



Now in its 64th year, the "Central Show" received 211 entries from 87 artists. This year's juror, Greg Robinson Chief Curator at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, selected 81 works to be exhibited from 57 artists. The call for artists was open to artists from Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Walla Walla, and Yakima counties.

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"Graceful Waters" by Becky Blair

Central Washington Artists' Exhibition Celebrates 64th Year

On November 2, the Larson Gallery opened the 64th Annual Central Washington Artists' Exhibition. Originally called the Yakima Valley Artists' Exhibition, the boundaries eventually extended into neighboring counties over the years. Each year the exhibition provides a snapshot of work being done by artists in the region.

The juror, Greg Robinson, began working at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art in 2010 and currently serves as Chief Curator. Robinson is a Seattle native who has worked in arts administration for 23 years, formerly as executive director of the Museum of Northwest Art in La Conner. He has served on numerous arts juries and awards panels and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and a master's degree in Public Administration from New York University.

Robinson enjoyed being this year's juror at Larson Gallery. He said "The diversity of art -- through media and expression -- is impressive. Seeing all the work in person reinforced observations from the online jury process. In particular, I appreciate the mix of fine art and craft, and the range of approaches from more traditional and realistic to the more contemporary and conceptual."

The exhibit will be open until Saturday, December 7th, 2019.

Sense of Place

The transformation of space from the physical to the meaningful

The Larson Gallery opened the 2019-2020 season with the artwork of Elizabeth Montes de Oca, Christie Tirado, and Amanda Ontiveros. The three artists were encompassed by the work of Central Washington University Assistant Professor Rodrigo Rentería-Valencia.

Professor Rentería-Valencia conducted a survey project of the Yakima Valley for the Center of Washington Cultural Tradition.

This exhibit showcased the artwork of these three artists contrasted with the original photographs of landscape and hop workers of Yakima Valley.



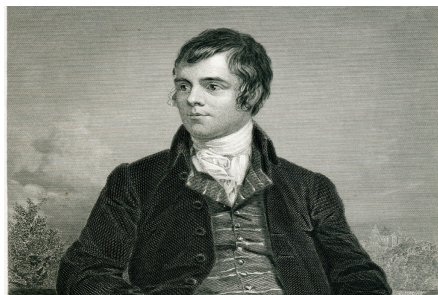
New Faces in the Gallery

The Larson Gallery has two new staff members: Cecilia Hudon and Aaron Fowler.

A Yakima native, Cecilia moved back home from Vancouver, WA last summer and was previously the executive assistant at SSA Marine. She returned home to pursue her art career and began working as the registrar for Larson Gallery in July. Her artwork was on display at Gilbert Cellars in September.

Aaron was born and raised in Yakima as well, and joined the Navy after high school graduation. He served 12 years prior to a medical retirement. He earned a Bachelor's in business at YVC in spring 2018 and began working as the project manager at Larson Gallery in September.

Larson also has a work study student in Yliana Adame. She is currently pursuing a direct transfer associates' degree from YVC.



West Campus

Construction is underway with a deadline of completion in December 2020. So far the Larson Gallery Guild building campaign has raised in pledges, donations, and Washington State support a total of \$1,091,500.

Robert Burns

Every January 25th, people in Scotland and around the world come together to celebrate the life and works of the poet, Robert Burns. Scottish food and drink, good cheer and good poetry, are all part of a Burns Night celebration. Join the Larson Gallery and the Yakima Coffeehouse Poets. Tickets 574-4875

Gilbert Cellars

LGG and Gilbert Cellars partner once again this season to bring the work of a variety of artists to the Cellar Gallery. September's kick-off was the art of Cecilia Hudon. Currently on exhibit is the work of Darcie Roberts. In January, enjoy the works of Sarah Robinson, followed by Jamaica Zlogman in March.

Annual Gift for Art

Thank you to our contributors:

The Larson Gallery Guild annual fund for 2019 has already received \$8,236 in donations. You may still make a gift until the end of this year.

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Harvest Toast Fall Membership Party

Thanks to our gracious hosts, Bruce and Diane Drollinger, the membership party held on September 19 was a huge success. Members laughed, danced to the music of *Julie and Sally*, ate some pretty amazing food made by Larson board members, engaged in high energy conversations, and toasted our shared love of art! This was just the kickoff for the Larson Gallery Guild fall membership drive. Please help us support the arts in our area by encouraging your family and friends to join LGG.



Letter from the President

Bree Tait



The Yakima Valley finds itself awash in autumn colors. A welcome inspiration for artists across the county and a seemingly perfect backdrop for the recent opening of Larson Gallery's 64th Annual Central Washington Artists' Exhibition. It is also a perfect time to appreciate how the Larson Gallery follows a similar rhythm to nature by cycling through fresh exhibitions, pop-up shows, events and programs. The new Gallery space is moving ever closer to being finished and while we eagerly await the opening of those doors to further continue bringing many seasons of art to the valley, we enjoy our original space on YVC's campus where we have been rooted for 71 years. None of this would be possible without YOU! We are so appreciative to our community for your support. Thank you for coming to openings, volunteering, financially contributing and thank you artists for sharing your art with us so that we can help share it with others. Additionally, a big Thank You to parting board members Mike Hiler, Clayton Bussey and Anjela Sevilla. A continued thanks to current board participants and a welcoming thank you to new board members. And last but not least, thank you David Lynx, Cecilia Hudon and Aaron Fowler for your expertise and ingenuity in managing our beautiful Larson Gallery space. Because of you the Larson Gallery continues to cultivate a love of art throughout Central Washington!

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The Roaring 2020s

March 14, 2020 at 4th Street Theatre

The Larson Gallery Guild board is busy planning an event that will include a catered dinner and a live band.

There will be a silent auction, and the board is asking for artists to create their own work on a template that will be provided, similar to the mannequin and apple bin projects of the past. If you are an artist and wish to participate, please contact the gallery at 509-574-4875.

There is no live auction planned this year so that our guests may enjoy the evening celebrating 2020 in the 20's style!

The event will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the 4th Street Theater, located at 14 S 4th Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Be sure to save the date!

