

2011

JANUARY

Have a Happy New Year and Artful New Year!

What do you do to brighten the winter and welcome the New Year? You make art! The Port Ludlow Artists' League's group show, "**Winter Impressions**" will continue to hang in the lobby of **Columbia Bank** and **The Inn at Port Ludlow**. The participating artists each have a unique vision of the winter season's beauty in all its majesty; scenes to inspire and contemplate, to warm the heart or to lighten the soul with a chuckle during this chilly time of year.

Join the Artists for their **First Friday Reception, January 6th from 4-6 pm in the lobby of Columbia Bank, Port Ludlow, and from 5-6 pm in the Gallery adjacent to the bank**. It's a good way to stretch the holidays just a little bit longer, meet artists and friends, and take in a little cool beauty all at the same time!

In addition to the group show, Port Ludlow's merchants are participating with even more artwork hanging in their offices. Drop in, wish them a "Happy New Year," and check out the wonderful art decorating their walls during January, February, and March.

Active Life Physical Therapy – Vince Binder
Coldwell Banker – Winifred Whitfield
Columbia Bank conference room – Jeanne Joseph
Home Instead Senior Care – Branan Ward
Mats Mats Chiropractic – Fran Bodman
Port Hadlock Medical Clinic - Karen Pratt Riggen
Port Ludlow Community Church - Karen Pratt Riggen
Port Ludlow Golf Course – Gary Griswold

And, in participation with the Port Ludlow Arts Council, artists will be exhibiting at the following concerts: Friday, January 20th – Virginia Moyer
 Friday, February 17th – Jeanne Joseph
 Saturday, March 10th – Barbara Adams
 Saturday, April 14th – Bob Jamison

Local Resident Eludes Scam

Watercolor painter Joy Herring recently received an e-mail from someone who wanted to purchase four of her paintings that appeared on the Artists' League website. The prospective purchaser, Audrey Briggs, sent an over-night FedEx delivery check for the amount of purchase plus \$3,000 extra for shipping. Herring was to cash the check, ship the paintings and send a Western Union money transfer for any remaining balance. Herring informed the buyer that a money transfer would not be sent to her for any paintings until the check had cleared. Herring then checked with Bank of America, issuer of the check, who said it was bogus. Because neither paintings nor money had been transferred to the buyer, Herring was not out of pocket. However, she says it was a hassle. Others should be cautious when engaging in commercial exchanges involving the Internet. Herring says, "I certainly don't want anyone else to experience this." Reporting the event helped two other artists who subsequently had the same experience.

Boogie-Woogie Piano Man at Roadhouse Cabaret

Doors open at 3:00 p.m. for table selection, beverage purchase and viewing an art exhibit of drawings in colored pencil by Artists' League member Jeanne Joseph. Put a table together with neighbors and friends—save money by using a six-punch Flex Pass that will allow you to bring six people for \$111. Individual tickets sell for \$20 each.

FEBRUARY

Silent Art Auction Helps Chimacum Students

The Port Ludlow Artists' League is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Scholarship Auction on **Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26**. This year the auction will be in a new location, the Bridge Deck, just off Oak Bay Road near the Beach Club. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up artwork and art-related items by local artists and at the same time help college-bound Chimacum High School students. With generous community support the League has been able to provide over \$13,000 of college scholarship money from previous auctions. Fifteen area students have been helped in their pursuit of a higher degree because of this money. As in previous years items up for bid may include original paintings in oils, watercolors and pastels; prints; photographs; pottery; tiles; textiles; jewelry; baskets of art supplies for visiting grandchildren or for a budding adult artist; tuition to local art classes and cards. All works donated are from members of the Port Ludlow Artists' League and other local artists.



Items will be offered through a silent auction with bidding opening at noon on **Friday, March 25**, and running through 8:00 p.m. that night. The Auction opens again at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 26**, ending at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. Winning bidders may pick up their items at the Bridge Deck through 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. A special reception and viewing of the auction items will be held at the Bridge Deck on **Friday, March 25**, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, to donate an art-related item or to donate money for the scholarships, please contact Ginny Ford.

Port Ludlow Artists' League

Photographer Gary Settle is the Port Ludlow Artists' League Artist of the Month with an exhibit throughout the month of February in Columbia Bank. Retired 11 years ago from a photojournalism career, Settle explained, "I gave myself a project, to make sure I took a photograph a day." It was a personal challenge to keep being curious about seeing things. Most days it culminated in a positive and satisfying experience but sometimes it was a chore. "There were days when it was just like work!" His exhibit will be a sampling of enlarged pages from this project.

"I'd done this picture-a-day twice before, in 2004 and 2007, and it's fascinating to look back at them," he said. Each year is bound into a 365-page book by a local bookbinder, Dave Myhre. "Patti said I had to do it again. We have three sons, and they'd each want one."

Born and raised in Kansas, Settle and artist wife, Patti, have been Olympic Terrace residents for over six years. Growing up, Gary always looked forward to the family's annual vacation "somewhere out West." During those trips he took pictures with his Kodak Brownie camera, then with his father's Rolleiflex. His father taught him how to develop film and make prints; by his 16th birthday he landed a part-time job as a darkroom boy and photographer at his hometown newspaper. That was the start of a 45-year career in photojournalism at several newspapers. He won the National Press Photographers' Association (NPPA) award for Newspaper Photographer of the Year, while working for the *Chicago Daily News* in the late sixties, 15 years after that first job. He was hired by *The New York Times* two years later and earned the title yet again.

Settle came to the Pacific Northwest in 1979 to accept a job as the Assistant Managing Editor/Graphics at *The Seattle Times*, where he was responsible for supervising the photography and art departments as well as the overall design of the newspaper. League members and Port Ludlow friends are invited to view Settle's exhibit at the "First Friday Reception," **Friday, February 4**, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the lobby of Columbia Bank and from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery adjacent to the bank.

Artists' League Meeting – February 16th

Artist Marti Mathis will be giving a demonstration of "Watercolor Wraps and Framing Ideas" at the PLAL February meeting. Mathis received a certificate in the Fundamentals of Fine Art in 1998, and continues to learn from her own library of over 100 art books. She has studied watercolor with Al Stein, Caroline Buchanan and Danny Adams. Her watercolors have been exhibited in local Northwest shows and her pieces have received several awards. She also teaches watercolor classes in Poulsbo.

Marti loves watercolor for its glow and integrates her art studies and experience into her own realistic painting style. Her paintings can be seen at the Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery next to Columbia Bank

"Seeing an idea come to life by composing, drawing and preparing that idea for color on paper is an important part of my art process," says Marti. "I paint in a realistic style and also take advantage of the movement and rhythm the paint takes when it meets with wet paper."

Although Marti paints a variety of subjects, she is known for her vibrant floral paintings. She is drawn to any scene by the same elements, "The sunlight, shadows, reflections, shapes and shadow patterns are what attracts me to a scene and inspires me to capture those elements on



Friends Conversing Through Music

Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents the visual art of Patti Settle in conjunction with this concert. An exhibiting member of the Port Ludlow Artists' League, one of her paintings, "Winter Holding Back Spring," was featured last year on the cover of the arts section of *The Leader* and on the back cover of the *Voice*. Her poster design was used in the publicity for Port Ludlow Days 2010 and she has exhibited at Art Walk and in the Harbormaster Gallery as well as at The Inn

MARCH

PLAL Artist of the Month

Bob Jamison's oils, portraits and landscapes will grace the walls of Columbia Bank as the Artists' League Artist of the Month in March. The League will honor him at its "First Friday Reception at the bank," **Friday, March 4**, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., and from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Artists' League Gallery next door. Jamison will also be featured artist during March and April with a one-man show at the Beach Club Gallery.

Artists' League Meeting

"My work is both my journey and my adventure," says Jeannie Fine who will be speaking and demonstrating her techniques with pastels at the monthly Port Ludlow Artists' League meeting. Fine came to the Pacific Northwest by way of Northern California and the East Coast states of Maine and New Hampshire. Her father was a sailing captain and boat builder, and her uncles were oystermen, shrimpers and boat designers. "As long as I can remember, I have watched the world around me with the eyes of a painter."

Fine's major at the California College of Arts and Crafts, in Oakland, was printmaking and specifically etching. As she moved from the west to east and back again, she became a Master Printer, printmaking instructor, watercolorist and then fell in love with pastels. Her works, in all three mediums, have been in juried exhibitions and galleries from Maine to Washington; and her pieces may be found in private collections in California, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, South Dakota and Washington. Fine's publications include *From Whalesback to Breakneck Hill – A Painter's Journey in 2006*; *The Maine Event in 2008*; and *A Pastel Journey*, on-line at "The Shape of Water II" on the Port Townsend Virtual Art Museum site.

APRIL

Artist's League Meeting

Port Townsend artist Kathy Francis will be guest speaker at the April Port Ludlow Artists' League meeting. She will share her love and mastery of "en plein air" painting, the American tradition of painting on location. To capture the light and colors particular to that place, she takes her paints and easel outdoors, sometimes returning to the site several times to complete a painting. As Ms. Francis tells it, "The only studio work done is removing imbedded bugs and dirt, adding my signature and a final coat of varnish!"

Her formal art training includes Seattle Central Community College, Pratt Institute and the Seattle Academy of Fine Arts. She feels, however, that her most profound learning has been with artist/mentors, such as Diane Ainsworth of Port Townsend, Bill Elston of Seattle and Michael Drury, John Iwerks and Whitney Abbott of Santa Barbara. In addition, Francis enjoys the company of many “plein air” artists who get together at various sites around Port Townsend and Santa Barbara to give support and encouragement to each other. Between March and November, she paints on location at least twice a week, whatever the weather. Francis adds, “In the Northwest, this can be quite an emotional and physical challenge which is why we call ourselves ‘The Weather or Not’ group.”

Francis will be talking about her experiences as a “plein air” painter, both challenges and rewards, sharing examples of her paintings. She will be demonstrating her painting techniques at the meeting, talking about her process as she paints. Guests are welcome to attend this Artists’ League meeting, social time and program in the Bay Club on **Wednesday, April 20**, at 1:00 p.m. A guest fee of \$5 is collected for individual meetings or dues of \$30 will provide a year of inspiring programs for art lovers and artists of all levels. More information can be obtained by contacting President Wanda Mawhinney

PLAL Artist of the Month

Patti Settle, April’s Artist of the Month, began her formal art education at the University of Kansas. With the urging of a professor, she took a semester to study art at the Art Institute of San Miguel de Allende, an international art colony on mainland Mexico. De Allende evolved as an art center after WW2 when the returning GI’s who wanted to study the arts, both visual and musical, could not find such centers in the U.S., and is now recognized world-wide.



Returning to the states, Settle graduated with a BFE and a minor in drawing and painting from Washburn University in Topeka, KS. Since that time she has done further study with Peggy Zehring, Director of the LaVeta School of the Arts, CO, and with Max Grover and Don Tiller, both from Port Townsend, WA.

In 2009 Settle shared in a two-person show at the Small World Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas, with photographer husband, Gary. At the same time she participated in an alumni art show at Washburn University where her painting was chosen as the signature artwork for the University gallery’s exhibition. It was used on brochures, a catalog, and the banner hanging outside of Mulvane art museum. In 2010, Settle was Artist in Residence at the Red Barn Studio and Museum in Lindsborg, KS for a month. She has previously been was Artist of the Month at American Marine Bank - Port Ludlow, shown at juried shows at Northwinds gallery in Port Townsend, and shows each month at the Artists’ League gallery in Port Ludlow. Settle has participated in the Port Ludlow League art walk, and was part of a two-day indoor show last summer at Port Ludlow Days. In April of 2012 she is having a two-month show at the Birger Sandzen Museum in Lindsborg, KS

MAY

Artists' League Artist of the Month

Jim Watson-Gove is the Artists' League Artist of the Month with his acrylic abstract paintings and accompanying poetry gracing the walls of Columbia Bank throughout the month of May. Watson-Gove began painting in watercolors in 1949, his sophomore year of high school, and began painting in oils in his 20s. He discovered the Expressionists in the 1950s, abstract expressionism shortly after, and has never looked back. Today he works in ink, watercolors, gouache, acrylic and mixed media. He is essentially self-taught, although he attends art classes periodically and spent a few years in the company of Richard Allen Morris, a San Diego abstract painter.

In addition to being a painter, his other love is writing poetry. Watson-Gove is the Editor/Publisher of *Minotaur*, a literary quarterly established in 1975. His poetry has appeared in small press magazines since the 1960s. Watson-Gove often combines poetry and paint to produce art that explores the boundary. His major influences are Hans Hofmann, Judy Chicago, Jackson Pollock and Richard Allen Morris.

Watson-Gove will be honored at the League's "First Friday Reception," **Friday, May 6**, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Bank, as well as at the Artist's Gallery adjacent to the Bank, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend the reception and the exhibit. You can see an example of the Watson-Gove's paintings on the *Voice* website, plvoice.org. It is accompanied by a poem written by the artist that describes the work.

JUNE

Think Outside the Box

What do you get when you think outside the box? Come join the Port Ludlow Artists' League for their meeting on **Wednesday, May 18**, and see creativity stretched to the limit! Gallery Chair Jeanne Joseph has challenged the members of the Artists' League to apply art in the mediums of their choice, depicting everyday clichés, those common little words that we use in our everyday life, such as "Put your money where your mouth is," and "Make hay while the sun shines." Members picked a cliché from a little brown bag that Jeanne brought to earlier meetings—no peeking and no trading of those little tried, and sometimes true, sayings! Awards for most original, best fit of art-to-cliché as well as other categories will be awarded as each entry is judged and voted on by the members at the meeting. The whole collection of art will be on display during "Group Show" in July. Guests are welcome to attend this monthly meeting, social time and program in the Bay Club on **Wednesday, May 18**, at 1:00 p.m. A guest fee of \$5 is collected for an individual meeting or dues of \$30 will provide a year of inspiring programs for art lovers and artists of all levels.

PLAL Meeting – June 15

The ancient practice of alchemy, transmuting metal into gold, is alive and well in Port Ludlow. Well, sort of! **Mary Lynn Laker**, jewelry artist, will be demonstrating the ancient Japanese art of Keum-Boo for the June 15th meeting. The word Keum - Boo literally meaning "attached gold," is the process of attaching gold to another metal, usually silver. It has become a technique many jewelry artists are now doing out of necessity as the cost of gold increases.

Mary Lynn, looking for new techniques to give her jewelry a bit of an edge, became interested in the process several years ago. Primarily working in silver, the use of gold accents gave Laker her edge. "I had heard of the process, but did not have a clue as to how to do it. My usual method of learning a new technique is to check out the web, buy a book, and read how to do it. If that doesn't accomplish the job, then I find a class to take," says Mary Lynn. "What makes this technique nice is that there aren't a lot of supplies or special equipment necessary." Still using her primary medium of silver, Laker, through Keum-Boo, enhances her pieces with gold, bringing her designs an extra dimension and sparkle.

Mary Lynn has always been interested in design, first at the age of five with fabric and learning to sew, and secondly, photography. Her grandfather, an early pioneer in the NW, photographed the big steam engines at work. Amazed that he pointed a small box at something, went into a dark room and came out with a picture, she too, took up photography. As she got older, other artistic endeavors and mediums beckoned and overshadowed photography. She has used clay, paper, encaustic (wax), collage, metals and photography to bring her artistic ideas alive, but jewelry is her main focus, with several of her jewelry designs featured in jewelry publications.

JULY

Art Show Gallery at Festival By The Bay

The 2011 Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery of Art will debut at a fabulous Wine and Cheese Party at the Harbormaster on **Friday, July 29**, at 6:00 p.m. The Inn At Port Ludlow will provide the wine and the League will provide cheese and crackers. Wear your Festival Button and receive your first glass of wine free. This Art Show during the Festival By The Bay replaces the League's 10th annual Art Walk and will showcase the fine art work of 33 artists from Port Ludlow and surrounding areas all under one roof. The show opens in the morning **Saturday, July 30**, at 10:00 a.m. and closes **Sunday, July 31** at 4:00 p.m. Your eyes and hearts will feast on beautiful art pieces and you'll have a great opportunity to visit with the local artists and talk with them about their work or commission them to design a special piece of jewelry, glass plate or mask, gourd, floor cloth, gift or a painting for your home in various media.

Many of the artists will have affordable cards and prints for you to buy and take home. Some of the artists will be demonstrating their talents, such as Jodie Morris weaving a shell or stone into her creative pine needle baskets. And there are new artists to the League, Randy and Sallie Radock from Sequim, showing their block prints and photography, Winifred Whitfield with her digital photo art and Sharon Zablutney with her silversmith expertise, to mention only a few. This special weekend promises to be the place to be to celebrate why we live in such a beautiful part of this country. And each artist has his/her own story to share with you; share your story with them! Help kick off the Gallery with a celebration on **Friday, July 29** at 6:00 p.m. Wear your button and be there!

Artists' League Displaying Artists

Barbara Adams – pen & ink, watercolor, acrylics

Ann Arscott –

pastels, oils, watercolors, sumi-e

Janie Ballard – watercolor, collage, photography, pen & ink

Jeanette Best – acrylics

Fran Bodman – acrylics, pastels

Andrea Cheatwood – ceramics
Betty Cooper – watercolors
Beverly Cooper – jewelry
Judy Danberg – jewelry, quilt art
Nancy Dunn – cross-stitch
Carol Durbin – acrylics, sumi-e
Shirley Fleming – pastels
Ginny Ford – photography, jewelry, pastels
Gary Griswold – watercolors
Bill Hansen – pastels, oils, watercolors
Linda Henderson – jewelry
Lenetta Johnson – acrylics, collage, photography
Jeanne Joseph – hand-painted floorcloths, colored pencil
Reg Kleweno – jewelry
Mary Lynn Laker – jewelry
Cynthia Lawson – oils
Wanda Mawhinney – acrylics
Jodie Morris – baskets, jewelry
Shirley Otis – greeting cards, clay figures
Randall Radock – block printing, photography
Sallie Radock – block printing, photography
Penny Sanzaro – watercolors
Patti Settle – acrylics
Gary Settle – photography, greeting cards
Judy Thomas – glass sculpture
Ken Thomas – glass sculpture
Winifred Whitfield – digital photo art
Sharon Zabloutney – jewelry

AUGUST

Artists' League Meeting

by Linda Karp, Contributing Writer

The Port Ludlow Artists' League will celebrate summer with a picnic and special hands-on meeting on Reggie Kleweno's front deck, **Wednesday, August 17**. Known for his exquisite sterling silver jewelry with natural gem stones, Reggie will conduct a ring-making class. League members will make their own custom ring under his tutelage. Prior sign-up is required and the sterling silver materials will be offered in a range of \$40 to \$80. Painters are welcome to bring their easels and take advantage of the beautiful views from the deck.

Kleweno started with a B.S. degree in Geology from Washington State University (WSU) in 1958 and began a 20-year hobby of collecting gem materials in the Western states and Southwestern deserts. With an abundance of raw material, he joined a club that offered classes in lapidary, silver-smithing principles, casting and jewelry fabrication. Marketing of his custom jewelry continued when his work schedules permitted until retirement from Aerospace Engineering and subsequent relocation to Washington.

Once settled on the Olympic Peninsula, he set up his shop and became active in the Port Townsend Rock Club. There he taught stone cutting, shaping and polishing and beginning silversmithing. Kleweno began marketing his creations in earnest in 2002. His creations can be

seen at the Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery and area markets including Port Ludlow on Fridays, Kingston on Saturdays and Port Gamble on Sundays. Other venues include: the Port Townsend Arts and Crafts Guild, bi-Annual shows and the Bainbridge Island's Christmas in the Country Holiday each December. Custom designs are also available by contacting him.

Members will meet in the parking lot of the Beach Club **Wednesday, August 17**, at 11:45 a.m., to carpool to Reggie's house. Picnic makings will be furnished by the League.

IL VOCE Raises Concert Season to a New Level of Elegance

As you arrive at 7:00 p.m. tuxedo-clad gentlemen will greet you on the red carpet as you arrive at the Bay Club for a gala evening. Dress up if you'd like to add to the celebratory atmosphere. Soon you'll be holding a glass of bubbly, sharing summer memories and fall plans with friends and neighbors and enjoying artwork by Artists' League member Elizabeth Harmon.

SEPTEMBER

Port Ludlow Artist's League Artist of the Month

September's Port Ludlow *Artist of the Month*, is painter Derek Gundy. His artwork will be celebrated on the walls of Columbia Bank, located at 9500 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow, for the whole month of September, starting with the **PLAL First Friday Reception, September 2, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the bank, and at the Artist's Gallery adjacent to the bank, from **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Guests are welcome to attend both the reception and the exhibit.



Primarily working in vibrant watercolors, he has also begun to use acrylics. His focus lately has been on wine-related paintings due to his recent branching out in a new venture, *Artistic Wine*. Gundy's whimsical touch shows up in his series of fish, mermaids and sea animals, each with bottles of wine, descending to the depths of the oceans. "Fish and water themes are a constant thread through my work," says Gundy.

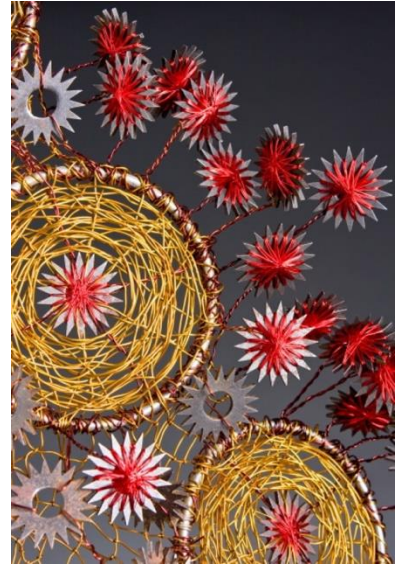
Gundy's works also allow a lightness to shine through on even serious works, giving the subject of the painting a glowing focus. A recent commission was a portrait of a young soldier who gave his all in Afghanistan. "It was an honor to work on this project, and my heart goes out to all the family members."

Gundy also teaches drawing with an emphasis on the "space" that objects occupy, not just the object itself. His methods show students how to find new ways of seeing and how to take a different approach to their drawings, a process that he has mastered well.

OCTOBER

PLAL October Meeting

Port Ludlow Artists' League is pleased to host Margie McDonald of Port Townsend at their October 19th meeting. McDonald trained in fiber arts, and inspired by nature, she transforms industrial materials into organic forms, some of which are life sized. A Canadian from Newfoundland, MacDonald received her BFA from the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, and was also an Artist Trust EDGE Program Participant, a much sought-after honor for up and coming young artists. Her solo exhibitions over the past six years have been primarily in the Northwest, but also include her show entitled *Componere* at the Leady-Volkous Art Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Juried shows, from Port Angeles to Bremerton, have presented her works, as well as in Seattle. As both author and illustrator, Xian Press published, *Brion Toss and Margie McDonald, Working Rope* in 2005.



McDonald will be bringing several sculptures on which she is currently working, and a selection of her materials and tools to work on while she talks about her process. She will also be bringing her “*Brain*” sculpture commissioned by American Scientific magazine.

Barn kitties



Artists' League Artist of the Month - September

Marti Mathis, watercolorist extraordinaire, is September's Artist of the Month, with her paintings, realistic and sometimes whimsical, on display at Columbia Bank, located at 9500 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow. She will be honored at the **PLAL First Friday Reception, September 2nd, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the bank, as well the Artists' Gallery adjacent to the bank, from **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Guests are welcome to attend the reception and the exhibit.

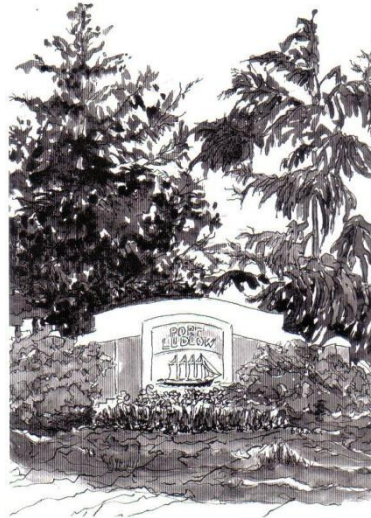
Mathis loves watercolor for its glow, taking advantage of the movement and rhythm of the paint when it meets with wet paper. Painting a changing variety of subjects, she is best known for her vibrant floral paintings. “The sunlight, shadows, reflections, shapes and shadow patterns are what attracts me to a scene and inspires me to capture those elements on paper,” she says.

League members, friends, and art enthusiasts are invited to view Mathis', “North, South, Eats and West” exhibit in the month of September during regular bank hours or see some of her paintings at the Port Ludlow Artists' Gallery on Tuesdays, and Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Catch a double header at the Port Ludlow Artists' League!

November's Artist of the Month honor is shared by **Jeanne Joseph**, the "floor mat lady", and **Barbara Adams**, known for her pencil and ink renderings of local Port Ludlow scenes. Their work will be on display at Columbia Bank, located at 9500 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow, with a kick off at the **PLAL First Friday Reception, November 4th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the bank, as well the Artists' Gallery adjacent to the bank, from **5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Guests are most welcome to attend both the reception and exhibit.



After years in visual communication, **Joseph** began an exciting career by starting her own advertising and design company, creating marketing pieces including sales displays, signage, and logo designs for which she won many awards. Her retirement in 1995 left her free to pursue experimentation in several art mediums, finally settling on painted canvas floor cloths and pencil drawings. Jeanne uses her graphic skills to combine interesting painting techniques and color in creating beautiful and fun pieces.

Adams embarked on a lifetime of drawing and painting after a grade school art teacher taught her the art of drawing in perspective. Over the years she took lessons and participated in workshops, and in 2004 began using watercolor pencils, and pen and ink to paint golf course scenes, as well as local points of interest. Her paintings in acrylics, watercolor, and/or mixed media have been accepted in juried art shows at Northwind Art Center in Port Townsend, and currently, has an exhibit in Niblick's Cafe at the Port Ludlow Golf Clubhouse, running through December. At the Bay Club's Quilt and Craft Show on **Wednesday, November 2**, Adams will take orders for personalized holiday greeting cards featuring an image of your own home.

Beat the Rush and Crowded Malls!

Holiday gift shopping begins at the Port Ludlow Artists' League "Christmas Shoppe" officially opening on **Friday, November 4**. The artists will be stocking the walls and tables with their latest works of art: Oils, pastels, watercolors, acrylics, photographs, fused glass, block prints, jewelry, cards and lots of small gift items, unique and special. Come join the artists at the "First Friday Reception," **Friday, November 4**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and enjoy the refreshments while getting into the holiday spirit. The Gallery is located next to the Columbia Bank on Oak Bay Road, and will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with free and convenient parking.

Artists' League November Meeting

A.K. Anderson, collage artist, will be the featured speaker at the Port Ludlow Artists' League meeting on **Wednesday, November 16**. Anderson, well-known for her three-dimensional collages, is a Poulsbo artist who has shown her work in local galleries in the Northwest as well

as in shows across the country. "The assemblage boxes I have been creating since 1996 are inspired by my attraction to found objects and enjoyment in the contrast of mixed textures," said Anderson. She explains that assemblage began as an experimental medium for Pablo Picasso, Marcel Duchamp and Jean Dubuffet and became an acknowledged medium by the 1950s with modern artists George Braque, Kurt Schwitters, Man Ray, Robert Rauschenberg and Joseph Cornell. Anderson is a signature member of the National Collage Society and has won numerous awards for her artwork. Her work may be seen at www.nationalcollage.com.

Anderson's works include unique themes built around rough wooden hearts, vintage toys and seascapes among other things. "I have discovered," she said, "that the very choice of the objects assembled often triggers a distant memory, the way a song can define a specific time in your life." She began her assemblage art while attending the Burnley School of Professional Art, now called The Art Institute of Seattle. "Themes are revealed by various moments as I move through my everyday activities, as well as travel, a mood, a miracle, an impression, someone's implied dream, a lyric, a memory or an object."

DECEMBER

A Different Kind of Christmas Giving

From an Internet Source

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods. Some think this merchandise is the only gift alternative because nothing is manufactured in the United States anymore. Wrong! It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs a thing? Local services offer great gift opportunities. Here are some suggestions for novel but universally appreciated gifts. Although edited, these suggestions come courtesy of an anonymous provider via the Internet. Everyone gets his or her hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber? Massages, facials and other self-improvement treatments make good gifts as well. Maybe mom or sister Sue would like her nails done. Gym memberships are appropriate for all ages thinking about health improvement. Golf course memberships and lessons for the kids or grandkids are gifts that keep on giving. Speaking of kids, donate to their college fund. With the price of education these days, they'll need it. Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American-owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Winter Impressions Exhibited

The artists of Port Ludlow invite you to join them on **Friday, December 2**, for the opening of their "*Winter Impressions*" group show at Columbia Bank. A reception will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the Bank and 5:00 to 6:00 p. m. at the adjacent gallery. The show is a display of each artist's interpretation of winter in his or her own medium, and as always, covers an impressive variety of talent. Artists, friends and guests are welcome to this celebration of winter that will be on display December through January.

Along with the group show, the Artists' League Gallery "Christmas Shoppe" is currently filled with wonderful works of art, big and small, to delight even the most difficult people on your Christmas list.

In addition to the bank and Gallery, local merchants will be featuring even more artwork for your viewing pleasure. Stop by these businesses in December to say, "Hi!" and take a peek at the wonderful artwork our community has to offer:

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- Columbia Bank Conference Room – Mary Lynn Laker
- Home Instead Senior Care – Fran Bodman
- Mats Mats Chiropractic – Virginia Moyer
- Port Hadlock Medical Clinic – Amy Weber
- Port Ludlow Community Church – Rick McKenzie
- Port Ludlow Golf Course – Barbara Adams
- The Inn At Port Ludlow, “Winter Holiday” – jewelers and artists

If you are lucky enough to have tickets for the Arts Council’s concert on **Sunday, December 4**, featuring the Good Lovelies, enjoy the work of Judy Thomas, the exhibiting artist.

This year’s fare is a traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings provided by the Silverwater Café. Beverages, coffee and tea are included. All Bluebills, spouses and retired Boeing folk are cordially invited. We also extend a warm and friendly invitation to anyone interested in helping bring the joys of Christmas to individuals who may not have been expecting to be able to provide any Christmas for themselves or their children.

Happy Holidays for PLAL!

It’s time to celebrate the holidays! The Port Ludlow Artists’ League (PLAL) will cap the year end with a combined Christmas luncheon and meeting on **Wednesday, December 21**, noon to 3:00 p.m. at the

Beach Club. Good food will be followed by a shortened business meeting including the installation of the new 2012 Officers. In keeping with the season, entertainment will be provided by some of the members, featuring holiday storytelling, games and a fun lesson on self-portrait drawing—sure to raise a fair amount of laughter.

A MERRY PENINULA HOLIDAY

Finally, let me mention our Port Ludlow Artists’ League’s Christmas Shoppe now open in the upper Village. I have been there recently, and what a wonderful selection of decorative art, greeting cards, jewelry and more—everything handmade by our local artists. Really, people, do we need to buy more poorly-made stuff imported from foreign countries? This year let’s make an effort to buy

local. Our merchants and artists will love us and so will the recipients of our gifts.