

# Artistic Beginnings



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## Calendar - Upcoming FTLOA Events, May and June:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		June 22 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio		June 24 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio		
June 20	June 21		June 23		June 25	June 26
June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				July 1	July 2	July 3
July 4 - Independence Day (USA)	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10
		July 13 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio				
July 11	July 12		July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
July 25	July 26	July 27 - FTLOA Planning Committee Meeting at Totally Crazed Ceramic Studio	July 28	July 29 - FTLOA Meeting at Totally Crazed Ceramic Studio	July 30	July 31

## News and Announcements!

### Downtown Live festivities in July and August

A party every Friday night! Commerce Ave. will be closed between Hemlock and Maple streets. Live bands will play outdoors. Most shops and restaurants will stay open until 9 pm every Friday. There will be prizes and drawings, food tasting, line dance lessons and themed events including a pet parade, movie night, business anniversary celebrations, and a kickoff party for Highlanders Grand Prix bicycle race. Young adults may even participate in spontaneous orgies in the street.

We are invited to participate if we want to! [In the event ... probably not many of us in the orgies, as only a few of us fall into the young adult category.] Organizers are inviting artists to set up in stores to show and sell their art. Let Jeanette Mahoney [jeanette@ladytek.com] know if you are interested in selling your art and what dates you would like to participate. Jeanette will tell Jeannette Palfy, who wants to “match up” your type of art to stores the best she can. Jeannette Palfy will assign you a store. Then it will be up to you to go in and contact the shop owner she assigns you to. You can both figure out what would be best. If you have a preference in stores, let Jeanette Mahoney know. You will sell your art and take your own money. The store will not be involved in that part.

Downtown Live will be an ongoing thing. If there are places available, you can sign up later. Event organizer Jeannette Palfy’s phone number is 360-903-3329 – her email is jeannette.live@gmail.com.

### Thursday Evening Art Walks

FTLOA won’t be involved in Thursday Night Art Walks during July and August.

## July FTLOA Show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center

If you've been reading your email, you've [hopefully] figured out that this ain't gonna happen.

## Rainier Marina Market

The **Artistic Beginnings** editor, who has been at Rainier Marina Market as a vendor every Saturday thus far this year, and who is a featured vendor this upcoming Saturday, has yet to see the majority of the FTLOA membership appear there as potential customers or just lookers. Come on over to Rainier on Saturday for a great event!

Rainier Marina Market is located at 115 East "A" Street in Rainier, Oregon. Doors open for business at 9:30 a.m., closing is at 3 p.m., on **Saturdays**, through the 3rd week of December. 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;

While at the market, you can feast on a gourmet Polish sausage dog, check-out goats milk soap, stock-up on goodies specially made for diabetic folk, pick-up fruit and vegetables, entertain yourself by heckling the vendors ... lots of fun things to do. Check it out on-line at [www.rainiermarinamarket.com](http://www.rainiermarinamarket.com).

## Janice Taitano

Her book, ***The Legend of Lutung***, is available at Totally Crazyed, for \$20. Janice will personally sign a book for you. Get your signed copy now! When Janice gets to be famous like Sarah Palin, she'll be able to tour the county, charging folks hundreds of dollars to sign their copies of the book, and even more to make speeches.

## Jacques Drapeau

Has art displayed at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center in a Columbian Artists Association show through the end of June (or close to it).

## Birthdays!

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

- Tracey Smith ... June 29.
- Sally Smith ... June 30.
- Carol Munro ... July 5.
- Lloyd Crepeau ... July 13.

## Happy Birthday!

## Artist of the Month: Lynn Barlett

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

## Committees:

### Membership

FTLOA has 43 members.

### Planning

Events we're working on include:

- Art in the Park. August 14. Angela Ankenman is the FTLOA contact on this event.
- 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 on this event.
- Perhaps another FTLOA show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center during the summer.

## 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:**

Members,

Once again, another month has passed and we continue to achieve our goals. By this time you are shaking your head and asking ... What goals? The goals I speak of are: our club's name has been introduced to people around the world thru promotion of our show at Mt. St. Helens Visitor Center, some of you have had your first taste of marketing yourself, some of you have stepped out of your comfort zone, and some of you have learned it takes work to promote your art. Hopefully, we have all learned from this show.

As President, I feel it is my responsibility to help encourage you to step out of that comfort zone, to learn to set goals for yourself with your art. Our Mission Statement is to Encourage, Support and Promote fellow artists. For those who want to learn, I will follow the Mission Statement, and do everything in my power to help you achieve those goals.

I have been told that a meeting place is not the place to discuss negative actions or comments. I ask you ... When and where are they to be discussed? If I discuss these things one-on-one ... How is the club to learn from these mistakes and discuss better ways things could be handled either by me or the person involved? I have never mentioned a person by name until I was face to face with them.

I continue to be proud of our club, its members and their hard work to promote their art.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Lancaster, President