

The SMAA Newsletter



Log Cabin Museum



Sidney Art Gallery

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Looking back on 2007, I have to say it was a good year. We had some outstanding art shows at the gallery and a good number of visitors at the log cabin. The Orchard family is alive and well and continues to amaze and amuse us with Amelia Orchard's newsy "Letters to Anna" in our SMAA newsletter.

I can never say enough in appreciation of the financial support from our SMAA members, and the hours spent at the gallery and log cabin by our cadre of volunteers. Our Association would not exist without them. I am pleased to report that our board of directors is intact and ready to tackle 2008.

Our gallery/museum building will be 100 years old in 2008. We have a committee working on an appropriate celebration, so watch the next newsletter for details.

Jud Turner, 2007-08 Board President

SPEND A DAY AT THE GALLERY! VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE DAYS OF THE MONTH:

4TH SUNDAYS
1ST & 3RD SATURDAYS

For Information
CALL VIRGINIA COLLINS AT 871-4717

SCRUB-A-DUB-DUB

KEEP MONDAY APRIL 7TH 10 AM. OPEN FOR
OUR ANNUAL SPRING SCRUB OF THE GALLERY

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Receptions:

Sunday, January 6th, 1-4 pm. Student Art Show Reception

Sunday, February 10th, 1-4 pm. Loretta Anderson Reception

Sunday, March 9th, 1-4 pm. "Winner's Circle" Reception, for Larry Brownley and Lynda Lindner. More information on page 2.

From the Museums

By Mary Peterson

Our biggest event of the year, Log Cabin Pictures with Santa was once again a success, even if we did have to close one Sunday because of snow. Our merry and devoted band of elves greeted over 600 visitors to the Log Cabin and from the first little one until the last, it was unabashedly heartwarming, homey and fun.

A fire in the fireplace, cookies on the table and Sadie in the bathtub upstairs brought smiles and laughter and as always, put the "merry" in Christmas for all of our wonderful volunteers. We've begun new projects at the Historical Museum above the Sidney Gallery and look forward to sharing the past with even more visitors throughout the coming year.

A special thank-you to all the folks that make this happen and to all the families and individuals that donated fascinating and cherished belongings to our organization.

WISH LIST

PAPER TOWELS/ TOILET PAPER/ KLEENEX
WHITE PRINTER PAPER
8.5 X 11 COLORED PAPER FOR PUBLICITY FLYERS
ROLLS OF STAMPS
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE GALLERY
FUND-RAISING IDEAS

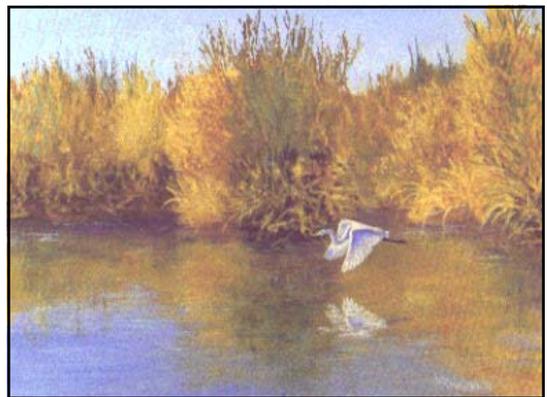
Sidney Gallery Presents

By Deborah Danielson



JANUARY: We are proud to announce our 31st Annual Student Show. The artworks by students from the following schools are asked to display: South Kitsap High School, John Sedgwick, Cedar Heights and Marcus Whitman Junior High Schools. This show will exhibit Jan. 9th through Jan. 31st. An open reception for this show is scheduled Sunday January 6th, 1—4 PM. Some selected items will be for sale.

FEBRUARY: This month the gallery features Port Orchard's fine artist Loretta Anderson. Loretta's acrylic paintings portray the beauty of nature in all its aspects and seasons. She has taken her artistic talents even farther by rendering her images on saw blades and oil cans. These are unique and bring an intriguing aspect to her work. This show will exhibit Feb. 6th—28th. There will be an artist's reception on Sun. Feb. 10th, from 1—4 PM.



Brownley's Quiet Beach

MARCH: "The Winner's Circle" this year highlights these first place winners, Poulsbo artist Larry Brownley with his vivid watercolors and Gig Harbor artist Lynda Lindner with her marvelous mixed media paintings. Also invited to show were Diana Zacharias who is unable to show and Beverly Pedersen whom we hope will be able to. This show will exhibit March 5th—28th. Information on a reception for this show will be announced at a later date.

1908-2008

Our building at 202 Sidney, Port Orchard, will be 100 years old this year! Of course it now houses the Sidney Gallery and the Sidney Historical Museum but what else has been ensconced in its halls? This is an appeal to everyone reading this. Do you know or have you heard of other businesses that used our building? We know that the building was owned by the Masons, and the Port Orchard Independent worked from this address for awhile. I remember attending my big brother's accordion recital upstairs in the early 50's. We want to celebrate the 100th birthday of this wonderful old building and would love to find out more about its history.

If you have any memories or have heard any stories about this place, please call me, Mary Peterson, at 360-769-9551.

January,

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Dear Anna:

It's so hard to believe that Christmas is over and we're heading into a brand new year. I'm not one for resolutions yet find myself hoping for those two things important to family; health and happiness. Although at first glance, somewhat mundane, there is really nothing more important, is there? I wish the same for you, Anna.

The holiday season was as 'old fashioned' as can be expected when we're staring into a brand new decade, carols around the piano, more baked goods than an army could consume and the younger children racing around at a fever pitch.

Charles has tamed the cast iron wood stove and was able to produce gingerbread men in great quantity with only the last batch burned beyond recognition. He's developing quite an expertise in the kitchen and has become a tremendous help. His love of cooking has turned him into quite the scribe as he picks Mother Orchard's brain for the details of favorite recipes that she's never written down and he's determined to memorialize. She admitted to me that although flattered with his attention to her mental cookbook, she's become a little impatient with his constant insistence that she measure every grain of salt she adds to a pot of soup or bowl of cake batter. In spite of her impatience she shared his ginger cookies with all of her friends.

Emily surprised us with beautiful strands of sparkling red madrona berries that she'd spent hours secretly stringing behind the closed door of the bedroom. I'd never heard of using them for anything, much less adorning the Christmas tree with them but they are truly jewel-like and a fine addition to the tree.

Teddy was heart broken that 'Sidney' his "pet" mouse was prevented from coming inside this year due to a furious and determined effort by Lewis. We discovered that our little animal lover spent a great deal of time outside hiding crumbs from various baked goods under bushes and leaves for the little beast to find and eat. Last year a mouse ate all the popcorn off the tree and Lewis and the Grumble brothers combed the entire house inside and out looking for and finding many places "Sidney" and his cohorts could enter. Once again the bottoms of tin cans flash in the sun as they are nailed over the tiny doorways. So goes life in the woods.

Mother Orchard received a letter from a distant cousin in Sweden who plans a trip to Port Orchard, of all places, and will be accompanied by his wife. They will arrive in May and my dear mother-in-law has already started turning the house inside out so it will be ready for them when they arrive. I wonder if they have mice in Sweden.

I must go, Anna. May the coming year be filled with love, laughter and wonderful surprises.

Amelia

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★ **RECYCLE OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS!** ★
★ **GET RID OF CLUTTER AND DONATE TO SUPPORT-** ★
★ **ERS OF ST JUDE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. PLEASE** ★
★ **DROP OFF USED CARDS AT THE SIDNEY GALLERY** ★
★ **OR CALL MARSHA AT 895-0910 FOR PICK-UP.** ★
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WELCOME TO NEW SMAA MEMBERS

**SHARON ROBERTSON
SHELLEY SCHLEICHER
CHRISTINE STANSBERY**

REMINDER

THE GALLERY IS AVAILABLE FOR GROUP MEETINGS WITH A \$25 DONATION, DURING NON-OPERATIONAL HOURS OR THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT. PLEASE CALL DEB DANIELSON AT 360-876-3693.

WINNERS OF THE DOLL HOUSE!

Congratulations to Milo & Monnie Moen of Fox Island. Not only did they win the Log Cabin Doll House, they live in a log cabin!

A WORD ABOUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW:

THIS IS NOT A MONTHLY PLEA FOR YOUR DUES PAYMENT. YOU WILL RECEIVE A WRITTEN NOTICE ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE YOUR PAYMENT IS DUE.

IN MEMORIUM

This past quarter, three strong supporters of SMAA passed away:

Nationally known artist, Augusta Asberry, died in Bremerton in September. She has displayed her works at the Gallery for many years, and was a featured artist for her own shows. She designed a Quilt Show poster and was most recently known for her portrayal of African women dancers in colorful costumes. She was an elected president of Women Painters of Washington.

Ian Russ, a Gallery volunteer for more than 10 years, died in Bremerton in September. He was a Navy veteran, community leader, and a former SMAA Board member. His interests included art and music, golf and riding his motorcycle with his wife, Vivian. Ill health forced him to give up his volunteer Gallery Sundays last year.

Former SMAA President, Delores Steichen, died in November. She was a long-time Gallery and Log Cabin Museum volunteer and was also active in other community areas. For a time, she volunteered as "Mrs. Santa" at the Museum. She was preceded in death by her husband Mark, also a devoted Log Cabin Museum volunteer. Together they donated countless hours at the museums and gallery.

Sidney Museum and Arts Association, 202 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Please enroll me in the category indicated:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$ 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5(non-voting) |

Name _____

Address _____

Contact me about volunteering:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sidney Museum and Arts Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sidney Gallery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Log Cabin Museum/Sidney Museum |

Amount enclosed _____

Phone _____

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