PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Summer is here!! We all get so busy in the summer with projects, vacations and things to do. With that said, we at SMAA will be busy too.

The art gallery and museum will be closed for most of July. An opportunity has presented itself that we just could not pass up. In December we received a very huge donation of commercial lighting. We have scheduled Olympic Wiring to install the new light fixtures the second week of July. We hope to be able to paint the art gallery ceiling and walls after the lights have been installed, then do some cleaning.

Although closing is something we never want to do, we have been anxious for the new lighting for a long time. We will continue to participate in our rummage/book sale, artwalk and some downtown events. And if the work gets finished sooner, we will re-open. I will be anxious for you to see our new face lift as we re-open for our August show.

Be Happy, Pam Heinrich, President

Rummage and Book Sale!

The Next Periodic Sidney Museum and Arts Association Book and Rummage Sale is scheduled for July 14 beginning at 9 am and running until 5 pm on the side of the Sidney Art Gallery, 202 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard, WA. We’ve been cleaning out the “overstock” from the Gallery, so you’ll find cards, art, jewelry. We have a multitude of books in every imaginable category. And lots and lots of treasures. Don’t miss this opportunity to find that perfect treasure or that book you’ve been dying to read. If you have anything you’d like to donate, we are accepting donations (except for clothing or furniture) on Friday, July 13, after 1 pm.

Meet the new Gallery Assistant Manager

Troy Martin

Troy is a graduate of Western Washington University in Bellingham, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism, and Olympic College in Bremerton, where he received an Associate in Technical Arts degree in Integrated Multimedia. After working as a Web Designer, Troy returned to Olympic College, where he graduated in March with an Associate in Technical Arts degree in Animation Gaming Production. Troy enjoys drawing, painting, and photography, and is excited to be the new Assistant Manager at Sidney Art Gallery in Port Orchard. Troy also dances ballet, plays piano, and looks forward to continuing his education in the arts. Troy arrived in time to help register and hang the 42nd annual Helen Norris Open Art Show and is currently meeting the volunteers and learning the job.

Raise the Roof on the Log Cabin!

Last fall we started raising money for a new roof for our Log Cabin. So far we have raised $1325.00. The Kitsap Bank has joined in our fundraising efforts by agreeing to match funds we raise up to $3200.00. In our efforts to continue to raise money, Bud Barnes, one of our talented artists, has donated a miniature log cabin for us to raffle. Bud spent many hours putting intricate detail into this piece of art. We are selling raffle tickets at the gallery for $1. The drawing will be November 24, 2012. Please stop by to see this masterpiece, purchase a ticket, and maybe be a winner!
Sidney Art Gallery presents...

July — This month, Sidney Art Gallery and Museum will close for some much needed maintenance and repair work, including the installation of new light fixtures. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Sidney Art Gallery will still be participating in Port Orchard’s Third Friday Artwalk on July 20th from 4 to 7 p.m. Charles Dick will be the demonstrating artist just outside the gallery entrance, Art Cothary will perform live guitar music, and the Kitsap Historical Society will be here as well to sign Images of America: Port Orchard, a newly published book about the history of Port Orchard! During the Sidney Art Gallery and Museum closure, the Log Cabin Museum will continue to be open during its normal business hours: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Sidney Art Gallery looks forward to welcoming you to see its new look beginning Wednesday, August 1st!

August — The wonderful oil and watercolor artists of Givens Community Center, the Painting Ladies, will showcase their talents at Sidney Art Gallery this month for the first time. The show opens Wednesday, August 1st, and runs through Friday, August 31st. This is a true community event and a chance to see a variety of exceptional artwork created by a group of local women who have been painting together at least once a week for the past 10 years. They now paint together every Friday at Givens Community Center. They have traveled together, taken workshops, painted “en plein air” (in the open air), and hosted guest speakers who have helped them develop their artistic abilities. The Painting Ladies are Sherry Beck, Irene Bergsagel, June Garrett, Kathy Kelly, Chris Kinn, Dottie Pretice, Sharron Rhodes, Sharon Robertson, and Carolyn Yacobucci. A reception for the artists will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 5th. All pieces on exhibit will be available for purchase.

September — Welcome to Sidney Art Gallery’s first Open Mixed Media Show! This show exhibits Tuesday, September 4th, through Saturday, September 29th, with the opening day reception from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th. This show provides a fantastic opportunity for gallery visitors to see the work of talented artists in ceramics, fiber, jewelry, metal, non-traditional artworks, and more, and for talented artists to exhibit and sell their pieces. Vote for your favorite piece in the People’s Choice Award and the winning artist will receive a gift basket!
Book & Rummage Sale
Saturday July 14
9 am. To 5 pm.

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Port Orchard Artwalk
July 20th, 4 to 7 pm.

Don't miss the Port Orchard Artwalk, held every third Friday from May through October in Downtown Port Orchard from 4 pm to 7 pm. SMAA is chairing this event as part of the Port Orchard Bay Street Merchants Association, so come show your support. We've added artists, including interactive art for kids, musicians, face painters and more. The Sidney Art Gallery will have demonstrations each month. Last month, Louise Cothary's son, Art, came to play guitar and LeRoy Jesfield was our featured artist. It was a beautiful evening. So don't miss the next one - July 20 at 4 pm - for art with Charles Dick, music by Art Cothary, a special book signing by Kitsap Historical Society and treats!

Movie Time & Silent Auction!

SMAA presents the 1964 American musical film starring Debbie Reynolds. The song score was composed by Meredith Willson. The plot is a fictionalized account of the life of Margaret Brown, who survived the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic.

Thursday, September 20th
6 to 9 pm.

Dragonfly Theater
Downtown Port Orchard

Tickets $20 available at the Gallery or from any SMAA Board member
Call Sally Shuster for information
360-876-8990

20/$20 Lunch Bunch
Monday August 13th
12 noon

These luncheons are by reservations only.
Call Dottie Gauvin at 360-871-0796.

This year we have expanded to 24 people.
Tickets go fast for these fun, festive lunches!

Mary Peterson and Lynne Little will host.

Menu: This will be a delectable salad lunch accompanied by rolls and dessert.
Important Dates to Remember

Receptions:

Sunday, August 5th, 1 to 4 pm. The Painting Ladies

Sunday, September 9th, 1 to 4 pm. Open Mixed Media

Events:

Saturday July 14th, 9 am to 5 pm  Rummage and Book Sale outside at the Gallery

Friday, July 20th, 4 to 7 pm. Artwalk at the Gallery and Downtown Port Orchard

Monday. August 13th, 12 Noon,  20/$20 Lunch Bunch at the Gallery

Thursday, September 20th, 6 to 9 pm. “The Unsinkable Molly Brown” at the Dragonfly Theater in Downtown Port Orchard. Silent Auction fund-raiser.

Kids Activity tables at the following Port Orchard events:

Chris Craft Boat Show  July 12 through 15
Mustang Show  July 29
Cruz Car Show  August 12

Smiley face hunt

Throughout our last newsletter we hid "smiley" faces for you to find, count and enter our contest. We had one winner, Glennys Gehring, who found the 24 faces. She called the day she received her newsletter. Way to go, Glennys!
Letters to Anna
By Mary Peterson
June 1912

My dear Anna,

One would have thought things might have settled down by now as it has been almost two months since Mrs. Watson arrived to recover from the Titanic tragedy, but that is not so. She still “holds court” in the bedroom upstairs although she ventures down from time to time to take the air in a rocking chair outside. She has a steady stream of visitors and Mother Orchard, Emily and I have adjusted to the routine of early morning baking so that the ladies have something to nibble on with their tea as they listen to Marsha relate stories about the festivities and famous travelers on the ship before its disastrous end.

The details of her survival (she seems almost to have forgotten she had a traveling companion who survived with her) pale in comparison to her description of the balls and dinners, gowns and jewelry of those she grows closer to as the stories unfold. It would be cruel and unladylike to mention to anyone but you, dear Anna, that although not traveling in the bowels of the ship, Mrs. Watson was most certainly not traveling in the rarified atmosphere of first class. I suspect she gleaned at least a portion of the most intimate details from the columns of the daily newspaper that was distributed on board. Although a lady in almost every sense of the word, the fact that she was traveling with one of our dear but humble Grumble brothers would have relegated her to a station somewhat below that of the Astors.

She did, however, make friends with the wealthy socialite, Mrs. Molly (J.J.) Brown and after sharing many hours in the horror of a lifeboat and then being pulled to safety with her on the Carpathia, they share an experience that will no doubt bind them together for the remainder of their lives. Marsha has regaled us with the stories told by Mrs. Brown of her early beginnings as the daughter of a ditch digger in the wilds of Hannibal, Missouri and the subsequent glories provided by the fortuitous gold discovery made by a generous but rarely seen husband. She credits Mrs. Brown’s talent for story telling and her complete lack of pretension for maintaining a semblance of sanity aboard the lifeboat amid the unspeakable detritus that surrounded them.

Marsha has been able to share (with great pride) a recent note written to her by the famous lady in which she credits Mrs. Watson with “... a sense of compassion and tenderness directed to those in need that surpassed any real or imagined level of society.”

So..., we continue to cater to Mrs. Watson’s needs while at the same time offering encouragement, hearty food and a glass or two of strong drink to our still dazed and somewhat confused friend and handyman.

I must close now as laundry calls to me from a staggering pile of nightgowns and undergarments that must be hand washed, hung to dry behind the cabin and then returned to Mrs. Watson’s bedside. I remain your weary and grateful confidant,

Amelia

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Letters to Anna Open Art Show Winners
First Place in each category is listed. A complete list of winners is available on our website or at the Gallery.

"Light and Shadow", Olga “Toni” Nelson, Watercolor
"Ambi", Anna Hoey, Drawing
"Reflections II", William Walcott, Oil & Acrylic
"Iris", Beverly Pedersen, Mixed Media
"Remembering Dad", Roy Carr, People’s Choice Award

Wish list
Volunteers for the Gallery - First and third Tuesdays
Please call Virginia Collins for information

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"Scholarship Awarded"
CONGRATULATIONS, LOGAN STEC!

Logan was selected to receive SMAA’s Student Art Scholarship this year. She entered our January Student Art show with some amazing photographs. Two of her photo images were accepted by National Geographic for their website. This ambitious lady was an Honor Roll student at SKHS with a grade point average of 3.9. She will be pursuing her love of photography towards a connection with medicine by studying radiology at Boston University this fall. We wish her much success.

Members – Past & Present
Lynne Little, Membership chair

One of our current members, Berva Luce of Port Orchard called her friend Linnea Portlock of Oregon to reminisce about the days when the Gallery was brand new. In fact before the Gallery doors were opened, they remember helping refurbish the building for the newly established Sidney Gallery circa 1972. Linnea was in charge of recruiting artists to show in the Gallery and Berva was the navigator for their many trips to interesting galleries and people that they met there. They soon found a long list of potential art for feature shows. Linnea would go to auctions at Pacific Galleries in Tacoma and pick up interesting pieces for display or resale. Grace Shildmeyer, another long time member, and Linnea were good friends and among the first local artists. There was always a need to raise money and one such endeavor was a show held at the local Parks Furniture store. Our long time members are as valuable as are our new 2012 members:

JoAnne Hansen
Donna Trent
Christopher & Monica Beckham
JoAnne Sullivan

Richard Gardner
Sharon Keefer
Maria Amburn
Troy Martin

AT THE MUSEUMS
Mary Peterson

The current display at the Log Cabin featuring all things Titanic has been wonderfully popular. We’ve had many, many guests, some of whom have never been in before and were attracted by the “Welcome Home, Titanic Survivors” which hangs boldly from the front eves. Our commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Titanic disaster is displayed throughout the Log Cabin from upstairs to downstairs, including Teddy who tries to sail a tiny wood replica of the ship in a roasting pot in front of the fireplace. Oddly, yet appropriately, the 6” model glued together by yours truly, turns over and sinks when put in an inch or two of water.

Do come and visit the Log Cabin. We have amazingly authentic-looking copies of Titanic related newspapers, bills of lading and memorabilia as well as books and articles from 1912. And of course the Orchard family is caught up in the story because of those two local but little-known survivors.

I’d like to offer my thanks and the thanks of not only the Log Cabin volunteers but the entire SMAA family for the years of service that Virginia Minor has provided to our organization. Virginia has been a gracious and faithful volunteer at the Log Cabin for far longer than I’ve been a part of the organization and has earned her well-deserved “retirement” as a docent. Her lovely smile and charming demeanor have greeted hundreds of visitors to the Log Cabin and we will be forever grateful. I’m sure she continues to offer her talents and support to many of our local organizations and hope that she’ll remain a familiar face and role model for years to come. Thank you, Virginia.

~Art Walks~
We are participating in the Art Walks on the third Friday of each month, May through September. Our demonstrating artists in July will be Charles Dick, in August, Roy Carr, and in September, Melba Moran and Louise Cothary.

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