

## NORTHWIND ARTS CENTER & NORTHWIND ARTS ALLIANCE

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“Connecting the Arts and Community.”

### MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER: “Arty Things to Do”

More information on these activities can be found at our website at [www.northwindarts.org](http://www.northwindarts.org)

## Gallery Happenings

### 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.



**Please come to meet the Artists during Gallery Walk** on Saturday, March 1 from 5-8 PM.

## Coffee Talks

**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.

## Poetry News

**On Thursday, March 13, Northwind Reading Series presents Thomas Aslin and Richard Widerkehr.** The reading begins at 7 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson.

**Thomas Aslin**, born in Spokane, holds an M.F.A. from the University of Montana where he studied with the late Richard Hugo and Madeline DeFrees. He has a chapbook, *Sweet Smoke*, from Red Wing Press and a full length collection, *A Moon over Wings*, forthcoming from Clark City Press of Livingston, Montana.

Having won a scholarship to The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and been nominated several times for a Pushcart Prize, Aslin divides his time between Seattle and Port Townsend.

Richard Widerkehr won two Hopwood Awards for poetry at the University of Michigan, where he earned his B.A. in English. He received his M.A. from Columbia University, which he attended on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. He won first prize for a short story at the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference and three awards in The Bridge's annual poetry contests.

Radiolarian Press published his chapbook of poems, *Disappearances*, and Tarragon Books published his novel about a geologist, *Sedimental Journey*. His poems and stories have appeared in *Chariton Review*, *Pontoon*, *Passages North*, *Crab Creek Review*, and others. His book of poems in memory of his father, *Mountain*, has been published by Pudding House Publications.

**Widerkehr** lives in Bellingham, where he has been a teacher in the Upward Bound Program and a case manager at a mental health clinic.

**The reading is free, with donations gladly accepted to support Northwind, a non-profit organization dedicated to connecting the arts to our community.**

**Here is the Northwind Reading Series schedule March through July:**

**April 10: Stan Rubin and Bruce Beasley**

**May 8: Holly Hughes and Kelli Russell Agodon**

**June 12: Ellie Mathews and Kathryn Hunt**

**July 10: TIDEPOOLS Readers**

## 2008 Workshop Schedule

**"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](mailto:judy@judycourtwright.com)

**“MUDPIES” (Mixed Media) with Anita Mayer;** March 31-April 1 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers-\$100). “This workshop is for anyone who likes to play and wants limited rules.” Everyone has the fun of trying innovative ways to decorate cloth, wrapping paper, greeting cards, and journals. Anita is the published author of 2 books and 3 monographs – she has been included in local, national, and international shows. Please contact Pat Stromberg at 360-385-0863 or [quiltpat@cablespeed.com](mailto:quiltpat@cablespeed.com).

**“TRAVEL SKETCH JOURNAL” (Watercolor & Ink) with Mariam Lansdown;** May 5 & 12 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers-\$100). Please contact Virginia King at 360-385-2026 or [Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com](mailto:Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com).

**“POLYMER BOXES” (Polymer) with Kate Snow;** May 13 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$65. Please contact Pat Stromberg at 360-385-0863 or [quiltpat@cablespeed.com](mailto:quiltpat@cablespeed.com).

**“DEMYSTIFICATION OF WATERCOLOR” with Jo-Neal Boic;** June 9-10 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers-\$100). Contact Virginia King at 360-385 2026 or [Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com](mailto:Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com).

**“BEGINNING SUMI” with Gen Ashford;** July 14-15 at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers-\$100).

**“PLEIN AIR PAINTING” (Oil & Acrylic) with Dee Boyles;** August 2,3,4 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$175/175. Please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or [mailto:.](mailto:mailto:)

**“CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING” (Watercolor & Ink) with Stella Dobbins;** August 26-27 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers-\$100). Please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or [judy@judycourtwright.com](mailto:judy@judycourtwright.com).

**“ASSEMBLAGE” with A.K. Anderson;** September 15-16 from 10 to 4 PM. Cost: \$130 (Volunteers \$100). More information to come. Please contact Jeanette Best at 360-437-9579 or [jbest@cablespeed.com](mailto:jbest@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](http://www.northwindarts.org).

## **NEW PROGRAMS AT NORTHWIND**

**THE MISSION OF THE NORTHWIND ARTS ALLIANCE IS TO CONNECT THE ARTS AND COMMUNITY** through a full spectrum of arts activities including exhibits of regional interest, workshops and lectures, a literary reading series and Art Port Townsend - an annual Festival of Arts.

A new addition to our programs in 2007, the **ARTS TO ELDERS PROGRAM** begins its eighth month of successful operation in March. The program serves three senior residences and Kai Tai Care Facility by scheduling two hour visits by arts and humanities professionals. Each visit is designed to stimulate participation with the senior audience – word of the programs success has begun to circulate in town; San Juan Commons has asked to be included beginning in March. With the help of grants from Humanities Washington, Puget Sound Energy, Port Townsend Arts Commission and individual donations and other grants, the program will continue through 2008.

In December, 35 seniors visited the Small Expressions show at Northwind. Volunteer docents helped to guide them and to explain the art they were seeing. Sylvia White will visit with the children of the seniors and with senior residents groups to begin an evaluation process in March. Musicians, visual artists, poets, dramatists, journal writers and storytellers are all invited to participate in the program. Contact the Director, Harvey Putterman, 379 2620, if you are interested. All participating artists are paid.

More recently, we have brought two artistic programs for children under our wing – **Kaleidoscope**, a summer arts camp, and **The Children's Festival of Art**, which takes place at Fort Worden, Building 204, on **Sunday, March 9 from 11:00 to 5 pm**. The festival is filled with hands-on, experimental learning opportunities in arts and crafts, with demonstrations by local artists and crafts people. Everyone from young children to teens, parents and the elderly attend this festival of learning and creativity, entertainment and imagination. Admission is by donation. This event is presented by CO-ARTS and sponsored by Northwind Arts Alliance and the Port Townsend Arts Commission.

### **Art Opportunities**

**"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.

**WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (WTA)**, in partnership with the **CITY OF BELLINGHAM ARTS COMMISSION**, seeks to commission a permanent piece of wind-driven kinetic art. Art would be installed at a highly visible street plaza adjacent to WTA's downtown transit hub, Bellingham Station. An artist commission of \$65,000 will be awarded to develop, create and install the work. The deadline for submittals is April 15, 2008 at 5 pm. Contact Maureen McCarthy at 360 527 4718 or [maureenm@ridewta.com](mailto:maureenm@ridewta.com).

**"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](http://writingitreal.com), for more information on prizes, which now include telephone and/or email consultation time with Sheila Bender. For additional information, please email [infoforwritingitreal.com](mailto:infoforwritingitreal.com)

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **NORTHWIND VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED**

Northwind invites you to join our web team. We need help in three areas; choosing and setting up a mailing software program to be installed on our server. We need you to prepare and test the system and teach us how to use it. Two, help in updating our website each month. And, finally, we need a MAC savvy person available to coach our newsletter editor on the use of OS X features. If you are interested, contact Janet Lynch at [lynchjanet@mac.com](mailto:lynchjanet@mac.com).

**\*\*Please note the information provided in the Theatre Party email was incorrect. The party date is March 25<sup>th</sup>, not the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Something to think about: "Imagination is the eye of the soul." Joseph Joubert**

**Janet Lynch, Newsletter Editor**