

# Artistic Beginnings



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## News and Announcements!

**FTLOA Planning Committee meeting – Tuesday July 27 – 12 noon – Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio**

**FTLOA Meeting – Thursday July 29 – 5:30 pm – Totally Crazy Ceramic Studio**

**Art in the Park – August 14**

Almost 60 vendors have committed to be there. The deadline for signing up to be a vendor is the end of July. If you're not signed up to be a vendor, and you want to be, you'd better do it. Angela Ankenman is the FTLOA contact on this event.

**Clatskanie Bluegrass Festival – August 6 - 8**

This event draws a collection of local and regional bands and their fans to the Clatskanie City Park. It's funded by a grant from the Clatskanie Park and Recreation District. Local contact is Darlene Honeycutt, phone numbers 503-308-2764 and 503-728-3654, email camper@clatskanie.com. The event is soliciting vendors. Cost is \$50 for a 10'x10' space.

**Downtown LIVE festivities in July and August**

This seemed to have promise. Most shops and restaurants open until 9 pm every Friday. Commerce Avenue closed between Hemlock and Maple streets on those evenings. Live bands playing outdoors. 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.

I went downtown a couple of times on Friday July 23 to check-it-out ... 6 pm-to-6:30 pm and 8 pm-to-8:30 pm ... and found this to be a non-event. Two bands were playing music outdoors ... good bands ... but only about half-a-dozen folks were standing around listening to each of them. There was next-to-no foot traffic on Commerce Avenue.

Downtown LIVE needs more publicity. Maybe it should include a street fair. If YOU have any great ideas for making it work, the person to contact is event organizer Jeannette Palfy - phone number 360-903-3329 - email jeannette.live@gmail.com.

[Perhaps, if there were to be a street orgy on Commerce Avenue during Downtown LIVE, and the Longview Police were called in to break it up, this would generate the needed publicity. Ozzy Osbourne long ago demonstrated that even bad publicity is good publicity. However, I doubt that this is the kind of suggestion that Ms. Palfy would be looking for.]

### **FTLOA Sale at Hoffstadt Bluffs**

7 people participated in our sale at Hoffstadt Bluffs. It was a fun and fast 5 days, with lots of interesting talk with people from all over the world.

The people at Hoffstadt were very friendly and helpful. They were impressed with our art, and have invited us back ... no dates have been decided as of today (July 23). We were able to be downstairs (rather than upstairs) since there were just a few of us showing. With a restaurant there, we were able to have some very good food for lunch.

Sorry so many missed out on all the fun.

Pictures of the show will be on the FTLOA website soon, thanks to Terrie Spindle and Randy Lancaster.

### **Birthdays!**

FTLOA member having a birthday coming up prior to our August 26 meeting is ...

- Ron Gaul ... August 23.

### **Happy Birthday!**

## **Committees:**

### Planning

Events we're working on include:

- Kalama art show. September 11. Linda Corder is the FTLOA contact on this event.
- Another FTLOA show at Hoffstadt Bluffs.

### **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.
- Secretary – Angela Ankenman.
- Treasurer – Doris Barrick.

### **FTLOA President's Message:**

Members,

Another month has come and gone. Soon our first year will be behind us.

This has been a busy month. Hopefully next year will be as busy.

In August we will be taking nominations for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for our next fiscal year. At September's meeting we will cast our votes, and announce the new officers.

Don't forget membership dues are just around the corner (September).

I hope everyone has a busy summer!

Barbara Lancaster, President