



Visitors enjoy the opening of the Central Washington Artists' Exhibition.

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67th Central Washington Artists' Exhibition

Celebrating its 67th year at the Larson Gallery, the Central Washington Artists' Exhibition showcases the most current and innovative artwork being produced in this region. The juror for this year's exhibition is Katie Buckingham, curator at the Museum of Glass.

Buckingham works to develop exhibitions, research collections, and coordinate a vibrant Visiting Artist residency program. She is active within her local museum community as the President of the Washington Museum Association. Prior to working at Museum of Glass, she worked at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle. Buckingham received an MA in Museology from University of Washington, and a BA with Honors in Art History from Whitman College.

The call for artists was mailed out to artists residing in Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Walla Walla and Yakima counties. 88 artists from Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Klickitat and Yakima counties submitted 212 pieces. The juror selected 65 pieces representing 53 artists.

"It was such a pleasure to be a guest juror this year," said Buckingham, "It is always inspiring to see the world, from the ordinary to the extraordinary, through so many unique and vibrant artistic lenses."

Special awards are given during the show. The awards are made possible through the generosity of Banner Bank, Yakima Ecological Society, Rob and Michelle Wyles, Delma Tayer, Linda Kaminski, Leo Adams, Jeffrey Schaap and Gilbert Young, the Boxx Gallery, Jeffrey Reynolds, Christian and Janet Schlect, the Baha'i Community of Yakima, Heritage University and the Larson Gallery Guild.



Winter Sunset by Kristine Knight

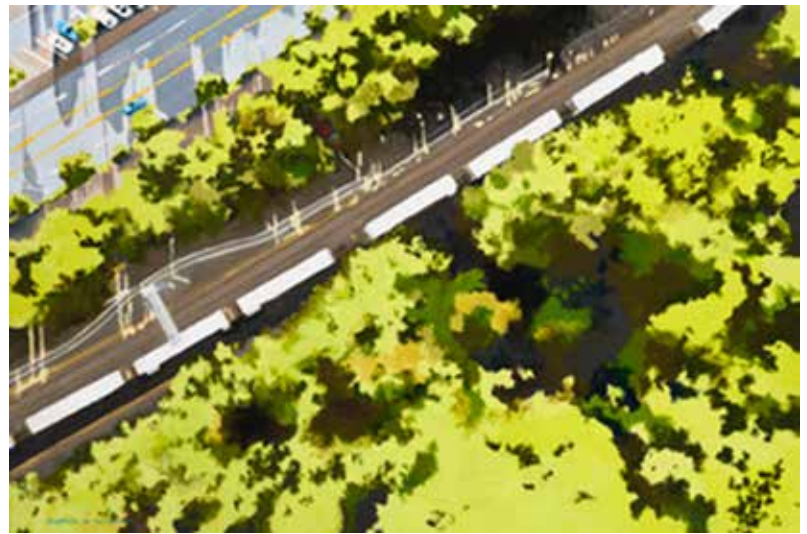
Women Painters of Washington

As the Larson Gallery approaches its 75th year in 2024, a great deal of research has been conducted on the early years of the gallery.

In its first season, in 1949-50, the gallery exhibited the *Women Painters of Washington*, a group that was founded in 1930 by six female artists.

In 2015, Larson held an exhibit of the Women Painters of Washington, and in 2020 the group contacted us to request another exhibit.

The result was the recent exhibition "Intersections." This exhibit was curated by Monica Miller, executive director of Gallery One in Ellensburg.



Trains by Susan Walker

Put A Bird On It



Grace in the Weeds by Bev Eckmann

In the popular show *Portlandia*, characters Bryce Shivers and Lisa Eversman, played by Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein, enter a shop and place pictures of birds on items to, as Lisa says, "Make it pretty." The characters walk around the shop gluing silhouettes of birds to items such as tote bags. The entire scene concludes with a live bird entering the shop and causing chaos.

In a recent exhibit at the Larson Gallery that featured work by Art Works NW, many of the artists chose birds as their subject. As an outcome of this, it was decided to hold an exhibit where all the artworks featured birds as their subject.

The new exhibit, *Put A Bird On It*, will run from January 14 until February 25, 2023. Artists Maja Shaw, Pam Sharp, John Barany, James Nelson, Jane Gutting, Bill Brennan, Kathy Gregory, Becky Wiseman, Susan Hahn, Bev Eckmann, Sally Green, Mike Hiler, Karen Powers, Larry Miller, Doug Lewis, Ana Li Gresham, and Deborah Ann have been invited to display their work. This exhibit is made possible through a grant from the Washington State Art Commission.

To coincide with opening, the Larson Gallery Guild is looking for artists who would be interested in creating a work of art using one of the most popular pieces of yard art, the plastic pink flamingo. The completed works will be auctioned during the exhibition to raise funds for the operations at the Larson Gallery. Interested artists may contact David Lynx at 509-574-4875.



Larson at Seasons Michael Bell

On view at the Seasons *Gallery Bistro* is the work of Michael Bell. Michael's paintings are about visualizing the energy and connections in the world and its reflections. His current work is exploring the energy viewed through windows. You may see Michael's work through the end of 2022.



Membership Party

Each year, to thank our members of the Larson Gallery Guild, we hold an annual membership party. On September 18, Selah Springs Brewing Co. welcomed our group for a fun Sunday afternoon with appetizers served by Nana Kate. We express our gratitude to all the members of the Larson Gallery Guild.



Parking

This fall, Yakima Valley College, invited students back to campus. To help enforce parking rules across campus, the parking lot surrounding the Larson Gallery has become a paid lot. Patrons can obtain a parking pass from the gallery's reception desk. Please note that these permits will not be needed nights or weekends.

2022 Annual Gift for Art

Thank you for your support!

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There is still time to donate for 2022!

Letter from the President

My name is Mitzi Neill Casey and I have the honor of being Larson Gallery Guild Board's new president, and its an exciting time to be involved in Larson Gallery.

The gallery continues to emerge from the shutdown and restrictions of COVID, and the beautiful new building is welcoming an increasing number of visitors, including 173 who attended the recent opening of the Central Washington Artists' Exhibition. The guild currently consists of 379 individuals with a great mix of long-time and new members whose support of and participation in the life of the gallery is vital and much appreciated. In addition, several new members were welcomed onto the board in 2022: Cathy Lapsley, Barb Evans, Christelle Gorman and Karla Flores. Each of these new members brings unique gifts, energy and perspectives to the board. Finally, Larson remains fortunate to have David Lynx at the helm as the executive director.

David and the board have been busy planning several holiday activities, including submitting an entry in the Yakima Valley Museum's tree decorating contest during Holiday Lights Extravaganza, December 6-17. Larson's entry promises to be distinctive and very colorful, so head to the museum and vote on your favorite trees. I am certain Larson's entry will be one of your prized picks. On December 17, the gallery will be favored with a visit from the big man himself, Santa!

Looking into 2023, the board has begun planning Larson Gallery's third annual Fresh Air Art Celebration. The event, a collaboration between the gallery and The Yakima Greenway, is scheduled for May 20 at Sarg Hubbard Park and will feature the works of over 40 artists, as well as music, several food trucks and a beer and wine garden. So mark your calendars!

I want to end by wishing everyone wonderful holidays during the upcoming season. See y'all at The Larson!

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Santa Claus

We know him!

Meet the jolly man himself! On December 17 from 12–4 pm, Santa will be at the Larson Gallery. Remember to bring your cameras, as he will be available for photos.

It's a perfect way to kick off the holiday season, and our gift shop is just the spot to discover treasures for friends and family, including:

- Ceramics by Mike Hiler, Bernadette Crider, and Amanda Ontiveros
- Handcrafted jewelry by Cydney Bacon, Jerry Johnson, Alexandra Anne and Jesse Wylie
- Wood sculptures, containers and pens by Pat and Karen Miller, David Brown, and Randal Leek
- German-style traditional smokers (incense burners) by John Barany
- Intricate adult coloring books by Kate Bowditch
- Handpicked books for all ages, from art guides to children's picture books
- Stocking stuffers galore: fun pins featuring famous art, plush toys, art kits, beaded bracelets, and more.



Shop, enjoy hot cocoa and cookies from Yakima Valley Vintners next door, and usher in the holidays with family and friends at Larson Gallery.