

Artistic Beginnings

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Calendar - Upcoming Events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 24 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 25 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 26 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 27 - FTLOA Show at Longview Public Library	January 28 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	January 29	January 30
January 31						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6
February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13
February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20
February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	February 26	February 27
February 28						

News!

January 28 FTLOA meeting at Totally Crazy:

Be sure to bring a piece of your artwork for the Artist of the Month competition.

FTLOA show at Longview Public Library:

The show ends on Wednesday January 27. Please, those of you who have art showing there, **REMEMBER TO PICK IT UP ON THIS DAY**. Pickup can be any time during business hours – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Angela will be there at the end of the day and take any pieces that are left to Totally Crazyed. If you don't pick up your artwork, and Angela has to do this, be prepared to face Angela's wrath.

Karen Straube, from the library, says that our show is quite popular.

Angela Ankenman

I have two large saw blades I am working on for a local resident. Both commissioned. One is a huge circular about 2ft in diameter. The other is a long hand saw with two handles on one side.

I have made a painting of the new Boeing plane. It's commissioned for a Boeing employee who designed the wings.

I am working on a waterfall painting for a couple who live in the Tacoma area.

I plan to start a 24"x48" painting of Lake Sacajawea. It will possibly hang in the executive offices at Fibre. If not, I will sell it.

Lastly, I am tutoring a young girl how to draw in charcoal.

Jacques Drapeau

This past fall, I was able to sell 5 paintings at the Rainier Marina Market, and one painting to a fellow who saw it in the Columbian Artists Association display in a window at the Merk. I also sold prints, greeting cards, and calendars made from my paintings, primarily at the Rainier Marina Market.

Beth Leeper:

Hi! My hubby and I are moving out of Cowlitz County on January 26th. We've been able to purchase a home in Washougal, Washington, after being in a rental for 2½ years. The years after selling our Longview house have been spent on Ocean Beach Highway/Nichols Boulevard. We've had a 2-year search for a place to retire.

Living in the rental gave me fodder for an ever growing tendency for whining/complaining, BUT it also gave me a physical and emotional place to paint, sketch, and sew to my heart's content. In addition we had the opportunity to participate in the housing stimulus money...the 'extra' time renting translated into thousands of dollars. This last year we've spent time living with a graduating MM granddaughter, mourning the sudden death of my sister, a 3-month experience of my husband's battle with staph infection and 2 blood clots after a minor procedure. All of these things have created a new depth to our character -- like I wasn't enough of a character -- and an appreciation for God's timing.

A highlight of 2009 was FTLOA, and being around you all. Especially Barbara with all the energy, passion, talent, and drive to spread the wealth by heading up a group that encourages loving any form of art. FTLOA provides a place for ordinary people to bring out in the light of day their art and share it with each other. Acceptance and encouragement filled the meeting room, giving all of us a sense of affirmation and our passions validation.

Thank you all for the experience of a lifetime!

Beth Leeper

FTLOA President's Message:

Members:

As we start the New Year many opportunities have already started coming in for our club.

- Laurel Murphy is working on getting information to us about opportunities to stage exhibits in conjunction with a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the major eruption of Mt. St. Helens.
- Sue Drummond and Jan Moon are working to develop an annual festival for Rainier, Oregon. Our club has the opportunity to be part in this groundwork.
- Kathleen [I don't know who Kathleen is] is working on the new Kelso Senior Center so that our club can have exhibits and workshops.
- We are scheduled to participate in Art in the Park, along with the Columbian Artists Association.

I foresee a very busy year ahead. Now comes hard work. You, the members, need to prepare for these exhibits.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela and her committee members on their hard work with the past exhibits. I would also like to thank those who stay after delivering their work to the library and helping hang and displaying the art. The exhibit looks great! Hopefully everyone will get a chance to see the exhibit.

Now ... some suggestions I would like all of you to think about so we can discuss them at our January 28th meeting:

1. With all the exhibits coming up, I feel we need to expand our exhibit committee.
2. We need an Information Person. The job would consist of being a main contact person, so all members will have one person to contact, and that person will distribute information to the appropriate persons, so information won't be duplicated or missed.
3. We need guidelines for exhibits so that everyone will know what is expected of them.
4. We need more involvement from the members (so many times I see the same people doing the work).
5. We need to start workshops and lectures.
6. Every member needs to have pictures of their work on the website.
7. We need correct and updated contact information on each member.
8. We need more members to speak up and offer suggestions and get more involved.

I cannot take credit for all of these suggestions. Several members stepped up and came up with these. I believe they are all great suggestions. If you can think of any more suggestions, please feel free to let me know.

Angela will be sending out an email on times for pickup at the Library.

Everyone get busy ... we have a lot of exhibits coming up!

Barbara

Birthdays!

Folks having birthdays coming up prior to our February 25 meeting are ...

- Jean Jakus, January 27.
- Catherine Walquist, January 27.

Happy Birthday!

Artist of the Month, Still: Terrie Spindle

Be sure to stop by Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio and check out Terrie's exhibit, and her picture on the FTLOA web site. And thanks, Terrie, for your introduction to preventing theft from art exhibits at the most recent FTLOA meeting.

Committees:

Membership:

By my most recent count, FTLOA has 30 members.

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FTLOA Officers:

If you don't like what FTLOA is doing, these are the people to complain to.

- President – Barbara Lancaster.
- Vice President(s) – Jeanette Mahoney and Vicki Carstens.
- Secretary – Angela Ankenman.
- Treasurer – Doris Barrick.