#### **Members--Past and Present**

Lynne Little, Membership Chair

Beginning in 1960, one of our members, Melba Moran of SMAA, was a charter member of South Kitsap Artist Association. Along with our featured member, Melba, and some of her fellow artists, Delores Steichen, Jo Granquist to name a few, starting visiting in homes and discussing how to form this association. Oil was the favored medium but soon Betty Mears from Tacoma came to one of the homes once a week to instruct them in watercolors. Soon they left the homes for school rooms and after our Gallery was formed they were invited to occasionally hang their art work. In addition the month of October was a dedicated time for them to show. In 1888, Melba's grandparents founded the town of Gorst and Melba's parents, John and Rina Lorinda raised her there. She remembers one of the first times in our building when she was about 5 or 6. Santa was upstairs and she remembers how big those chairs were that line the walls. Since her mother and aunts were artists themselves, she knew she wanted to follow that path. Melba is working mostly in pastels now and one only has to see one of her works to realize how blessed we are to have her in our Gallery.

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### TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS COMING UP AT SIDNEY GALLERY

**BUNCO PARTY**: On October 26 at 7 P.M. there will be a Bunco Party at the Gallery. We have 48 seats available so make your reservation now. Call Sherry Beck at 360-871-1008 or Kathy Joyner at 360-6067. The tickets are \$20 and will not be available at the door. In addition to the game, appetizers, wine, coffee and punch will be available and prizes will be awarded. If you have not played BUNCO before, don't worry. It is easy and will be explained to those who have never played. We sold out very early for the first Bunco Party at the Gallery, so make your reservation and get your ticket as soon as you read this! We want you to join us for a FUN-FILLED evening.

**TEA TIME**: It is not too early to start planning to attend our annual Christmas Tea on December 8 at 1 P.M. at the Sidney Gallery. Tickets are \$20 and reservations can be made by calling Dottie Gauvin at 360-871-0796 or e-mailing her at <a href="mailto:adgauvin@wavecable.com">adgauvin@wavecable.com</a>. These tickets go very fast and we would love to have you attend so make your reservation early and tickets will be mailed to you. Each member of our Board of Directors has tickets to sell. No tickets will be sold at the door and you must have a reservation to attend. This is your opportunity to come during the Holiday season when the Gallery is beautifully decorated and the Christmas Tree is filled with homemade decorations that are available for purchase. Our artists and members will have beautiful and unusual paintings, cards, and crafts for sale so it is a good place to start or finish your Christmas Shopping. There is something at the Gallery that any member of your family and all of your friends would love to have so even if you cannot join us at the Tea, please stop by the Gallery in December to see all of the lovely items available.

Since this is the last newsletter of 2012, I would like to wish all of our members a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2013.

Dottie Gauvin, Chair Fund Raising Committee

Join Us For a **Bunco Evening!** Friday October 26th 7 to 9 pm.

At the Gallery/ Museum



Tickets \$20

Light appetizers, wine,

Punch, coffee, prizes!



Call Sherry Beck 360-871-1008

Or Kathy Joyner 360-443-6067

## Christmas Tea

AT THE GALLERY

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8th** 

1 PM.

**DONATION \$20** 

**COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON WITH US AT THE GALLERY** 

For tickets please contact Dottie **Gauvin or any SMAA Board** member



# **PICTURES WITH SANTA** AT THE LOG CABIN

**DECEMBER 1st & 2nd** DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> & 9th 11 AM. TO 3 PM.

**BRING YOUR CAMERA!** 



## **ALL MEMBER HOLIDAY** PARTY

**NOVEMBER 24, 2012** 

**MEMBER MEETING 5:30 PM.** 

**FOLLOWED BY YUMMY EATS & SHOPPING UNTIL 9 PM.** 

HOLIDAY GIFTS, CRAFTS, PAINTINGS, CARDS, HOME-MADE COOKIES & CANDY

**GET AN EARLY START ON THE SEASON!**