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## **Fresh Air Art Celebration**

When COVID threw a wrench into Larson Gallery's Annual Tour of Artists' Homes and Studios, board members refused to buckle to a virus, so in 2021 the 1st Annual Fresh Air Art Celebration was born.

The new event was literally a breath of fresh air. The Larson Gallery combined with the Yakima Greenway to create an event that celebrates both local artists and their artistic creations as well as the best walking/biking paths along the Yakima River.

Building on last year's success, Fresh Air Art Celebration again presents another celebration of fresh air and creativity on Friday, May 14 at the Yakima Greenway beginning at noon and promises many new artists and their wares until 5 pm.

Over 50 artists on the Greenway will present a variety of artistic creations. Be prepared for unique items in wood, pottery, and jewelry, handwoven cotton towels, Bonsai art, papier-mâché treasures, sterling silver and enamel jewelry, paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolor, even items created from re-purposed glass.

Food will be available, so folks will be able to keep up their shopping and viewing energy. And with good food, there has to be wine and beer, so this year we will feature a beverage station roped off to keep the adult's area separate from that of the kids who will be busy in their own tent with several art projects being taught by able art instructors on site.

In addition to food and beverages and art, visitors will also be treated to live music. First up will be the Test Tube Poets, an Indie folk band from right here in Yakima who have earned quite a following for their folksy original tunes. In the afternoon enjoy jazz presented by Eisenhower's well-known Jazz Band led by Jeremy Freisz.

### **Mandalas**

### The Art of Paul Heussenstamm

As a renowned teacher and fourth generation artist, Paul Heussenstamm has been sharing his unique gift of helping people discover their Soul through his paintings and Art As A Spiritual Path workshops worldwide. Paul has created over 2000 unique and spiritual paintings while passionately sharing his artistic capacity to explore and create sacred art from many traditions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, and Christianity. Paul writes, "The mandala, for me, more than any other teacher in this lifetime, has opened the doorway into the symbolic language of the soul. Once this language is known, once the doorway into the unconscious has been opened, once the dynamism of intuitive pattern reading is understood, then life, as it is known, changes suddenly and dramatically."

This exhibit is made possible through a grant from Fresh Hop Ale Festival and will be on display from July 9 - August 27, 2022.



## **Dick Elliott**



Late artist Richard "Dick" Elliott and his wife artist Jane Orleman forged a creative life and home known affectionately as *Dick and Jane's Spot* in Ellensburg—but theur influence extends far beyond those borders. Elliott incorporated unusual materials such as industrial highway reflectors in many of his pieces and had a penchant for large-scale projects including the prominent *Circle of Light* that surrounds the Yakima Sundome.

Circle of Light is part of the state art collection managed by ArtsWA, the Washington State Arts Commission. This summer, it will get some much-needed repairs thanks to the funding that the agency has received to evaluate and plan the repair project. Once the plan is complete, the project will require more funding for the actual repairs.

The Larson Gallery is collaborating with Jane Orleman to showcase Dick Elliott's work and celebrate his driving force in the Central Washington artists' community. This exhibit will be on display from July 9 - August 27, 2022.



### Larson at Seasons France Morrow

On April 14, 2022, Larson unveiled a new exhibit featuring France Morrow at the Seasons Performance Hall *Gallery Bistro*. Morrow is an accomplished artist whose works have been featured everywhere from France to Southern California. Peruse the art and enjoy cocktails and food at the Gallery Bistro Thursday-Saturday from 5:00 pm - 9 pm.



## Members' Exhibition

We are lucky to have so many talented members! The much-anticipated Members' Exhibition at Larson Gallery will open this June. Members, get ready to flex your creative muscles and submit a favorite piece to display (and sell if desired). Friends and family are encouraged to join us at the opening reception on June 11, 2022.



# **DoVA Exhibition Student & Faculty**

Join us on May 3 from 5-7 pm for a reception celebrating our newest exhibition! We will feature a variety of media by students and faculty of Yakima Valley College's Department of Visual Arts (DoVA) here at Larson Gallery. The exhibit will run from May 3 - May 28, 2022 during usual business hours at the gallery.

## 2022 Membership

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The Larson Gallery Guild is grateful to our members that support the Larson Gallery!

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