Artists United

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August art fun!

Club members were all over south King County last month, showing and selling their art.

The Burien Creative District hosted its first-ever Art Lab, an immersive art festival that invited attendees to participate in art-making. Several of our artists were there demonstrating their artistic techniques.

Some of our members had booths at the Arts in Bloom annual event at Soos Creek Botanical Garden in Auburn. Together, we sold over $3,000 in artwork! Artists United, Kent Valley Artists and the Northwest Arts Alliance co-sponsored the art festival this year.

A dozen or so artists also had booths of art for sale at the Normandy Park Jazz Finale on the lawn at Marvista Park.

Several members have also sold their art at the Burien Farmers Market this summer — a weekly option for 2 to 4 artists to sell their art at this popular Thursday market.

Thank you to all who made these opportunities possible for our members. It was a fun month!

Above left: At the Burien Art Lab, Jeanne Salter encourages an attendee to weave in a row of fabric into her large collaborative project. Above right: Fawn Butler shows kids how to make their own clay, pinch-pot pumpkin.

AU Artists at the Soos Creek Arts in Bloom event. The club participated along with artists from Kent Valley Artists and the Northwest Arts Alliance.

Member News

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

CARLA ESTEVANE's artwork (below), "Wildfire," won the **August Artwork of the Month**. She used oils, cold wax and graphite to create this piece. The theme was "heat." Fun fact: The board Carla painted on and the frame around it were both acquired from the free table at an AU meeting.

PAUL ILLIAN's acrylic painting of a turtle (below) won the **September Artwork of the Month**. Incidentally, Paul uses only five colors in all his acrylic paintings, including this one: red, yellow, blue, black and white. This work is currently hanging at the Burien Community Center.

WADE WILLIAMS takes off this month on the trip of a lifetime that will take him across the United States and parts of Canada. He expects to be gone a full year, living out of his DIY, tricked-out vehicle that includes a cute galley kitchen, bed, small closet and various shelves to hold his "must-have" items, such as a laptop, a foldable easel, a flute he is learning to play, and stacks of books. We hope he comes back with lots of new art to share with us! *Have fun, Wade, and be safe out there*!

Wade's galley kitchen (pictured here), which he designed and built, includes a framed movie still of Humphrey Bogart in *The African Queen*.

What are you up to?

Share your art-related news with us! Awards you've won, shows you're in, etc.

Email a short blurb and photo to **patriciaschug461@gmail.com** for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

Volunteer with the Club

Artists United functions thanks to the help of many volunteers. You can be one of them!

Ways to help

- Serve as a board member or committee chair (current openings: Communications Chair and Events/Venues Chair)
- Attend an official board and/or committee meeting.
- Perform tasks assigned by the board or committee.
- Set up/tear down (i.e. load/unload grids, tables, chairs etc.) at venues where members show or sell art.
- Provide hospitality support -- bring food and/or drinks to share at monthly meetings or shows.
- Help with administrative tasks (i.e. website updates, posts on socials, mailing list edits, etc.).
- Help with advertising/marketing/promotional activities to support club efforts.
- Teach a class on art to members at a monthly meeting.
- Represent the club to the community, schools, media, or private institutions in an unpaid capacity (i.e. make a formal presentation, teach an art class, hand out brochures for an AU event, conduct an interview for media, etc.).
- Work at an AU event (Cove Show, Strawberry Festival, etc.) in an official capacity beyond that of selling your art. Examples are club cashier, official club representative, etc.
- Host AU members in your home for art activities.
- Set up/take down tables and chairs at club meetings.

Track your hours

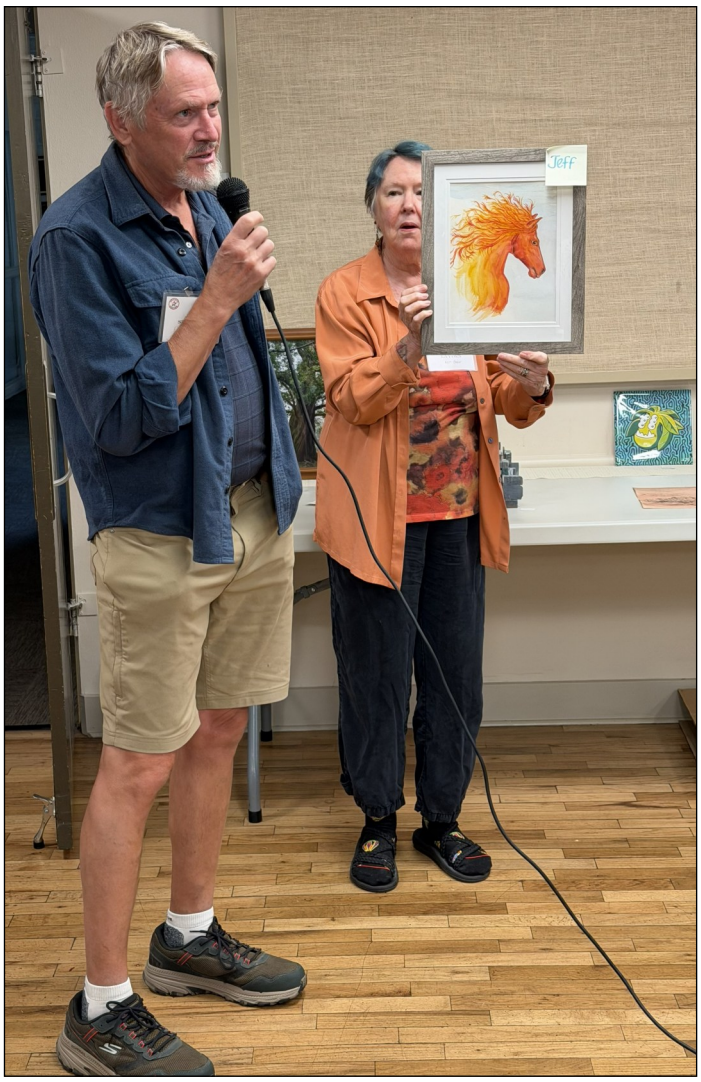
Report your monthly hours on the sign-in sheet at each club meeting. Why? Because your hours not only benefit the club AND make you feel good, they can also benefit you with booth selection at our annual Cove Show.

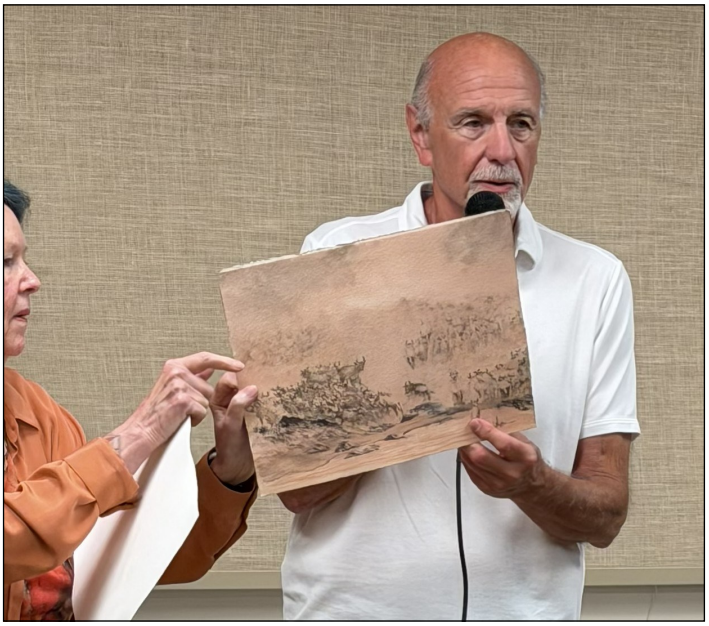
Participants in the Cove Show select their booth location according to their number of volunteer hours – the more hours you have, the greater the chance you get the booth location of your choice. Please note that you don't need any volunteer hours to participate in the Cove Show.

Offer to help

When you learn of a club opportunity to show/sell artwork, contact the organizer and ask how you can help with what is needed: event set up/tear down, cashiering, promoting the event or another task. Board members will also know ways you can help the club.

Quarterly Art Share was September Program





Once each month, members take a few minutes to talk a bit about their work. Here are a few shares from the Sept. meeting. Clockwise from top left: Jeff Strobel and his watercolor “Fire Horse”; Alice Salter with her photograph taken at Lakewold Gardens in Tacoma; Mars with her piece made from poured acrylics and soap; and new member Bill Valela with his watercolor of scattering wildebeests.

Show and Sell Your Art

Try out some or all of these opportunities to share your art with others.

Fred Lind Manor Art Walk

Hurry! Closing soon!

Event date: Saturday, Sept. 12 in Seattle from 11 to 2
Contact: Wendy Davis by email: wdavis@fredlindmanor.com

This is the 10th annual event, a community favorite. Sign up no later than Friday, Sept. 11 for this family-friendly event, which includes food and ice cream. No fees or commissions taken. Contact Wendy Davis at above email for details.

Burien Farmer's Market, Burien

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITY

Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October
Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. through April
Deadline: Monday of each week
Cost: $30

Every Thursday throughout the year, Artists United will have a canopy, tables and grids set up for up to four artists to have space to sell their artwork. If you're interested, notify Paul Illian on Monday before the Thursday market to tell him you want to sell that week. Paul will set-up and take-down the booth for you! Currently, we need someone to help with transportation of grids — can you help?
Contact Paul at illcon@msn.com.

City of Bellevue Portable Artworks

Deadline: Tuesday, October 13
Artists may submit up to 5 works
Contact: bellevuewa.gov for application

The City of Bellevue seeks to purchase 2D and 3D portable artworks to be included in the Bellevue Art Collection. Purchased works will eventually be located throughout city-owned and publicly accessible buildings and offices. Application details on the City of Bellevue website. Enter "call for portable works" in the search bar.

AU Annual Cove Show

Event date: Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 7-8
Deposit now being accepted: $55
Booth selection at October AU Meeting

This is Artists United's biggest show of the year, with spots for up to 30 booths at the Normandy Park Cove. Booths can be shared, if you choose, and are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. The event is a community favorite of Normandy Park residents. Volunteer opportunities are plentiful at this event. Even if you don't choose to sell your work, please volunteer.

Miniature Show Heritage Museum

Hangs December through February
Contact: Tammy Hardy at email: t_j_hardy@yahoo.com

This is Artists United's annual winter show at the Highline Heritage Museum in Burien. All works must be size 10 "x10" or smaller, including the frame. There is room for participants. Contact Tammy if interested.

Watch your emails from Artists United for additional opportunities as they become available, or check out the club website at **artistsunitedclub.com**

Coming up at October 6 Meeting:

Cove Show Booth Selection: Booth selection for the Cove Show takes place at this meeting. Deposit of $55 required. Booths will be chosen in order of members' volunteer hours — those who have the most hours choose first and so on. Make sure Membership Chair Pat Kelley has your accurate number of hours before that meeting. Email her with questions: pattiannart@gmail.com

Artwork of the Month: October's theme for AOM is "spooky" — however you define it. Have your piece wired and ready to hang (NO sawtooth hangers, please). At this time, only art that can be hung on a wall is accepted. Winning works hang for a month in the Burien Community Center.

October Program: Jeanne Salter, prior AU president and mixed media artist, will share her experience and techniques in gel-plate printing. This form of printing uses a flexible gel plate to create monoprints with texture and layers of color. Because no printing press is needed, this form of printing is very accessible to anyone.

Meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the Normandy Park Community Club (The Cove), from 11:30 to 2 p.m. Consider coming at 11 to help set up and/or stay after to take down tables and chairs. Bring snacks if you're so inclined.

Guests are always welcome.

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Artists United Board meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at a board member's home. Contact Paul Illian for information. All are welcome to attend.

Artists United general membership meets monthly on the first Tuesday at the Normandy Park Community Club (the COVE), located at 1500 SW Shorebrook Dr., Normandy Park, WA

Social networking at 11:30 (set up starts at 11)
Business meeting at Noon (light snacks provided)
Artist talk: 1 to 2

Guests are encouraged to attend.

If desired, bring a sample of what you've been working on lately. Members may also bring an entry for Artwork of the Month (should be ready to hang).