



Log Cabin Museum

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Newsletter

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Quilt Raffle—Raffle of a beautiful quilted teapot lap robe called "Short and Stout". Tickets at the Sidney Art Gallery for \$5.00 each. See page 3 for more information.

April 19, Folk Music Gathering at the Gallery, noon—5, details on page 2.

May Day Basket—April 30—May 3. See page 4.

May 1, Ladies Night Out—Diamonds and Denim—4 pm to 8 pm—see page 3.

May 23 and 24, Mosquito Fleet Fest in Downtown Port Orchard

May 27, Green Drinks (South Kitsap Chamber of Commerce) networking event at the Sidney Art Gallery, 5 pm—7 pm

Sunday, July 19, Garden Party Tea, 1pm—3pm.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES by Luella Hauenstein

Luella Hauenstein is taking a brief leave of absence as President of the Sidney Museum and Arts Association. During her absence Victoria Tierney, Vice President will serve as acting President.

Thank you to everyone who donated this year during the Kitsap Great Give. We were able to raise over \$4,000!

Mondays at the Sidney

Please join Volunteer Alicia Lockwood for Mondays at the Sidney, a recurring series of weekly programs inviting the community to engage more deeply with the SMAA's mission of **preserving history and promoting art**.

Mondays now offer a unique way to connect, reflect, and participate within the SMAA space.

• **Second & Fifth Mondays – Still Life With A Book**

Bring reading material of your choice, pick a spot, and enjoy a casual, quiet time to read in a creative and historical space. Exchange some literary recommendations or discuss your literary endeavors with others while enjoying some coffee or tea and a treat.

• **Third Monday – Creative Connections**

Bring a non-messy art project to work on in a casual, welcoming, creative environment. Themes for each month will be available to help you get inspired or offer a fun challenge. Get feedback from other artists. Enjoy creative chatter while making art and enjoying coffee or tea and a treat!

• **Fourth Monday – Then and Now: Our History**

Join us for engaging presentations and discussions that explore past and present local history, highlighting the people, places, and stories that shape our community. Share stories and make connections while enjoying coffee, tea, and a light refreshment.

~ Gallery Art Shows ~

~2026 Art Shows~

April	Treasures of the Earth
May	Helen Norris Open Show
June	Judge's Show-Shelley Wilkerson
July	Secret Garden/ Garden Art
August	Painting Ladies & Gents of Givens
September	Mixed Media/ Fiber
October	South Kitsap Artists Annual Exhibition
November / December	Christmas & Holiday

What will you create today? Check out the Treasures of the Earth community creativity project—Seven Earth Creativity Challenges—on the Sidney Museum and Arts Facebook page. Photos are posted to inspire you to get creative! Take a moment and pick up a pen, pencil or brush and create! All mediums welcome. Bring in your unframed creation (no larger than 8"x10") to the Sidney Art Gallery or post it to the Facebook thread. We will post all entries on our Treasures of the Earth wall!



pebble



leaf

One of Seven Earth Creativity Challenges

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June – Shelly Wilkerson's Art Exhibition

Shelly Wilkerson was the judge for the 2025 Helen Norris Open Art Show and is presenting some of her own work during June at the Sidney Art Gallery. Come meet Shelly and enjoy her fabulous artwork. Reception is on Saturday, **June 13, from 1 to 3 pm.**



April - Treasures of the Earth

We are celebrating natural resources and celebrating trees, water, mountains, natural landmarks and landscapes, pollinators, environmental issues and protecting the planet. April 22 is Earth Day. Enjoy the reception on **Sunday, April 12, from 1pm to 3 pm.**



Miniatures – Seasonal miniatures

Don't forget the rotating miniature wall where artists are bringing in seasonal miniatures to hang. Be sure to come and see these tiny treats to delight the eye.



May – 55th Annual Helen Norris Open Art Show

One of our most popular shows, we welcome all artists to submit up to two items in oil/acrylic, watercolor, drawing (including pen and ink, pastel, etc.), photography, both traditional and digital, mixed media (2d), and 3d artwork,. Come visit with the artists and the judge, Derek Gundy from Blackburn Art Studio in Kingston, to discover the inspirations for their images. Enjoy the reception on **Saturday, May 9, from 1 to 3 pm** and vote for the People's Choice. Application and rules available on the website at sidneymuseumandarts.com.



Seventh Folk Music Gathering at the Gallery Sunday, April 19, noon – 5 PM

Join us for music and treats featuring

Ken Jordan | Harmonica Dave & Rocky |
Rick Taylor | Elaine Dempsey | Linda
Nicole Blair | Kevin Cummings | Nick
Santangelo | Heather Reese | Art
Cothary | Jeremy Wilson | Thea Wescott
| Mike Woodford and more



Join us at the Sidney Art Gallery & Museum from 4 pm to 8 pm on May 1 for Ladies Night Out. Visit all the other participating downtown businesses. We will have a raffle basket, treats, and a giveaway. Don't miss the fun opportunity to hang with friends, get a meal and some libations and support local businesses in downtown Port Orchard.

Quilt raffle—This beautiful quilted teapot lap robe called “Short and Stout” has been donated by Debbie Sauer, a friend of the Sidney Museum and Arts Association as a fund raiser. Tickets will be on sale at the Sidney Art Gallery for \$5.00 each and the drawing will take place at our next tea. You need not be present to win!



Debbie Sauer's love of tea was inspired by her grandma Eva who drank tea (Lipton) every day. As Debbie grew older,

she realized that there were so many kinds of teas to try and enjoy. She did everything she could to learn about tea and all of the tea etiquette and health benefits of drinking tea. Debbie designed a tea room in her home where she has friends over for tea, and delights in putting on teas for their visiting friends and family. She especially enjoys themed teas for the holidays (The Grinch is a particular favorite). When her grandkids visit, they always want tea in the tea room. Debbie loves dress up to host period teas. Victorian and Renaissance are some of her favorites. Debbie is currently hosting a tea on Queen Elizabeth II's birthday and is planning a tea tasting at NDSU college. Her favorite tea remains Darjeeling!



Top: Debbie Sauer dressed in period costume. Bottom: A lovely Christmas tea



~May Day Basket~

May 1st has been associated with the labor movement since an international federation of socialist groups and trade unions designated May 1 as a day in support of workers the in 1889 to commemorate the Haymarket Riot in Chicago (1886). Prior to that, it was associated with rural pagan festivals. Because the Puritans of New England considered the celebration of May Day to be licentious and pagan, they forbade its observance, and thus it never became an important part of American culture.



However . . .

Louisa May Alcott wrote, "Such laughing, whistling, flying about of flowers and friendly feeling—it was almost a pity that May Day did not come oftener."

The May Day Basket

tradition dates back to medieval Europe where May 1 was often celebrated as a spring festival. Baskets were filled with flowers, fruits and other treats and exchanged with friends and neighbors, often anonymously, as a gesture of goodwill and to bring good fortune.

The Port Orchard Waterfront Alliance has been reviving the tradition with a friendly competition among downtown Port Orchard businesses.

We will be displaying a May Day Basket from April 30th thru May 3rd . Special thanks to Cathy Dunn and her family for collaborating on our entry!

Be sure to come and admire it and vote at the Port Orchard Market on Bay Street!

Picture by Edward Penfield, an American illustrator in the era known as the "Golden Age of American Illustration" and considered the father of the American poster. His work has been included in almost every major book on American Illustration or the history of the poster. Picture in the public domain.

Sources: *History.com, Britannica.com*

Classes at the Sidney

**Must pre-register. Call 360-876-3693 or visit our website
Sidneymuseumandarts.com
For registration**

**Date: Thursday, April 23rd
Time: 3:00 PM—6 PM**

Beginning Acrylic: Dandelion Fields

Ages: 12+

Class Fee: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members

Supplies: \$10 supply fee, or bring your own

Artist: Elena Caldier

Contact: (360) 271-0858

Minimum 3—No prior experience needed—just come ready to paint and enjoy the process.



**Date: Saturday, June 20
Time: 10 am—noon**

Collage workshop (Beginner/friendly).

**Class fee: \$40 class fee includes supplies
Minimum 5**

Artist: Yuri Billings

Join Yuri Billings for a relaxing and creative collage workshop! No experience needed—just come and enjoy the process.

What you will do:

- ◆ Learn basic collage techniques
- ◆ Choose images and materials
- ◆ Create your own original artwork

You are welcome to bring your own images if you would like.

Date: Saturday, June 27

Time: 11 am—2 pm

Fused Glass Making. Come play with glass!

Class Fee: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members

Supplies: \$25 per item

Artist: Cheryl Buckel

After you have created your project Cheryl will fire it and return it to the gallery within a week.



**Mosquito Fleet Fest
May 23 and 24, 2026
Downtown Port Orchard**

Don't miss the Mosquito Fleet Fest on May 23 and 24 on the waterfront in downtown Port Orchard. There will be a vendor market, including an art alley sponsored by the South Kitsap Artist Association, story sails on the Carlisle II, history walk through downtown Port Orchard, and so much more. The Sidney Museum will be a stop during the history walk. The Log Cabin Museum will be open both days. Come see our great diorama showing all the stops these boats made in our area and in Puget Sound.

The Mosquito Fleet connected the early settlements not only with Seattle, but with each other. From the first steamboat operated by the Hudson Bay Company in 1836, various boats and transportation companies competed for the business of transporting people and goods in an area where water transportation was much easier than travel by land.



Carlisle II by Roy Carr

Carlisle II built in 1917 by Lummi Island Navigation Company was employed as a combination passenger and freight carrier for the Carlisle Packing Company cannery on Lummi Island. In 1923 it was converted into an automobile ferry, which required removing a section of the forward hull above the waterline to allow vehicles to roll on and off. After being sold to Horluck Transportation Co. in the mid-1930s, the hole was closed, and the boat was reconfigured as a foot ferry again. Since 1936, under the new ownership of the Horluck Transportation Company, Carlisle II began service as a foot ferry between Bremerton and Port Orchard, where she continues under the ownership of Kitsap Transit today.



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Things we are looking for:

We are looking for Fathoms O'Fun pins and other mementos that we can use along with memories and pictures from Days of '49 to add to our collection. If you have anything to donate, please bring it by the Sidney Art Gallery and Museum or call Christine Stansbery at 360-990-0573.

With many thanks to our volunteers:

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~Hours~

Monday-Thursday, and Saturday 11 am to 4 pm

Sundays 1 to 4 pm

Call for other days

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- * Come visit the Gallery and Museums! Find unique local art and gifts.
- * Volunteer at the Gallery/ Museum and Log Cabin
- * Sign up on Fred Meyer Community Rewards
- * Consider renewing your membership at the Patron level to take advantage of the NARM membership. Information on NARM is found on www.sidneymuseumandarts.com

If you would prefer to have your newsletter delivered via email, please send your request to info@sidneymuseumandarts.com. This will save us postage and you receive the e-newsletter in color in an easy-to-read format!

~Call For Volunteers~

Questions about volunteering with us?

**Call Sidney Art Gallery 360-876-3693 or
Email: smaasidney@sidneymuseumandarts.com.**

New artists at the Sidney Art Gallery:

Nancy Adams
John Burkholder
Jack Givens
Alicia Lockwood
Dee Marie
Zena Mitchell
Rodika Tollefson