



# Artists United

Newsletter — July, 2019

## August Get-Together

Tuesday, August 6

12 noon — Normandy Park Cove

Remember: We will not have a regular meeting in August. However, Shannon will semi-host an informal “art in” at the cove on our regular meeting date.

En plein air painters, photographers, those who draw\*, ... come and enjoy the grounds at the Cove as well as the company of our group.

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\* Isn't it odd that there is no common term for “those who draw” — painter, sculptor, photographer, ... “Draftsman” is as close as I know but that implies technical drawing rather than art.

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## Quotation of the Month

*I assure you no art was ever less spontaneous than mine. What I do is the result of reflection and study of the old masters. Of inspiration, spontaneity, temperament ... I know nothing.*

—Edgar Degas

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## *Ray Pfortner Workshop — Image Transfer to beeswax*

Ray Pfortner of Vashon presented an awesome workshop on transferring images of your artwork to beeswax, at the Cove, for A.U. Members, on July 2.

The process involves applying melted beeswax medium to a prepared surface (or to unfinished marble, stone, or the like.) Then a laser print image (black and white or color) is pressed to the surface. Later the paper is removed by rubbing gently with wet fingers. Voila!

If any one is interested in trying this out at home, please contact Debra Valpey and she will forward an electronic copy of all 29 steps (don't fear--the steps are really easy.)

Attendees (all 16!) are encouraged to bring their products back to our September General Meeting for "show and tell." Contact Ray Pfortner at [raypfortner@gmail.com](mailto:raypfortner@gmail.com) and he has

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*Since 1949 — Seventy years of promoting art and encouraging artists.*



an awesome website at RayPfortner.com. This man can do just about anything, and his specialty is getting more mileage out of your originals.

*Debra Valpey, Co-Pres Elect*

(Here are two pieces that Debra did at the workshop — ronh)



## Art at the Burien Community Center: CHESTER PAGE JONES



This exhibit runs through July and is open to the public during Center hours, 8:30 AM-8:00 PM, Monday–Thursday, and 8:30-5:00 Friday.

A self-taught artist, Chester employs bold strokes, vivid colors and fluid shapes to tell interesting and often humorous stories about everyday life, music and dance. A signature feature of his paintings is the use of stylish sunglasses to expose the emotions, desires and alter egos of his subjects. He expresses racial harmony by using various shades of orange as a unifying skin color.

Chester has been dabbling in acrylics as a hobby for the past 20 years. He recently left his 25-year business/legal management career to pursue his passion for painting and art on a full-time basis.

He now calls Seattle home.



**Editors Opinion —**

**“Victorian Radicals”  
at the Seattle Art Museum  
through September 8**

“In the second half of the nineteenth century, three generations of young, rebellious artists and designers revolutionized the visual arts in Britain, engaging with and challenging the new industrial world around them.” (from the introduction of the catalog for this show)

In a spirit of full disclosure, Pre-Raphaelite art is not my favorite. That said, even at that I enjoyed this show from an art history standpoint and, especially, how

they and the subsequent arts-and-crafts movement represented a sincere effort to bring art out of the drawing rooms of the rich and into the lives of the larger population.

There is also the issue that these artists were very skilled indeed at putting pencil to paper, paint to canvas, mallet to stone, and the stained glass pieces are wonderful! If for no other reason than to admire their technique this show is worth seeing.

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Getting there: I hate to drive and park in the city. Park at the Burien P&R, catch RapidRide F to Tukwila station and then light rail to University station. you are a couple of blocks from SAM.

**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, at

Normandy Park Cove,  
1500 SW Shorebrook Dr  
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