980.

Through November 15. For more information, visit maryhillmuseum.org

Fort Vancouver Regional Library Art Show

July 3 – August 26

901 C Street,
Downtown
Vancouver, WA
4th/5th Floors

See the SWA homepage to find more information, or click [here](#).



Fort Vancouver Regional Library Pop Up Art Show - Members Only
Mon, Jun 27 | FVRL Downtown Community Library

Fern Prairie ART FEST

**Two Day Art Festival, July 31–August 1
10 to 4 at Shangri-La Farm**

The public is invited to take in original works of art surrounded by the beautiful gardens at Shangri-La Farm.

Park at rented Grove Field Airport parking lot, 632 NE 267th Avenue, Camas. You may either walk the 1/4 mile trail through the woods to Shangri-La Farm or take the free “Sunflower Mobile” shuttle service. The Sunflower Mobile is an art piece all on its own, hand painted by Liz Pike in her signature sunflower motif.

The free shuttle will be available to transport attendees from the airport parking lot to Shangri-La Farm on both days, Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and August 1 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Liz Pike at **(360) 281-8720** or email pikeadvertising@comcast.net.

SWA program planning

We’re planning for SWA demos and classes as well as expanding our offerings. If you’ve led workshops or there’s a workshop instructor you’d like to recommend, please email Pam Richey Curtis, SWA Programs director – pam@belleflower.farm

Society of Washington ARTISTS

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