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From Our President, Rick Jones



April

Isn't April lovely? Typically, there's a mix of rain and sunshine, with the occasional surprise snowstorm. Usually, the risk of frost is low, and when the skies clear, it's time to tackle yard work.

Did you know that April has some interesting events? Apart from April Fool's Day, it is also the month of National Arbor Day and Earth Day. Additionally, remember April 2021 when we held our second Virtual Open/gallery show featuring 182 entries by 73 artists? The virtual art show was held from April 15th to May 31st. On May 6th, the selected art pieces were also displayed in the Camas Gallery until May 31st. This combination of virtual and physical displays worked well,

providing national and international exposure to the art pieces. Furthermore, this format brought about a significant change in SWA's social media approach. The website underwent a redesign, resulting in a better user experience. Considerable time and money was invested in the redesign, ultimately proving to be worth the effort.

Mark your calendar for April 17th as our first Art Share event. A notice is in this newsletter. Share your art and your thoughts on art while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow SWA members. We have arranged to meet at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library at Cascade Park. This event is designed to help members share their knowledge of 2D and 3D art. It is also a return to the pre-Covid era when we could gather and enjoy creating together. The Art Share event is ongoing, so there will be more opportunities to participate in the future.

We received an enthusiastic response from our members after Elaine Pawski's presentation on Urban Sketching at the General Meeting on the 6th. As a result, we are setting up our first Urban Sketching group. Please watch for additional information on this exciting program. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Elaine for making this possible, as our members have been eagerly awaiting this program since the Rita Sabler demo in 2022.

The United Church of Christ is set to host the 2024 Spring Show from May 15-18, and we're pleased to see that our members are filling the volunteer spots. The artwork that has been submitted is of excellent quality. We have added two new categories and awards this year, 3D and Photography, which have now been separated into their categories. Finding judges for these categories was not easy, but thanks to the efforts of Ed Martin, Peggy Patton, Marc McVey, and Richard Britschgi, we were successful.

With everything scheduled we anticipate a busy summer and with the Vancouver Arts & Music Festival in August thrown in we are very much into the art season.

Rick Jones

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

ART SHARE
APRIL 17th, 11am
Cascade Park Community Library
See page 5

SWA Calender 2024

Month	Date	Event	Notes
	13	Spring Show Committee meeting	
	17	Art Share 11:00-12:30	FVRL Cascade Community Room
May	2	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	4	Urban Sketching	Esther Short Park 10:00 am
	15-18	SWA Spring Show	United Church of Christ
June	6	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter	
July	1	UCC and Hall Bldg venue change	
	10	Pen & Palette Newsletter	
	11	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
August	1,2,3,4	Vancouver Arts and Music Festival	
	8	SWA Executive Board Meeting	
September	5	SWA Executive Board meeting	
	10	August/September Pen & Palette newsletter	
	14	General Meeting	
October	1	USS & Hall Bldg Venue art change out	
	3	Executive Board Meeting	
	10	Pen & Palette newsletter	
November	1,2,3	Artisan Holiday Market	Valiant Ballroom
November	7	SWA Executive Board Meeting	

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SWA SUPPORTERS

SWA is supported in part by a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission (Arts WA) and from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)



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Prospectus & Call For Artists Spring Show & Sale

Vancouver United Church of Christ
1220 NE 68th Street, Vancouver WA

May 15-18, 2024

The Society of Washington Artists is pleased to offer our Spring 2024 Show to SWA Members and Non-Members.

Register online: www.swavancouver.com/call-for-art

Registration available from Mar 11- April 30 or when we reach 200 entries

Drop Off: Tue, May 14, 11AM - 1 PM

Pick Up: Sat, May 18, 3PM-4PM

Award Ceremony & Reception: Fri, May 17, 6 PM - 7PM

Awards: Cash awards will be given for Best in Show & 1st Place for 2D, 3D, Photography and non-cash awards will be given for 2nd & 3rd place for each category.

Applicants can submit up to 3 pieces



Christopher Mooney, Yaquina Bay Bridge, Best in Show Fall 2023

Registration Cost:

Members: \$25 for the first entry and \$10 for each additional piece.

Non-members: \$35 for the first entry and \$10 for each additional piece.

Artwork exceeding 42" x 48" will be an extra \$10 per piece and require that the artist supply their own clean and sturdy easels.

Online payment is included in the registration process. If you have trouble paying online please email treasurer@swavancouver.com as soon as possible.

Accepted Media: 2D work in all media, 3D work in all media, Photography

• Accepted art must be original art that is primarily aesthetic, no AI generated art or work copied from old masters, other artists, or from copyrighted or published materials without permission. No work produced in step-by-step instruction classes.

• Art should be created within the last 5 years and not previously been awarded by SWA.

• Show managers reserve the right to determine whether art meets this criteria.

• SWA will handle sales and retain a 35% commission. All sold art must remain for the duration of the show and be picked up during the regular pick up hours.

Hanging Requirements:

Art must be dry, framed appropriately or on gallery wrapped canvas or board, and ready to hang with wire that is 3 inches below the top of the frame and not visible above the top of the frame when hung. No sawtooth hangers or clips. Maximum hanging size is 36"X40" including frame. Up to seven larger pieces with a maximum size of 42"w x48"h, including frame, will require easels, and be accepted on a first come basis. Pieces larger than 42" x 48" are \$10.00 extra and must have their own show condition easel.

SWA Officers & Committee Members 2024

Elected Officers

President:..... Rick Jones
Vice President:..... Ed Martin
Treasurer:..... Debbie Morales
Secretary:..... Sue Tellock
Member-at-Large:..... Katey Sandy
Member-at-Large:..... Janus Innes
Member-at-Large:..... Jackie Wood
Member-at-Large:..... Richard Britschgi
Member-at-Large:..... Peggy Patton

Appointed Officers and Committee Members

Membership/Volunteers:

Julie Drier, Janus Innes

Donors, Grants, Sponsors:

Linda Whittingham, Debbie Morales

Show Committee:

Peggy Patton, Janus Innes, Richard Britschgi

Social Media, Marketing & Communication

Sue Tellock, Elaine Pawski, Jackie Wood,
Debbie Tracy

Website

Juliet Parks, Janus Innes

Venue/Gallery 360 Coordinator:

Janus Innes

Curators:

Ed Martin, Janus Innes, Allen Oliver,

Nathan Finkhouse, Jackie Wood

VETERANS ART SHOW

The Society of Washington Artists is scheduling a Veterans Art Show in the venue foyer at the United Church of Christ during the month of November, 2024. This will be a month long exhibition of art created by members of SWA, and other art groups, who have served in, or with our military. The venue space will accommodate between 18-24 pieces of art. The Veterans show group will report to the SWA Show Coordinator and will be responsible for registering and then hanging their artwork.

Are you a veteran and a member of SWA?

Please let us know by responding to:
president@swavancouver.com.



Society of Washington
ARTISTS

is sponsoring



This sharing of art is open to the public and anyone who would like to bring in a couple of their art pieces and share with other artists. Any art media is accepted such as mixed media, 2D, 3D, photography. It doesn't matter what level of artist you are, just come and meet, share, learn with/from other artists!

Members Richard Britschgi, Katey Sandy, Peggy Patton and others will be there to meet and facilitate the 2 hours of fun!

11:00am to 1pm
Wednesday April 17th

Cascade Park Community Library • 600 NE 136th Ave, Vancouver, WA 98684

Member Shows and Gallery 360 Venues

Elements Restaurant, Works by varied member artists 907 Main St., Vancouver

HH Hall Building, Works by Debbie Morales, 10000 NE 7th Avenue | Vancouver,

The Hilton, works by Jeff Gracz, Pam Jordan, Virginia Bittler and Wendy Davis 301 W 6th St, Vancouver

3rd Congressional District Offices, Various Artists 1053 Officers Row, Vancouver

Members, let us know about shows and galleries that you are in so we can list it here in the newsletter. Email your info to: info@swavancouver.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Spring Show 2024

May 15-18

When you register for the show, please click thru to the volunteer page, and sign up. Lots of different times and positions available. We Need YOU!



Camas Gallery reopening as Gallery 408

The iconic Camas Gallery is undergoing a transformation and will debut as Gallery 408 on May 31st. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2pm, with a grand opening celebration from 5pm - 8pm. Embracing its heritage while looking ahead, the revamped space will showcase the works of local artists, with special areas dedicated to native artists and students. The opening will include featured gallery artists, guest speakers, live music, and refreshments.

New owners and local artists Joanne Cavallaro, Michelle Purvis and Kim Nickens hope to honor the legacy of previous owner Marquita Call, a longtime active member of the Camas community. Marquita's pioneering community efforts and advocacy laid the groundwork for Gallery 408's commitment to outreach programs and partnerships, providing opportunities for emerging artists while bringing the arts to those who may not otherwise have access.

Gallery 408, located at 408 NE 4th Avenue, will display the works of the three owners and offer exhibit space for other juried artists. Co-owner Michelle Purvis is excited to begin this new chapter in Camas, creating a platform for more local artists. "We have a vision to create a space that embraces the local community, art enthusiasts and collectors alike, making fine art exciting and accessible to everyone."



CALL FOR ARTISTS

CLARK COUNTY OPEN STUDIOS

Applications Due May 31st

<https://artstra.org/call-for-artists/>

The call for artists for the 11th annual Clark County Open Studios Tour, scheduled for November 2-3, is now open. Visual artists working in Clark County in all mediums are encouraged to apply.

Check out the guidelines and application process here. A program of Artstra, Clark County Open Studios is a juried annual art event that offers artists a unique opportunity to gain further recognition, open their studio doors to the public, and show and sell their work.

A poster for Red Door Gallery. The text reads: "COMING SOON TO DOWNTOWN CAMAS! RED DOOR GALLERY Fine Art, Artist Workshops & Studio Space Soft Opening First Friday, May 3rd / 5pm Grand Opening Celebration First Friday, June 7th 5pm to 8pm Official Ribbon Cutting at 5pm Featuring fine art by: Sarah Bang / Shirley Bishop Matthew Clarkson / Heidi Curley Cheryl Folkers / Dave Garbot David Gerton / Cheryl Mathieson Liz Pike / Tamra Sheline Creating an ART hub for Camas". The poster has a red and white color scheme with a brick wall background.

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Creating an ART hub for Camas

Urban Sketching

Learn more at
urbansketchers.org



Since the presentation by Elaine Pawski at our last meeting, many members have been anxious to set a date for our first urban sketching event!

Urban sketching is simply a planned event where all are welcome to gather to sketch from life, on location, telling the story of our surroundings. Any type of media or style may be used, but it's best to keep it simple, and portable. We will be planning a few outings this spring and summer around Vancouver, including drawing at the Vancouver Arts and Music Festival, August 2-4. Urban sketching does not have to be urban, we can plan outings in parks and varied locations through-out the area.

Urban Sketchers is an international non-profit organization. There are no fees, no dues, everyone is welcome to come and draw when they are able. At some point, we hope to apply to become the very first Vancouver Chapter!

Our 1st Sketch Event will be held at **Esther Short Park • May 4, from 10am - noon**

What to bring: keep your art supplies minimal and easy to carry in a small bag. Bring a sketch pad, a few pencils, or pens, or a small watercolor kit and brush, maybe even your iPad and favorite drawing app! There are plenty of benches around the park, or bring a small camp stool or light folding chair

What to draw: There will be so many opportunities! The Farmer's Market, the bell tower, as well as the water feature and sculptures in the park, the Hilton, City Hall etc! If it is rainy, there is the bandstand, the gazebo and several coffee shops in the area to seek shelter!

10am: meet and greet at the Bell Tower

10:15: Go and Sketch! Since it is our first event, Elaine will offer an optional mini demo, for those who need help getting started.

Noon: Meet back at the Bell Tower for an optional sharing time. Show your sketches, chat about your experiences and your favorite tools.

In the spirit of the international non-profit Urbansketchers.org, we will be setting up a facebook page where we can all share our work and suggest locations around Clark County for future events!

A Little Grey Bird Studio

ART CLASSES

Art classes here are rooted in classical technique, fundamental skill development, and art theory with an eye ever toward developing a personal artistic voice and quality portfolio of work as student's skills progress.

Students will be learning skills and process directly from a professional artist with real-world, proven experience in teaching fine art techniques, gallery exhibitions, and both public and private artwork commissions.

**“LEARN THE RULES LIKE A PRO,
SO YOU CAN BREAK THEM LIKE
AN ARTIST.”** **-PICASSO**

- Classes are structured academy-style and are focused on skill building; all students will start in Drawing Foundations and advance to dry color media and paint media as student's skills progress
- Class size is limited to a maximum of 8 students per class
- Enrollment is ongoing and tuition is due every 4 weeks
- Conveniently located in west Vancouver

Tuesdays / Thursdays
10am-12pm & 6-8pm

\$150 for 4 weeks of classes [8 hrs total]

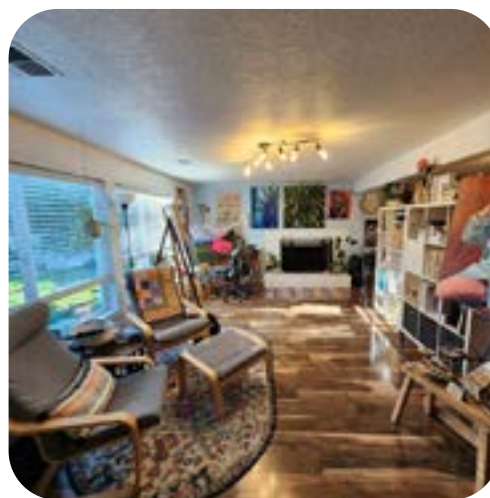
Ages 11+ thru Adult



Email to Register
sarahhunter39@gmail.com



More Information
alittlegreybird.com/classes



A LITTLE GREY BIRD

Workshops

POETRY ART COLLAGE

\$60

Friday, May 24

6-9pm

10 spots available / ages 21+
[all supplies included]

To Register:
alittlegreybird.com/workshops

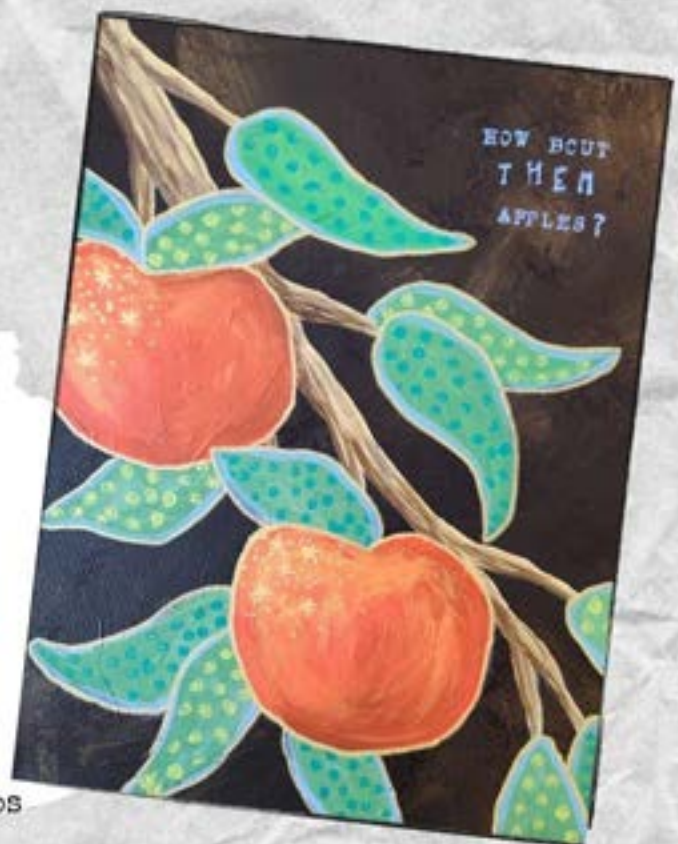
- no experience necessary!
- hands-on guidance & inspo
- make it your own~ bring your own photos/print materials as you wish!
- complimentary beverage & snack ;)



Forbidden Fruit

Acrylic Paint Workshop

- no experience necessary!
- hands-on guidance & demonstration
- choose your design & make it your own!
- complimentary beverage & snack ;)



\$75

Saturday, May 11

10am-12:30pm

8 spots available / ages 21+
[all supplies included]

Register: alittlegreybird.com/workshops

{in}delicate FLOWERS

Acrylic Paint Workshop

- no experience necessary!
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\$75

Saturday, May 11

3pm-5:30pm

8 spots available / ages 21+
[all supplies included]

Register: alittlegreybird.com/workshops