



Artists United

HOWLER

December 2020

January Meeting

January 5 2020

PROGRAM

Description and demonstration of needle felting by Patricia Layden

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH THEME

“In the House”

DEADLINE

Send your jpeg for Artwork of the Month to the club’s email:

artistsunitedclub@gmail.com

(Yer faithful editor begs of you.

Please try to get your image straight and in even light.)

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President’s Message

A Holiday Wish for you from Debra,
Hi there. As I reflect on this very strange holiday season and pending new year, my heart travels toward those who has been most impacted by loneliness, isolation and illness (Covid related or otherwise). I wish them some “light” in their days, hope in their hearts, and love in their lives. And I most sincerely wish that for you!

I wish I could tell you more definitely when we will be able to gather in person and begin having art sales, but, please know that I will do whatever I safely can do to get that to happen soon. In the meantime, please join us for these online events.

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OPPORTUNITY

PAINT ‘N SIP

Paint ‘n Sip with Honey Bee Barker will be on January 15 (date still tentative) at 5:30 on Zoom. The theme will be announced in the next newsletter.

Debra will send out a link and says “*I have attended each time and it is fun!*”



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- Our monthly Membership Meeting on January 5 at noon on Zoom. Our featured presenter is our own Patricia Layden who will be teaching us about needle felting as an art form. See details elsewhere in the Newsletter.
- Paint 'n Sip with Honey Bee Barker on January 15 at 5:30 on Zoom. (see page 1 item).
- Let me know if you would like to join an established art gathering on Thursdays at 12:30 on Zoom AND/OR if you would like to form a group to use our Zoom account for additional gatherings that might even be media specific.

However you invest your time, PLEASE keep "arting" as if your life depended on it (I know it doesn't, but what a great motivation...Ha Ha.)

If you celebrate Christmas, I hope you enjoy my Christmas Poem under our Poetry Corner. Feel free to exchange any of the words for those what speak to you. Happy Joyous time of year! The Solstice is coming and with it, the sun's return, a little bit each day.

The quote I leave with you today is by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and I chose it because we are living today with a lot of necessary waiting, but that does not mean that we cannot also be achieving. He said, "*Let us then, be up and doing, with a heart for any fate; still achieving, still pursuing; learn to labor and to wait.*" A vaccine is coming, the sun is returning, and we are still the same amazing, creative and caring people we have always been.

Fondly, *Debra*

OPPORTUNITY

ART SALE OPPORTUNITY

ON THE HORIZON

Would you be interested in participating as a featured artist during the spring and summer Burien Farmers' Markets which are held on Thursdays. There is also the possibility of participating in the Des Moines Market on Saturdays. This is a selling venue and an opportunity to promote our club. Your Board would like to know your interest.

Our proposed plan is to pay the start up fee for becoming a part of the Market. Each week two or three artists would display and sell their work (greeting cards, prints, smaller framed originals, jewelry, etc.). The club can provide a canopy, table grids.

Each featured artist would share the weekly booth cost (\$30 estimated). There would be an incentive for the individual who

- Picks up the canopy, grids and tables,
- leads their set up and take down
- either takes them home or delivers them to nearby Tom Fletcher's house for the following week.

If you THINK you might be interested in participating in this marketing and selling opportunity, please email Debra (debravalpey@gmail.com) before the end of January.



Poetry Corner

MY COVID CHRISTMAS

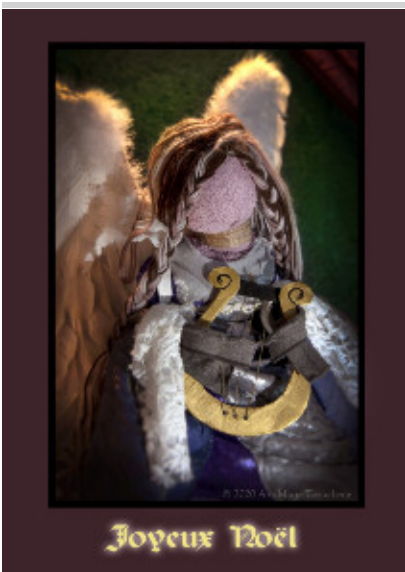
This Christmas I will be open
to memories of childhood
cookies for Santa
stockings filled with trinkets
and tasty treats.

This Christmas I will gaze
through my bedroom window
upon skies softened by sunshine
and remember the wonder
of promises to keep.

This Christmas I will reach
across space and connect
with others who call to me
as we laugh and cry and
share sacred stories.

This Christmas I will dine
on hope, faith and love
knowing such will sustain me
through the lonely times
that visit me after dark

Debra Valpey, Dec., 2020



A photographer friend now living and working in Paris (sigh) sent me this card, a photograph of her alter-ego rag doll.

DUES ALERT CONSEQUENCE-Important!

After numerous reminders, there are still a number of you who still have not paid your club dues for 20-21, which were due September 1.

The club depends on your support (only \$35 a year) to pay club expenses and continue to bring you quality programs. Benefits of dues paying club membership include participation in art shows, exhibits, workshops, monthly professional presentations, networking, and camaraderie, to name a few.

Your Board has decided that if we receive your dues **after December 31**: you will be placed on "Wait List Only" status for participation in any shows, exhibits, and special presentations or workshops that Artists United offers for the 2021 Calendar year.

In addition, if we do not receive your dues before the end of this month, you will temporarily lose access to the Members Only section of our Web Site, your art will be removed from the Gallery Pages, and you will not have access to monthly membership meetings until your dues are paid.

Please call Debra at 206-953-5704 or email debravalpey@gmail.com if you still have questions about how to pay your dues.



Editors Opinion

All dressed up and no place to go
A lament in almost iambic pentameter

My friend Nick had finished a series
Spread out on his living room floor
Twenty five sparkling prints
On snowy white acid free mats
How lovely

I asked of my friend his intention
Where else will they be on display
What other folks will admire them
His eyes sadly showed the reply

They will go in an acid-free box
A slip sheet between every one
And live on a very high shelf
All dressed up
But no place to go.
How sad

I just finished a series
Spread out on my living room floor
Thirty five sparkling prints
On snowy white acid free mats
How lovely

Their acid-free box is all ready
A slip sheet between every one
Taking their place on a high shelf
All dressed up
But no place to go.
How sad

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A thought for New Year's Eve

"You can bet I'm going to stay up until mid-night on December 31 — not to welcome the new year but to be damn sure that this one leaves."

(from the internet — where else?)

Artists United Club

Our goals are to encourage artistic development and to bring art into the local community.

Meetings are at **NOON** on the first Tuesday, September - June (except when they aren't) at: Normandy Park Cove, npcove.org
1500 SW Shorebrook Dr
Normandy Park, 98166

During the pandemic closures they are conducted on Zoom.

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