



Log Cabin Museum

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

As the weather warms up here in the Northwest, so do the happenings at the Sidney Gallery and the Log Cabin Museum. Check out the new displays in the Sidney Museum and come visit the Orchard family in the Log Cabin.

We have many things in the works this year from Bunco parties to lunches, and from unique card decks to an Historic Home & Garden Tour (with an art twist). And coming this Fall we will help Port Orchard celebrate its 125th anniversary!

Sally Shuster

Art Classes

Space is limited for the art classes offered over the next three months, so please call to register early with Pam Heinrich, 360-876-3881. Leave me a message with your name and phone number so I can call to confirm your reservation.

April 28, Tuesday, 6 pm to 8 pm --PAINT A WINE GLASS AND WINETASTING

Jeanne Crider and LaVonne Smith will teach you how to paint on glass. Bring your own wine glass and all paints and brushes will be supplied. You do not need prior experience. The fee is \$10 and you will be tasting several different wines while you paint. There will be light appetizers and lots of fun. (The wine helps you paint better, so I am told.) This makes for a great fun night for couples!

May 11, Monday, 5:30 pm to 8 pm --BEGINNING OIL PAINTING

Roy Carr is back with his paints, brushes and still life subject for this class. You don't need prior experience and he is supplying everything you will need to go home with a small completed oil painting. The fee for this class is \$20.00. You will be painting a pear and learn cast shadow and how to paint a rounded subject with light accents. To celebrate your accomplishment, a pear tart will be served with coffee for dessert, while you sit back and admire your painting. YUM!



June 15, Monday, 6 pm to 8 pm --BEADING WITH MERCEDES BAUDRAND from That's Beautiful

You will design and make your very own unique GARDEN BRACELET. You will hand bead with flower and leaf beads making a one of a kind bracelet to give as a gift or keep. The fee for this class is \$30.00 and you do not need prior experience. All supplies will be provided, Just come and spend a fun evening creating a beautiful piece of jewelry.

Call Pam Heinrich at 360-876-3881 to register
For any of these classes

Important Dates to Remember!

Artist Receptions:

Sunday April 12, 1-4 pm. Beyond Blue, Fiber 19

Saturday, May 9, 1-4 pm. Helen Norris Open Art Show

Sunday, June 7, 1-4 pm. Cathy McClure

Events:

Artwalks-- 2-5 pm April 5, May 2, June 6

20/20 Lunch-catered by Homemade Café-April 13, 1pm

Log Cabin opening May 2nd

Ladies Night Out-- May 9th, 5-8 pm Downtown Port Orchard and the Sidney Gallery

Bunco-- May 22nd, 6:30 pm Sidney Gallery

We will be closed Easter Sunday, April 5th

South Kitsap Artists Association meet on the 4th Monday evenings of the month at the Gallery
For information call Roy Carr at 360-876-5336

~SIDNEY GALLERY PRESENTS~



April -- 'BEYOND BLUE' by Fiber 19. The month of April we are featuring an eclectic group of mixed media fiber artists. This group of women met at the University of Washington attending a Fiber Arts Certificate Program. They are basket weavers, fiber sculptors, silk painters, tapestry weavers, quilters and embroiderers. They meet monthly with the expressed objective to use their creative energy in designing new pieces of art and exhibit their art in various Seattle venues. One of their collaborative pieces will be on display which includes a dozen 12"X12" pieces made from blue chambray cloth. This show opens March 31st and closes May 1st. A reception will be held on **April 12th from 1 pm to 4 pm** with most of the artists present to demonstrate their art in action and explain their process. Come and see this exciting show.

May -- The 45th Annual Helen Norris Open Art Show. This judged show has been a favorite with artists from the Pacific Northwest. The show is open to anyone who wants to enter with a limit of two pieces of art. Please check our website www.sidneymuseumandarts.com for details to enter. The judge for this show is Barbara Mizoguchi who is the Grants Program Manager for Artist Trust in Seattle. Entries will be received in the following categories: Oils/Acrylics, Watercolor/Sumi-e, Drawing, Photography, Mixed Media and 3D Mixed Media. This show opens May 6th and closes May 30th. The reception for this show is on **May 9th, Saturday, from 1 pm to 4 pm.** (Yes, that is a Saturday!) This is a change from the regular reception day on a Sunday due to Mother's Day.



June -- 'THE ART OF PLAY' by Cathy McClure. Cathy is a metal smith working in sterling silver, bronze and steel. She received her BFA from Texas Tech University followed by her MFA from the University of Washington in 1997. She has exhibited extensively and in 2014 she was awarded an Artist Trust Fellowship for her work in the arts. This exciting show includes many mechanical toys and articulating bots. There will be a large ferris wheel installation to fascinate you. I can say we really stepped 'out of the box' to get you this show. This show opens June 2nd. A reception will be held on Sunday, **June 7th from 1 pm to 4 pm** with a music performance by Billy Joe (Cathy's husband) and Jerry of the Dusty 45's where you will be able to meet Cathy and have her explain the process of creating these wonderful robotic toys. For a preview of her art, you can visit her website: <http://cathymcclure.com>.



LETTERS TO ANNA

By Mary Peterson

Dear Anna,

March, 1915

Spring is truly here. As I write to you the sun is pouring through the kitchen windows pooling on the table like melted butter. My morning was spent outside digging up dozens of persistent dandelions while the scent of violets urged me on. The primroses are blooming and the Lily of the Valley will soon be perfuming the air. I do love spring.

Not all is sunny and bright, however. The children are battling measles and Mother Orchard is right now taking a turn upstairs where Charles and Emily are ensconced in our bed, covered from head to toe with pink spots. I think only the bottoms of their feet have escaped the bloom.

Children up and down the hill are suffering the same affliction and there are as many old-time cures and treatments as there are spots. Baths with copious amounts of baking soda seem to be the treatment of the day and it does seem to sooth the itching. We spend hours reading to the children and spoiling them with specially baked treats while keeping the room dark and cool. Actually I think there is nothing else we can do except wait it out and hope that Teddy and the baby escape the scourge.

Lewis is working long hours at the mill and the bit of extra income he brings in is welcome as we've almost finished the fruit and vegetables that were put up last year.

He and a friend managed to shoot a deer in February so we had lots of fresh meat and will soon have more jerky than I care to think about. The children think of jerky as nothing but "thick strings of old meat" and will have none of it. Mother Orchard refuses to eat it because "holding a piece of impossibly tough meat in one hand while conversing around the table is barbaric and I wasn't raised to eat as though living in a cave". I'm afraid I agree with all of them but don't want to hurt Lewis' feelings so I pretend to appreciate his efforts at providing meat for the table.

Our fair city will be 25 years old this year and all sorts of festivities are in the planning stage. There will be parades and parties and picnics and hopefully the measles (and the jerky) will be but a memory.

Give my love to your family. I hope you are all well.

Amelia

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Wish List

Stamps—we use quite a few for our various mailings -
any contribution is welcome!

Many thanks from the editor to the reporting staff

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~Hours~
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Sunday 1 to 4 pm

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Member Focus ~ Helen Langer Smith
By Lynne Little

Several of these articles have been filled with history of our Gallery and Museums and if you recall, several ladies of our past community formed an informal group of artists and lovers of art. They met in the basement of the old Sidney Hotel which later became the Navy View Apartments. When the Hotel/Apartments burned down, it coincided with the availability of the empty Masonic building, the Gallery as we now know it. This brings us to the person that this article honors, Helen Langer Smith.

She was raised in Port Orchard by her parents, Hannah and Frank Langer. After Frank returned home from WWI, he bought control of the Kitsap County Bank and also built the beautiful brick home across the street from the Gallery. Gerry Howe Bruckart along with Hannah was interested in developing an art scene in Port Orchard and together, along with others, organized the purchase of the Masonic building for an Art Center. The love of the arts was carried on by Helen and when the Log Cabin was in question, Helen urged its purchase. Her Mother and Gerry and perhaps others, bought it and donated it to the Art community.

Helen has always been very Community minded. SMAA appreciates how involved she has been through her generous Benefactor (\$1,000) membership each and every year. She was Chairman of the Board of Kitsap Bank for many years as well as a past President of Pioneer Association of WA. Her dedication didn't stop there: Active member of the Kitsap Historical Society; Admiral Theater Board member for 18 years; Governor's Mansion Foundation and a supporter of Martha/Mary. How did she find time to raise three young ladies, be a wife and also very active in her leisure life which involved hiking, lots of skiing, tennis, golf and an avid reader? Travel took them many places in Europe, Asia and Scandinavia and travel is still in their present and future years.

New Members~ Welcome!

Matt Murphy
Roy Lowry
Frances Marsh
Sarah Howard

FROM THE MUSEUMS

Mary Peterson

It's spring! We'll be preparing a selection of vintage spring gowns, hats and gloves for the dress shop in the historical museum above the Gallery and setting the scene at the Log Cabin museum for the opening in May. The Orchard family is dealing with the measles and preparing for the 25th birthday of Port Orchard. We'll begin the massive job of cataloging all of the artifacts and greeting visitors, including a family that lived in the cabin years ago. The roses are looking healthy and the newly planted heritage flowers are beginning to poke through the ground. We'll be scheduling volunteers in the very near future and look forward to opening our door for the 2015 season.

The last Wednesday of every month we hold a Santa's Workshop at the gallery from 5 until 7 pm. We work on crafts and arts for various events, including our Christmas projects for sale in December.

Everyone is welcome to join us- even if you want to just visit! We usually order pizza or you may bring your own dinner..

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