



# Artists United

## Newsletter — October 2019

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### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, October 29**

12 noon — Normandy Park Cove

Yes, October 29! With the Cove show looming first weekend of November our meeting will be early!

**IMPORTANT:** We will vote on changes to our by laws and standing procedures at this meeting. If you haven't reviewed them on our website or previous Howler please do so.

Instead of a program we will work out the last minute details of the Cove Show. Even if you are not in the show please come to the meeting. There are a lot of opportunities to be part of the fun.



### Artwork of the Month

Tom Stanaway took this month's theme, "myth/fantasy" to a new height with his #11, aka "Electro Techno Punk"!

**Next month's theme is dark/light or night scene**

Also, from now on there will be two tables, one for artwork of the month and one just to show any other work anyone would like to exhibit (that way since anyone who has already had their work as artwork of the month can't do that again they can show what they're working on without being on the voting tables).



## October 1 Program

The program was presented by Suzanne Hubbard, accomplished weaver, teacher and author who now lives on Vashon Island. She creates spectacular large weavings inspired by nature and spiritual themes. She starts with her drawings, transfers them to a small grid and then to a large scale "cartoon" of the finished piece. Then she carefully warps her vertical loom and spends months meditatively weaving the finished piece. She exhibits her work widely and has done many commissioned pieces. Her website is: [www.suzannehubbard.com](http://www.suzannehubbard.com)



## Art at the Burien Community Center

**Our October artists** at the Burien community center are Chris Gonvers, Danny Bobrow, Beverly Eckley, Lory Newsome, and Dorene Carrel (as well as our Artwork of the Month by Tom Spanaway) We are not able to show on our wall at the community center in November or December because of the seasonal events being held there. **Burien Arts** has an open call for artists for their 2020 season in the community center also. See: <http://burienarts.org/artist-entry-form/> The **Burien Arts Market (BAM)** formerly called Vision 20/20 will be held November 16. Replacing the silent auction this year is an Art Market for which the call is still open. See: <http://burienarts.org/vision-2020/>

## Keep Your AU Membership Active!

Treasurer Jann reminds us all that membership dues for 2019-2022 are now due. 12 more members renewed their membership at the October meeting. Jann and membership chair Paul are struggling to get the roster of active members up to date. If you haven't paid yet please send a check to:

**Artists United**  
PO Box 66902  
Burien WA 98166



## OPPORTUNITIES

**Burien Artists Meet & Greet**  
**Highline Heritage Museum**  
**October 11 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
Meet fellow local artists and tour the new Highline Heritage Museum.

Sponsored by the City of Burien and the South King County Cultural Coalition.  
**This is a free program, but please register ahead of time** — email [ginak@burienwa.gov](mailto:ginak@burienwa.gov)

**Marketing for Artists 101**  
co-sponsored by the City of Burien and Artists Trust (AT)

November 7, 2019  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Burien Community Center

Led by AT Program Manager Lydia Boss, this workshop provides an overview of marketing for artists of all disciplines. You'll learn tips and best practices for websites, social media, press releases, and networking, and leave with the basic tools and knowledge necessary to build new audiences for your work.

This workshop is open to artists of all disciplines, at all career stages, looking to learn more about marketing themselves and their work.

**This is a free event but with registration.** Go to [www.artisttrust.org](http://www.artisttrust.org), then to the "professional development" tab.



Above artwork by Iris Stripling

**Saturday October 12**  
**Reception at MVCAC**  
**4-6 p.m.**

AU members Tom Fletcher, Lydia Sutton, Linda Logie, Sharon McConnell, and Helena Poortvliet will have pieces in The Maple Valley Creative Arts Council (MVCAC) exhibit in their art center for the Kent Valley artists. (KVA)

Please come, meet the artists, admire the art, have a glass of wine, enjoy the live music.

MVCAC is in the Wilderness Business Park, 23220 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd. SE, Suite 15  
Maple Valley, WA 98038  
Email: [mvcac@comcast.net](mailto:mvcac@comcast.net)



## October 1 General Meeting\*

**Welcome call to order** – Kits welcomed everyone since Karen was running a little late.

Donna announced that Normandy Park Arts is having events on the next three Fridays at the Cove. 10/4 drinks Marimba band and art, 10/11 Amber and Paul art, String quartet, 10/18 Shannan and Tammy art, band

Karen announced that Page 2 Books is re-opening on 11/2 and will have a grid space for more art, Shannan is the curator (see her if you want to display)

Inktober prompts are on the website if anyone wants to try it: [inktober.com/rules](http://inktober.com/rules)

**New People:** Terri (painter), Misha (oil painting), Barbara (fiber arts), Donna (photography)

### Old Business

**Dues and Cove fees are due by Oct. 10th**

Talk to Tom at the break about the Cove Show (Tom came later) the show is filled

Membership – Paul is looking for short term help with adding history to the roster, Ron is filling in for Paul today and has membership forms

### New Business

By-laws revisions – the revisions are posted on the website on the “NEWSLETTER” tab and everyone should read them and be prepared to discuss and vote at the next meeting.

\* *Abridged: items described elsewhere in this newsletter omitted. Full text of the minutes available on our website at the “OTHER” tab.*

## Crank Letter Department

*“Look at art. Look at lots of art.  
Look at all kinds of art!”*

Joe Budne (1923-2018)

I’ve been thinking about Joe a lot for the past few weeks — the anniversary of his death just shy of 95 years. An accomplished artist — drawing, painting, etching, photography — he moved here after retiring from a long and distinguished career as an art director in New York City.

Apart from his skill as an artist and art director, he had the sharpest eye I have encountered. He could look at a layout or a drawing or a photograph and tell you instantly what it needed to bring it to life.

His advice (above) was to an admiring young colleague who wanted to know how he did it.

He took his own advice very seriously. He regarded his MFA as the beginning — giving him the history and technical chops that prepared him for a lifetime of looking (and doing). Going to a gallery or museum show with him was really fun.

He once told me that an artist needs three things:

- Technical skill to make your ideas come true.
- Knowledge of the history of your chosen medium.
- Being part of your own time.

Even as he fell into the stygian well of dementia, when you mentioned the word “art” his eyes would brighten and he was 20 years younger.

His memory keeps me going to museums and galleries.



### Día de los Muertos Festival

Friday, November 16 - 9 p.m.  
Burien Community Center

This FREE event sponsored by the City of Burien and Burien Arts is open to the entire community and celebrates the tradition of honoring and remembering our ancestors and families.

- Altars & Offerings
- Arts & Crafts
- Traditional Music
- Dance & Food
- Face Painting
- Stories & More!

(Burien Arts is staffing the face painting booth and is seeking more volunteer face painters — no experience required.)

### 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 through May (except when they aren't) at:

Normandy Park Cove,  
1500 SW Shorebrook Dr  
Normandy Park, 98166  
[npcove.org](http://npcove.org)

**Artists United**  
PO Box 66902  
Burien WA 98166  
[artistsunitedclub.com](http://artistsunitedclub.com)

### Website Changes

There is a new page on our website under "MORE" on the banner called "BOARD AND MEETING MINUTES".

I'll bet you can guess what is there. Instead of publishing the full text of the board and meeting minutes in the newsletter, I will abridge them for the newsletter (see page 4) and put the full text on the website.

Our website, well, needs work. Much of the content is pretty stale and it's not clear to your faithful editor what we want from our website.

Have ideas or willingness to plunge into modernizing our website to bring it up to date? Email:

[artistsunitedclub@gmail.com](mailto:artistsunitedclub@gmail.com)

### 2019-2020 Artists United Officers & Chairpersons

- President ..... Debra Valpey
- Vice-President ..... Karen Smith
- Secretary ..... Kits Morgan
- Treasurer: ..... Jann Volk
- Membership: ..... Paul Illian
- Programs: ..... Clare Parfitt
- Juried Show .. Doug Early, Shannan Folina
- Art Fair (Cove Show): ..... Tom Fletcher,
- Newsletter/website ..... Ron Hammond
- Storage ..... Tom Fletcher, Anita Corby
- Artwork of the Month ..... Patricia Layden
- Hospitality/Kitchen ..... Linda Logie

To contact any officer or chairperson, email [artistsunitedclub@gmail.com](mailto:artistsunitedclub@gmail.com)