

NORTHWIND ARTS CENTER & NORTHWIND ARTS ALLIANCE

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“Connecting the Arts and Community.”

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER: “Arty Things to Do”

More information on these activities can be found at our website at www.northwindarts.org

Gallery Happenings

The lively show “Playground”, a mid winter exhibit featured in the January newsletter, continues through February 25. This playful group will share their visions of what is fun to do with ink, paint, and wood.



Jesse Joshua Watson



Jason Gould



Mike Biskup



Woody Dennis



Lee Katzenbach

Mike Biskup will show a new selection of beautiful, spontaneous watercolor paintings and ink drawings guaranteed to make you smile.

Woody Dennis, a masterful interpreter of landscapes and cityscapes, brings you a group of lovingly crafted “painting studies”.

Jason Gould presents his boldly colorful portrayals of everyday life, employing brushes and industrial glue injectors filled with paint. Born and raised in Port Townsend, he is a self-taught artist inspired by the natural, architectural beauty of our small town.

Lee Katzenbach shares beautiful hand sized wood sculptures of people, birds, and a variety of vehicles. His style is intuitive, following a quiet, sometimes "Playful" muse.

Jesse Joshua Watson shows his love of surfing the Olympic Peninsula with a series of fun-inspired acrylic paintings on boards, floor tiles, siding, and surfer magazine covers.

Meet the Artists during Gallery Walk on Saturday, February 2 from 5-8 PM. See you at the "Playground"

FEBRUARY 29 THROUGH MARCH 30

Two award winning Pastel Painters return to Northwind in February. Susan Ogilvie and Sandra Westford will return to Port Townsend's Northwind Arts Center for a shared exhibit of their pastel work from February 29 to March 30. Differing in mood and subject matter, their art demonstrates why pastel painting is enjoying a renaissance in artistic and public popularity. You can meet the artists during an opening reception on Saturday, March 1, from 5:30 – 8:00 P.M. during Port Townsend's monthly Gallery Walk.



For Susan Ogilvie, "Painting is all about exploration and discovery. Susan is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America in New York, has won many national awards for her pastel paintings, and has been featured in several arts magazines. "Painting is all about exploration and discovery. The ideas about color, narrative, and expressing a sense of the place, unfold as the Painting's structure develops in my sketchbook."

Sandra Westford has been inspired by things Japanese for a long time. Of her art, Sandra says, "I refer to my art as Zen realism. Like much of Zen art, my work often has a small amount of activity in a great deal of space. "I favor delicacy and exquisite craftsmanship." She has also won many awards and been featured in exhibitions throughout the Northwest.



Coffee Talks

There will be no Coffee Talks in February. Susan Ogilvie will give a Coffee Talk on Friday, March 14, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Come and enjoy coffee, tea, and dessert at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, and listen to Susan address pastel painting and other topics of interest. The admission is \$2.00 for Northwind Arts Alliance supporters and \$5.00 for others. The Arts Center is open Thursday – Monday, noon to 5:00 P.M.

Poetry News

MADRONA WRITERS: On Sunday, February 10, Northwind Reading Series presents a special evening featuring the Madrona Writers. The reading begins at 7 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson.

This group of fifteen writers will be holding their third annual retreat at Fort Worden from February 8 to 11, this year with the support of Centrum's artists in residence program.

The evening's mix of voices will include poets as well as fiction and non-fiction writers, many of whom are published, award-winning authors. They come from California, Oregon, Idaho, and, of course, Washington, including several with local ties: Tom Aslin, Janet Cox, Gayle Kaune, Ellie Mathews, Don Roberts, Diana Taylor and Carl Youngmann.

DAVID HOROWITZ AND JOANNIE STANGELAND: On Thursday, February 14, Northwind Reading Series presents David Horowitz and Joannie Stangeland. The reading begins at 7 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson.

DAVID HOROWITZ founded and manages Rose Alley Press. He earned bachelor's degrees in philosophy and English from the University of Washington and a master's degree in English from Vanderbilt University. His most recent poetry collections are *Wildfire, Candleflame; Resin from the Rain; and Streetlamp, Treetop, Star*. His poems have appeared in many literary journals, and he gives frequent readings in and around Seattle, where he lives. David won the 2005 PoetsWest Achievement Award. In 2007, he edited, as well as published, the Rose Alley Press anthology: *Limbs of the Pine, Peaks of the Range*.

"Throughout David Horowitz's new poetry book.... well-metered form and surprising rhyme give voice to his wildfire and candleflame muses." -- Michael Dylan Welch

JOANNIE STANGELAND's chapbook *Weathered Steps* was published by Rose Alley Press. Her chapbook *A Steady Longing for Flight* won the 1995 Floating Bridge Press Chapbook Award. In 2003, Joannie was a Jack Straw Productions artist-in-residence. Her work has recently appeared in *Journal of the American Medical Association, The Chaffin Journal, Rattapallax, and Pebble Lake Review*, as well as on Seattle-area Metro Transit buses and in *Limbs of the Pine, Peaks of the Range*.

"Ms. Stangeland's observational skills are extraordinary and her craft is accomplished. Indeed, her pieces always sound like she's saying exactly what she wants to say. And when we have finished with them, we feel as if there were no better way." -- Bart Baxter

The evenings are open to the public. Donations to support Northwind are encouraged.

Here is the Northwind Reading Series schedule March through June:

March 13: Tom Aslin and Richard Weidkehr

April 10: Stan Rubin and Bruce Beasley

May 8: Holly Hughes and Kelli Russell Agodon

June 12: Ellie Mathews and Kathryn Hunt

2008 Workshop Schedule

A Preview of the 2008 Workshop Schedule with more to come in the ensuing months. Check with our website to see what additional workshops might have been added to the schedule since the publication of this newsletter at www.northwindarts.org. Complete information and registration forms are available at the website.

"MIND AT PEACE, FLOW AT HAND" with Michael Biskup; February 3 from 10 to 4 PM at the Rosewood Common House. Join Michael in a workshop designed to teach artists how to effectively deal with negative thought using a powerful stress relief method called "The Work of Byron Katie". You will gain a fantastic new tool to quickly and easily get into the groove of your creative process, enjoy yourself more, and produce more satisfying work. For more information, please contact Virginia King at 360-385-2026 or Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com. You may also contact the instructor with questions at www.mikebiskup.com or mike@mikebiskup.com.

"NEW DIGITAL FRONTIER FOR THE ARTIST with Jeff Eichen"; March 1-2 from 10 to 4 PM at the Northwind Art Center. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers-\$100). Artists will be exploring the digital world now available through Adobe's Photoshop. Jeff Eichen will touch upon all aspects of the digital work flow for artists including camera inter-phase, image manipulation, and final product. The workshop is suitable for beginning and intermediate students.

Jeff lives in Port Townsend where he continues to teach and create his art. He is a member of the National Association of Photoshop Professionals. To learn more about this computer software workshop, please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or judy@judycourtwright.com

"MUDPIES" (Mixed Media) with Anita Mayer; March 31-April 1 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Pat Stromberg at 360-385-0863 or quiltpat@cablespeed.com.

"TRAVEL SKETCH JOURNAL" (Watercolor & Ink) with Mariam Lansdown; May 5 & 12 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Virginia King at 360-385-2026 or Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com.

"POLYMER BOXES" (Polymer) with Kate Snow; May 13 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Pat Stromberg at 360-385-0863 or quiltpat@cablespeed.com.

"WATERCOLOR" with Jo-Neal Boic; June 9-10 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Contact Virginia King at 360-385 2026 or Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com.

"PLEIN AIR PAINTING" (Oil & Acrylic) with Dee Boyles; August 2,3,4 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or judy@judycourtwright.com.

"CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING" (Watercolor & Ink) with Stella Dobbins; August 26-27 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or judy@judycourtwright.com.

"ASSEMBLAGE" with A.K. Anderson; September 15-16 from 10 to 4 PM. \$130 (Volunteers \$100). More information to come. Please contact Jeanette Best at 360-437-9579 or jb主@cablespeed.com.

Check on the website, from time to time to see what additional workshops are being offered and for any schedule changes @ www.northwindarts.org.

NORTHWIND NEEDS YOUR HELP

The following is a wish list of things Northwind Arts Alliance needs for the office and gallery in order to continue to bring to you our fine programs:

Sculpture Stands - Display Units – Computer – Monitor – Printer

Your generosity would be much appreciated and tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Art Opportunities

“STRAIT ART”; Port Angeles Fine Arts Center is seeking submissions for the 2008 annual showcase of Juan de Fuca talent, which will run from March 16 through May 11. All artists who make their homes on either side of the Strait, both Clallam and Jefferson Counties, and also including the Victoria metro area, are eligible. “Strait Art is not a competition but rather a curatorial exploration of art being made in the shadow of Mt. Olympus,” said PAFAC director and exhibition curator, Jake Seniuk. For information or submissions contact PAFAC, 1203 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA 98362 or pafac@olympen.com.

“VELOCITY, BACK TO CENTER”, a Call for Art by the Bellingham Arts Commission; an outdoor art show of 2 and 3D works will be held in August 2008. Art works to be submitted by March 28. During a time of change and revitalization of the city's downtown core, 8 pieces of outdoor art will be selected and placed in key pedestrian corridors downtown. For further information, contact Shannon Victoria, City of Bellingham, Planning & Community Development, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

“WINTER PERSONAL ESSAY CONTEST”; WRITING IT REAL’S winter personal essay contest gets underway January 15 with a deadline of April 1. Visit the online magazine website, writingitreal.com, for more information on prizes, which now include telephone and/or email consultation time with Sheila Bender. For additional information, please email [info for writingitreal.com](mailto:info@writingitreal.com).

Volunteer Opportunities

NORTHWIND OPPORTUNITIES

Northwind is always ready to welcome new volunteers. There is a wealth of interesting jobs available including serving on a committee or helping in the Gallery during Gallery Walk and Coffee Talks. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Gallery on “Open Days”. Contact Jeanette Best at jb@cablenspeed.com or the Gallery, (360) 379-1086.

Something to think about: “Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life.” Picasso

Janet Lynch, Newsletter Editor