



Artists United

Newsletter — Late June, 2019

Extra Edition!

We usually don't have another newsletter until late August. However, after a decade at the helm Liz Simpson has stepped down as editor. Your new and struggling editor thought it would be a good idea to try his hand at the wheel before the busy fall season arrives.

Moreover, we have changed how our email is handled so we want to make sure we have all the bugs worked out before the busy fall season hits us.

Email Changes

We have moved our email list to a server, Google Groups. Our **group** address is AUClub@googlegroups.com. An email to this address will automatically go to every club member. Please add this address to your contacts.

Our **club's** address remains ArtistsUnitedClub@gmail.com. An email to this address will only go to that address (and be read by the newsletter editor or a club officer.)

- **No information other than your email address** is entered to Google Groups.
- **No one who is not a member of the club** can post an email to the **group** nor even see the list of email addresses. **Any club member** can post a message to the group. This will allow us to quickly

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spread the word about art, art practice, events, venues, unabashed brags about successes in your art Restrict your posts to art-related topics or club business.

- **Any club member** can reply to a message. If you "reply" your response will go only to the sender. If you "reply all" it will go to the entire group. How to "reply" or "reply all" depends on how you handle your email. If you can't figure it out, well, send a message to the group. Somebody will know how.
- You should have already received a "welcome" message from Google Groups. No action on your part is required.

Questions? Email your faithful editor directly: ronfstop@mindspring.com

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June Meeting Notes

The “business” part of the June meeting was short and sweet. Shannan passed the gavel to our new co-presidents. Tracy announced that she will continue as membership coordinator until at least January. (Hooray) All present expressed their thanks to Liz for minding the newsletter and website for a very long time.

Shannan also announced that her work will be in the Kent Center show (see page 3)

There was a lot of good food and conversation.

The Art Supply Garage Sale had a nice selection of goodies including several very nice easels.

See you all in September.

Art at the Burien Community Center

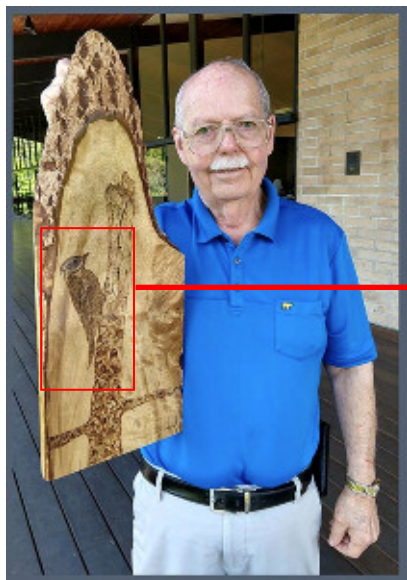
The theme for the July/August show is "Beneath a Summer Sky" — open to all members and all mediums, one piece per artist, limit of 24 inches on longest side (outside frame edge).

The drop off date is **Friday June 28th, from 11am to 3:30pm.**

Shannan notes that we are looking for a team to take over when she steps aside at the end of 2019 For those that want to learn how to arrange and hang, show up at 3:30(ish), and help her install the show.

(editor’s note) Knowing how to curate and hang a show for the group is a reward in itself but also is a boost in preparing to show your own work.

June Art (and artist) of the Month



Paul Langston’s “Downy Woodpecker” (woodburning on Myrtlewood) is June’s “Art of the Month” It is such an unusual medium that I asked him for some details.

He transfers a drawing to the polished surface of the wood with simple carbon paper because the lines in carbon are easy to remove after the piece is finished.

Then while carefully studying a detailed photograph of the bird he burns the image into the wood with a very hot, needle-sharp stylus. It is a lot like etching.

He confessed that he does the bark on the tree branch free hand (He says “Nobody can argue about what the bark looks like.”)



"Seeing is Believing", painting 20"x30" ©2019, Sara Brogdon

Kent Summer Art Exhibit

Centennial Center Gallery, 400 W. Gowe St. Kent 98032

Through August 21, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm (closed holidays)

Free, open to the public, all ages.

36 Artists including our own **Shannan Folino**

Summer Activities

We won't have our regular meetings in July and August.

In July the Ray Pfortner workshop on image transfer to beeswax will take the place of our second Tuesday meeting.

In August Shannan will host (sort of) a do-it-yourself art-making session at the cove on the second Tuesday. Plein art painters, sketchers, photographers,... turn up for a pleasant midday with a gang of kindred spirits.

Editor's Opinion

In addition to just having replaced the amazing Liz Simpson as newsletter editor I'm a new kid on the block, having been with AU for less than a year. One of the roles a new person can play is asking "Why do we ...?" and "How can we ...?"

The change to our email distribution will allow any member to post email to the group to get the word out more quickly — if you see a show you like (or hate), if you've discovered a new supplier for art

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goodies, if you're excited about a new wrinkle in your own practice, if you can't figure out how to make an effect in your work sing, send a message to the group.

The next change is with newsletter distribution. If I send the newsletter soon *after* the monthly meeting we can publicize the upcoming Burien Community Center show shortly after is is hung and get the new Art of the Month before all our eyes — even if you weren't at the meeting. I'll also send an email reminder a week or so *before* the upcoming

meeting to encourage all of us to turn up.

The survey we conducted a while back didn't indicate much enthusiasm for the website. I'll be seeking more opinions about it later this summer. I'm wrestling with how to make the club website work harder for us.

Ideas?

Artists United Club

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

Meetings are on the first Tuesday, September through May, at the Normandy Park Cove, 1500 SW Shorebrook Dr Normandy Park, 98166 npcove.org

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