

Artistic Beginnings



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Special Notes:

- Readers will observe that it is the now-obsolete FTLOA logo that adorns the top of this document. This is because I have not been motivated to change to the new FTLOA logo ... yet.
- **THERE WILL BE NO FTLOA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 25.** FTLOA Planning Committee members are already plenty busy dealing with the art show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center.
- **THERE WILL BE AN FTLOA MEETING ON MAY 27.**
- I've been busy, and haven't solicited member announcements for publication in **Artistic Beginnings**. As a result, there aren't many announcements. If you've got something you want announced, send it to me and I'll send it out as an announcement.

Calendar - Upcoming FTLOA Events, May and June:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 23 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 24 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 25 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 26 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 27 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 28 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center	May 29 - FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5
June 6	June 7	June 8 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
June 20	June 21	June 22 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	June 23	June 24 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio	June 25	June 26
June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30			

News and Announcements!

Showing of FTLOA Members' Art at Re/Max and Newrock Homes

FTLOA artists now showing at the **Re/Max and Newrock Homes** offices are Doris Barrick, Jacques Drapeau, Marilyn Ebel, Jerime Gray, Barbara Lancaster, Terrie Spindle, and Charles Strozyk. I am unsure as to when new artwork will go up there.

Carol Munro

Has a piece, pictured below, showing in the **Rainy Day Wildfire Exhibition**, Olympic Mills Commerce Center, SE Washington St, Portland until May 30th. You can find more about the show at <http://portlandcityart.org/2010/03/31/a-rainy-day-wildfire-omcc/>.



Janice Taitano

Her book, ***The Legend of Lutung***, is available at Totally Crazyed, for \$20. Janice will personally sign a book for you, if you so desire.

Rainier Marina Market

The Rainier Marina Market, located at 115 East "A" Street in Rainier, Oregon, opens on May 1. It is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, May through the 3rd week of December. (It is closed on July 4, which is a Saturday this year.) FTLOA artists scheduled to be vendors there include:

- **Dennis Stanley**, with his local photographs;
- **Lloyd and Bernadette Crepeau**, with quality hand-crafted jewelry;
- **Jacques Drapeau**, artist extraordinaire;
- **Barbara Lancaster**, international artist and painter;
- **Carol Munro**, unique pottery;
- **Tony Sujka**, hand-carved wood bowls;
- **Sam and Cindy Cebalus**, wood work -- signs, framed art, and gift items.

And this isn't all. If you have a hankering for gourmet hot dogs, garden gnomes, smoked salmon, various kinds of jerky, chocolate truffles, or goats milk soap ... Rainier Marina Market is **the** place to go. Stop on in! Check it out at www.rainiermarinamarket.com.

Jacques Drapeau

Has an art display at The Backstage Café, at the corner of Vine and Pacific in Kelso, through the end of May.

Birthdays!

Folks having birthdays coming up prior to our June 24 meeting are ...

- Mandi Rockwood ... May 24. Tomorrow!
- Jacques Drapeau ... June 5.
- Jeanette Mahoney ... June 7.
- Janice Taitano ... June 7.
- Clara J. Ottosen-Wilkins ... June 13.
- Terrie Spindle ... June 14.

Happy Birthday!

Artist of the Month: Catherine Walquist

Be sure to stop by **Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio** and check out Catherine's exhibit.

Committees:

Membership

FTLOA has 45 members.

Planning

Events we're working on include:

- Participation in the 1st Thursday Art Walk for June. It may be held on Friday rather than Thursday ... I don't remember where we stand on this issue. Java Joy is the place. **If you would like to participate, let Jeanette Mahoney know.**
- Perhaps another FTLOA show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center during the summer.
- FTLOA exhibition at Three Rivers Mall. When the show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center concludes at the end of may, we'll ... hopefully ... be able to get underway promptly with this.
- Kalama art show. September 11. The goal of the show is **NOT** to celebrate the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. **Linda Corder is the FTLOA contact with regard to this event.**

Getting Your Announcements into the FTLOA Newsletter:

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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. [Please don't send any complaints Vicki's way at this time. She's got enough on her plate.]
- Secretary – Angela Ankenman.
- Treasurer – Doris Barrick.

FTLOA President's Message:

Another month has come and gone and I ask myself, "Why do I care so much about this club?" The simple answer is ... Because a group of people have trusted in me to help guide, encourage, teach and support them. Let me assure you there are times I just want to walk away and never look back ... when I have to deal with people who are disruptive, disrespectful, believe they are special and should receive special treatment, and can give advice but not lift a finger to help. Sometimes those times outweigh the good times, but then an artist will walk up to me and talk about the new piece there are working on and I see the light in their eyes and hear the enthusiasm in their voice and my heart melts. That's why I care so much about this club. The artist who hungers to produce, create and learn. And when a sale is made I am ready to celebrate with them.

Ask yourself what category do you fall into ... the artist that hungers to learn and achieve, or the artist that is disruptive, disrespectful, and thinks he or she is special.

As President I take my responsibilities seriously and as members I ask you do the same.

I would like to thank Doris once again for all of her hard work toward making a successful exhibit at Mount St. Helens Visitor Center. Also, all the artists working the exhibit.

Thank you!

Barbara Lancaster