



Log Cabin Museum

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SMILEY FACE HUNT-Hidden in the newsletter are many smiley faces. Be one of the first five to call the gallery with your name, phone number, and correct number of smiley faces to win. Contest ends 04-13-2012. :)



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

It is hard to believe one quarter of the year is gone. What has been accomplished since we made those life altering New Year's resolutions? In my part of the world, things are moving so quickly I cannot focus on those resolutions from the hectic business of living day to day.

My goal is to slow down the next three months and pay attention to smelling some roses. (Actually my roses still have snow on them.) We all get wrapped up in our own doings and forget to be thankful for all the blessings that come our way and be thankful for alot of things that don't come our way.

Living a happy life is all important. So my advice for spring -- BE KIND -- PUT A LITTLE SPRING IN YOUR STEP-- and-- PUT A BIG SMILE ON YOUR FACE. :o)

Come enjoy the wonderful exhibits of art at our gallery, visit our museum and dream about the past, then visit the Orchard family at the Log Cabin on weekends beginning in May. All of these things will surely bring a smile to your lovely faces.

Be Happy, Pam Heinrich, President



New hours at the Gallery / Museum!

Beginning in **April 2012**, we are extending our business hours and will now be open **Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am. to 4:00 pm.** , **Sunday 1:00 to 4:00 pm.** and closed on Monday.



Scrub-a-Dub-Dub on April 16th!

The Gallery does not clean itself! It takes many hands to keep it sparkling . Now is your chance to help with our spring cleaning! On Monday, April 16th, at 10 am. meet at the Gallery with your gloves and lunch. All cleaning supplies and tools will be provided. This is an invitation to all members and their families and friends.



Bunco Bash!



What is Bunco? It is a fun game of dice rolling. It is fast paced and exciting. You change partners frequently and move from table to table (exercise)! If you can count to six you can play Bunco! There will be tantalizing finger foods and wine and just great fun to be had. Come join us! Tickets are \$20.

Friday April 20, 7 pm. At the Gallery

Call Lynne Little for reservations. 360-871-4965

Important Calendar Dates!

Receptions

Sunday, April 15, 1-4 pm. Christine Hella Cott Thompson

Sunday, May 6, 1-4 pm. Helen Norris Open Art Show

Sunday, June 10, 1-4 pm. Pat Meras

Events

Monday, April 16, 10 am. — Scrub-a-Dub-Dub!

Friday, April 20, 7 pm. Bunco— see info above

Thursday, May 17, 6 pm. Movie Theater fundraiser (watch for details on our website)

Friday, May 18, 4-7 pm. Chamber After Hours ******(pg 3)

Saturday, June 9, 1 pm. High Tea

The Gallery will be closed Easter Sunday, April 8th and Saturday, June 9 (High Tea)

June High Tea at the Gallery!

Saturday, June 9, at 1 pm.

Hurrah For Hats!

Ticket and reservation Information on page 4.



SIDNEY GALLERY PRESENTS



April-This month we feature Christine Hella Cott Thompson. While her landscapes are mostly of physical places that can be visited, each comes from an interior connection, an interior landscape. Self-taught in all aspects of her artistic career, she has also worked as a commercial illustrator, writer, and editor. Thompson has participated in several group shows at the gallery For Art Sake in Gig Harbor; has been a member of the Sidney Art Gallery for several years; her most recent show was at Director's Gallery in Winslow on Bainbridge Island in November 2011. One of her pieces, Breakdancer in Yellow, is currently displayed on a street banner in the City of Bremerton, and another banner was part of the Celebrate Elwha! Project in the summer of 2011. Last October, she was part of the new gallery opening at Olympic College. In 2010, she was one of the fifteen artists chosen to be part of Gig Harbor's "Salmon Chanted Harbor" project. The show exhibits **April 3 – 29**, with the reception being held **Sunday, April 15 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.** ;-)



May-Welcome to our 42nd Helen Norris Open Art Show! Judging the show this year is the talented Pat Meras. The show exhibits **May 6—31**, with the opening day **reception on Sunday May 6th., 1—4 PM.** Named for former Gallery Manager Helen Norris, this show is important as it provides a venue for artists to compete/exhibit/sell their art work, bring together an outstanding exhibit of art brought by the overwhelming amount of participants and teaches the beginning artist as well as the public about what goes into creating, presenting, and selling fine art. The judge will critique her first place choices at 2 PM during the reception. Registration days are: May 1, 10 AM to 4 PM and May 2, 10 AM to 7 PM. Entry forms and a copy of the prospectus can be found on our web site, www.sidneymuseumandarts.com/open-art-show.html. There will be cash prizes for the first place winners and ribbons and gifts for 2nd, 3rd, Honorable Mention, and a basket for the People's Choice. First place winners will be featured in next year's Winners Circle Show in March 2013.

June- Pat Meras will be featured this month. A native of Montana, Meras received her BA in Applied Art from Montana State University, Bozeman, which included studies abroad at Le Istituto Francese in Florence, Italy and the Academy of Art in Eindhoven, Holland. :) Her professional experience includes working part time as an illustrator, curator and gallery chairwoman, art teacher, volunteer with community arts programs and as an art docent for the public school system. She has studied extensively on her own and with nationally known artists whose work she admires. A working artist for over 30 years, she is presently working full time in her studio and "en plein air". The show exhibits **June 5 – 30** and the reception will be held on **Sunday, June 10 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**



Letters to Anna
By Mary Peterson

May 1912

Dear Anna,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. We survived the winter with no more than head colds and sniffles and are looking forward to the warm breezes and sunshine that are sure to arrive with spring. The children are growing like weeds and with the exception of Teddy, there have been no accidents requiring more than a bandage and a little iodine. Mother Orchard's rheumatism has acted up a little more than usual but she takes it in stride and tells us that a little pain on a rainy day is just a reminder that she's lived to see another rainy day. Her outlook on life remains positive.

On with the news of the day...

As everyone in the modern world must know by now, the return trip for the Titanic was an immeasurable disaster. The events hit home in a way that no local resident could have ever predicted. After telegraphs by the dozens and even a trans-Atlantic telephone call, our world-traveling Grumble brother and Mrs. Watson were able to arrange for the authorities to notify us that both he and Mrs. Watson were alive if not totally well. We of course don't know all of the details but apparently as a first class passenger, Mrs. Watson was able to take her place in a life boat with nothing more than a badly sprained ankle and some cuts and bruises. Her boat was one of the first to be rescued and although apparently suffering from mild amnesia about the details prior to her rescue she appears to be in reasonable condition given her harrowing ordeal.

The details are foggier concerning our dear handy man.

There's been more than one newspaper reporter at our doorstep wanting interviews and I have assured them that I wouldn't tell them the expected arrival date even if I knew, which I don't. They actually yell questions at us as we go to and from our home and some of the subject matter pertaining to their questions is unsavory at best.

"Is it true that Mr. Grumble says he "fell" into one of the life boats?" and "Is it true Mr. Grumble was wearing a lady's hat and a shawl when he was rescued?" :-)

I am not sure what they are implying nor do I care to know. I'm just thankful they are coming back to us and am appalled at the reporters' lack of dignity and compassion. Lewis has reached his limit and has threatened bodily harm if they step from the road onto our property.

They plan to arrive in Port Orchard sometime in May and will recuperate in our home although Mrs. Watson has sent me a letter demanding that her former traveling companion not be allowed within her sight. We have had no personal missives from the him as yet. They will no doubt require as much emotional support as physical and one wonders if any of the survivors will ever be able to look at the world in the same way as before. So... we wait anxiously for their safe return.

Teddy's adventure pales in comparison with what I've just related to you so I'll save it for another day. Let me just say that we owe our stay-at-home Grumble brother a debt of gratitude that will not be soon forgotten.

I'll close now and get back to the chores of the day, laundry and weeding and dinner. After all that's happened to our dear friends I look forward to the mundane.

Amelia



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Wish list

Volunteers for the Gallery -1st Wednesday

Log Cabin- weekends May thru September

Please call Virginia or Mary :-)

**** Chamber After Hours :-)**

Every year Chamber members are invited to visit us to see what we are all about. We will have refreshments and 2 artists, Olga "Toni" Nelson and Elissa Whittleton, have agreed to demonstrate their skills in painting and drawing.

June High Tea

Please mark your calendar for June 9, the date for **HighTea** at Sidney Gallery. This is always a fun event and the tickets go rapidly. We will be selling tickets in April and May. If you would like to attend, please call one of our Board Members. Their names and numbers are listed in this newsletter. Mrs. Orchard will be outside the door to greet you and she will be wearing an old fashioned tea dress and hat. If you are not wearing a hat, she will help you select one to wear if you would like. Our theme is **Hurrah for Hats** and we hope everyone will join with us as we look at some hats that ladies wore years ago, not only to teas, but everywhere they went. Mary Peterson who is in charge of our Museums has a nice collection of hats that you will enjoy seeing as well as possibly wearing one of them. The tickets are \$20. The members of the Board prepare the food and members of Jacob's Daughters will be helping us serve again. And, of course, Jud Turner and Abe Porter will be keeping the tea cups filled.

There will be a Silent Auction that you do not want to miss. All items are contributed by our Board of Directors and friends of SMAA. If you have something you would like to donate, or if you would like to make a basket for the Auction, please give Dottie Gauvin a call at 360-871-0796. We welcome the participation of our members.

~Art Walks~

We are participating in the Art Walks on the third Friday of each month, May through September. Our demonstrating artists in May will be Olga "Toni" Nelson and Elissa Whittleton. Our June artist will be Leroy Jesfield.

New Members– Welcome!



Christina Thompson
Edward Woods
Rebecca Guthrie
Mary McInnis

Bud Barnes
Carol Lynn Wong
Mimi Cernyar Fox
Terilyn Krueger

AT THE MUSEUMS

Mary Peterson

The Log Cabin Museum will open for the summer on Saturday, May 5th. Our theme for the opening will reflect the news of April, 1912 and will be evident if you drive by the Log Cabin. You are invited to take part in our celebration and stop by to say hello to Port Orchard's newest heroes.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to staff the cabin on a Saturday or Sunday once a month from May until September so please call me at 360-769-9551 if you'd like to spend some time with the Orchard family. On sunny days I take a chair from the cabin (or bring my own rocking chair) and sit outside, stitching or reading while I enjoy the scenery. You are welcome to bring a friend. On Saturdays we're open from 11:00 to 4:00 and on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00. If you or your family and friends would like to visit the Log Cabin at any other time please call me and we will arrange for a docent to show you around.

The Sidney Historical Museum will be open six days a week during the Gallery's new business hours, 10:00 to 4:00, Tuesday through Saturday and 1:00 to 4:00 on Sundays. Our hat collection will be a part of the June High Tea so we'll be ironing ribbons, sprucing up feathers and flowers and rearranging veils. The mercantile shop holds all the fru-fru and finery that a lady requires when attending a High Tea and as well as the silk threads, needles and laces to repair them.

We continue to welcome tours of all sizes to our historical museum and we've discovered that ringing the school bell is often the highlight of a childrens' tour. Not only because it makes a wonderful sound, but because it scares the dickens out of the visitors downstairs!

As part of our community outreach program we will be presenting a program at the Library in May, complete with a rare and wonderful hairwreath and the directions to make one!

:-) :-) :-)

Go paperless!

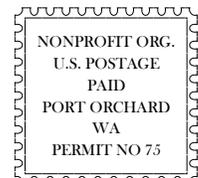
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