



Artists United

Newsletter —

Art News You Can Use - November 2021

2021 Cove Show Huge Success! A Message from the President

It's a wrap on Artists United Annual Art Show at the Cove. So many artists! So much talent! And, so many people admiring *and buying* that art!

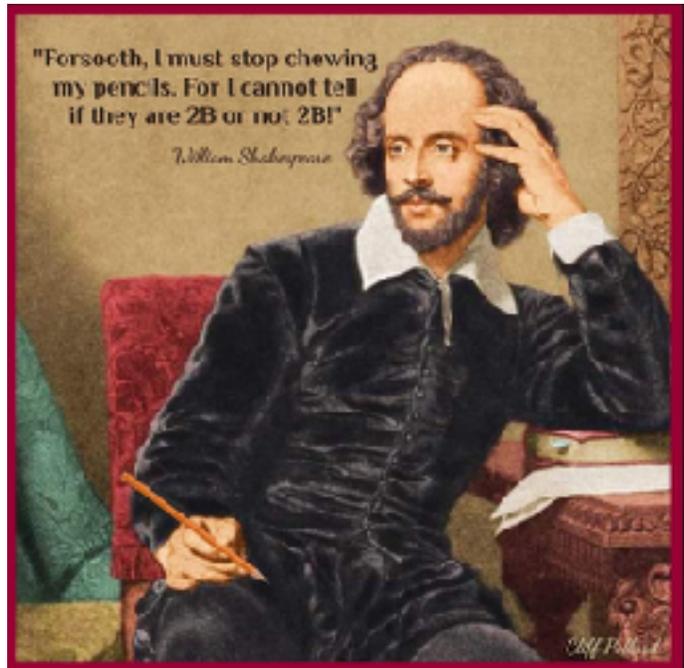
Show Coordinator Tom Fletcher said "People are buying everything! \$100 here, \$100 there. We've even had a few \$200 and \$300 pieces sell!"

"It was a very successful day," said Debra Valpey, AU Past President and current Secretary. Pat Kelley, AU Treasurer, quips, "The raffle alone was \$576!"

A shopper, with a fistful of receipts waiting to pay for her treasures was overheard saying, "I'm so glad the artists are back. And such wonderful things." They missed us last year!

Aside from the rain and clouds, things went smoothly. Because of Covid, everyone was masked and the coffee, hot water for tea, hot cider and cocoa was outside on the deck. People didn't seem to mind, although one person lamented the lack of edible goodies. Next year, Art Lover. Next Year.

Creativity on display included everything from charcoal sketches to watercolor to acrylics (both realistic and fantastic!). There



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AU COVE Show Cont.

was elegant and whimsical jewelry, multimedia art to hang and multimedia journals to write in. Amazing pieces in wood by Paul Langston, who will be AU's presenting artist in February 2022. Oils and pastels and colored pencil! Oh My!

Artists who participate each year were there. Brand New AU members were there.



I am very proud of the group. Artists United really made the show a memorable one. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, who managed a booth, who provided "live art" demos, and who helped take the show down.

-Paul

Artists in Action during the Cove Show. AU President Paul Illian above left. Watercolor artist Reuf Kapetanovic lower left



GRAND CENTRAL BAKERY - GREAT COFFEE AND ART

The AU Art display at Grand Central has been a success and drawn lots of praise and sales. The current show is coming down November 8 and a new show will be hung. Target time for the new crop of art is 2:30 on Monday.

Here are the guidelines:

Max size (with frame) 10" each side

Max number of pieces 3

Max price \$75 (Our success at the Cove is proof that people will buy art!)

Drop off 2:30 PM Monday

Tierra has graciously volunteered to log and hang your pieces

The club tags must be used

No bios will be collected

The show will hang through the end of the November

Rachel Baker's very colorful display of art work at the Cove.





ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS!

December Meeting is Tuesday, Dec 7 (Pearl Harbor Day), 2021 At THE COVE! Featuring: Artwork of the Month! Short Business Meeting - Social time with friends: Featuring a buffet, voting on Artwork of the Month, and an Art Supply exchange (free or for sale)

**ANNOUNCING
NEW VICE PRESIDENT**

Sharon Hitt will serve as ARTISTS UNITED new Vice president. Debbie Skow had to step down from Secretary position; Debra Valpey will take over the secretary duties,

Theme for December Artwork of the Month is "Celebration."

Show your Work

Please contact Debra Valpey (debravalpey@gmail.com) to reserve space or our bi-monthly shows at **Highline Heritage Museum**. We still have some spaces left for our 21-22 club year. These

New Members

Welcome New Member Alita Schuh.

Welcome to first time visitors Betsy Sprouger and Lynn Crow, who plans to join in December

Artwork of the Month

This gorgeous piece by Myong Sweet won November's Artwork of the Month. It will be displayed at the Highline Heritage Museum.





Claire Parfett's excellent colored pencil work. Claire designed the Cove Show Postcard.



AU Treasurer Pat Kelley and her husband Dave

Our **December meeting** will include a Potluck Buffet, choice of Artist of the Month (Don't forget to bring a piece of YOUR art!), and an Exchange of art supplies, both to sell and to give away.

Program Topics for 2022:

January 4, 2022 - Presentation on Creating a Website by Clare Parfitt, Artists United (details to follow).

February 1, 2022 - Woodcarving Presentation by Paul Langston, Artists United..



AU Artist chosen to paint Mural in Tukwila

Deborah Bagby, another exceptional Artists United club member, was chosen by the City of Tukwila to paint a mural to be displayed at Crystal Springs Park, located at [15832 51st Ave S, Tukwila, WA](#).

Ten winners were chosen from the many entries received. Along with a cash award, each winner's art will be on permanent display at the park.

The mural is a 4 ft by 8 ft bucolic scene beautifully done. It was painted using only common, quick drying acrylic house paint on an 8 x 8 plywood sheet. Deborah confirms that this was definitely the most challenging art piece she has created to date.

Deborah's mural is located on the first building immediately adjacent to the parking lot of Crystal Springs Park.

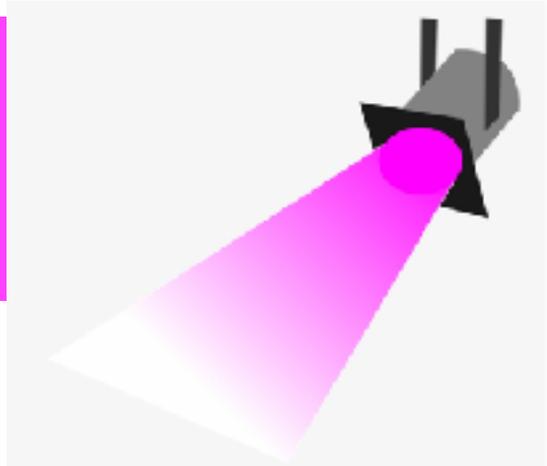


Deborah Bagby, standing proudly beside her amazing Mural in Crystal Springs Park, Tukwilla, WA.



Artist Spotlight

From time to time, the Artists United Club Newsletter will feature a short bio of a member. The purpose is to get to know our member Artists better. If you would like to be featured or want to suggest an Artist, please contact the Newsletter Editor, Karen Smith (karenlsmith@mac.com)



Debra Valpey, Artist, In My Own Words:

For me, painting is an act of faith that I can and will create a unique image be it from my imagination, inspired by a photograph or from nature itself. I lose track of time and forget about my ego in the process; that alone refreshes my outlook on life. I love to paint animals, especially beloved pets, and beautiful places, many of which include water. I also enjoy painting everyday objects like fruits, vegetables and even old cars.

I began painting in the 1970's and then took a few decades off while raising my children, working as a public school teacher, and doing the dishes when I could not get anyone else to do them for me. I revived my interest in producing art after I retired. And I hope I never have to stop. My mediums are watercolor, acrylic and colored pencil. Mostly self taught, I also take classes through senior or community centers, and at various art instruction venues. There is always so much to learn and appreciate in the pursuit of artistic expression.

I have served on the Artists United board for several years, and I display my work at various venues in the community.

I would love to chat with any and all of you about the importance of art in our lives and about what inspires you.

Yours, *Debra*
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Debra Valpey and her extensive art work at the Cove



Bits and Pieces



Paul Langston doing a demo of his wood burning techniques.

Paint 'n Sip at the Cove?

The Board recently recommended that AU "give back" to the Community Center (Cove) in appreciation for giving us the use of the building without cost for our monthly gatherings. They approved a proposed evening of "Paint 'n Sip." Cove leadership is interested in hosting us for such an evening with proceeds after expenses going to the Community Center as our "thank you" gift. If you would like to serve on a task force to organize this event, please contact Debra Valpey at debravalpey@gmail.com or call her at 206-953-5704.



Artist in Action Jacquie Carrol

Linda Logie will be the featured Artist with 14 paintings displayed at the Carco Theatre from November 10th through December 31st. If you are in the area you are welcome to stop in between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Carco Theatre is located at 1717 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA.



Venue Chair Jeanne Salter shared that the window displays at Merrill Gardens and the Maverick are now being handled by Burien Parks Department. Burien Arts is still recruiting participants for its Burien Art Market (aka BAM) with details at their website.

One of Ron Hammond's photographs, right, will be the cover for an Italian translation of the book of the Catalan philosopher's Marina Garcés on school.

This same photograph was the cover on a university textbook on the teaching of reading by an author at the University of Silesia (Poland) and this and several others in a companion textbook on reading as a pleasure activity.





More Cove Pictures



Big Sales for quilt artist Suzanne Ushold

New member and Venue Coordinator Jeanne (JR) Salter



Past Cove Show organizer Sharon McConnell with current Cove Show organizer, Tom Fletcher

**THANK YOU,
TOM! WELL
DONE!**