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SPRING 2023



Gallery hours: 10AM to 5PM, Tuesday-Friday. 12PM-5PM Saturday.



The first Fresh Air Art Celebration was held July 24, 2021. This year it will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2023.

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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 the previous two years' successes, *Fresh Air Art Celebration* again presents another celebration of fresh air and creativity on Saturday, May 20 at the Yakima Greenway beginning at noon and presenting the work of many new artists until 5 pm.

Around 40 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, such as *What I Crave* and *Graze Craze* 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 adults' 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 exciting Davis High School Band, followed by the Test Tube Poets, an Indie folk band from right here in Yakima who have earned quite a following for their folksy original tunes.

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# DoVA Department of Visual Arts

## Student & Faculty Exhibition

Join us on May 2 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 2 - May 27, 2023 during usual business hours at the gallery.

Instructors of the Visual Arts Department include Chris Otten, Rachel Dorn, Robert Millard, David Lynx, and new faculty Kayo Nakamura and Monika Lemmon. Monika began teaching as an adjunct in 2022. She graduated in 2002 from YVC, then received a B.A. from CWU in metalsmithing in 2007 and an MFA in Studio Art from University of Idaho in 2016.

Kayo joined the full-time faculty this year and oversees Drawing, Painting, and Printmaking. She has over twenty years of experience teaching in higher ed, primarily in 2D media, although her own work comprises both 2D and 3D processes and video. She received her M.F.A. from Claremont Graduate University in Southern California, where she is originally from, but most recently, comes to YVC from Seattle.



Gabriela Galindo

## Inside Out



This summer Larson we will feature the work of Darcie Roberts, Susan Harris, and Bernadette Crider.

Bernadette's primary work of carved functional porcelain has expanded over time from a gentle floating ginkgo leaf motif to maple leaves blowing in the wind, magnolias in pink, and now a return to hop cones and leaves. The carvings have become increasingly more complex texturally and hopefully more beautiful to hold in your hands as you use them or view them on your table.

Darcie has been an impressionistic presenter of the beauty of the Yakima Valley with soft pastel, and is also enjoying the play of line and color and the connection between the two with her acrylic abstracts.

Predominately a still-life painter, Susan says she "focuses on the small pleasures of everyday life." She works mostly with acrylics and sometimes oils. She will also be showing a few landscape paintings.

*Inside Out* opens July 8, from 3pm until 5pm, and continues through August 25, 2023. While at the gallery enjoy our outdoor sculpture garden and wine from Yakima Valley Vintners.



### Larson at Seasons Chris Nobbs

On March 16, 2023, Larson unveiled a new exhibit featuring Chris Nobbs at the Seasons Performance Hall *Gallery Bistro*. Chris is a lifelong resident of Yakima whose artistic interests include music, pottery, wood crafting, lapidary, painting and drawing. This exhibit, "AQUATICA in Black Ink," shows his latest monochrome work.



### Members' Exhibition

Larson is 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 8, 2023.



### Steve Jensen BÖTS

We have been honored to have the work of Steve Jensen in the gallery these past few months. With an opening reception, *Art after Hours* artist talk, we have enjoyed having around 450 visitors to the exhibit. You can still come by the gift shop to buy some Nordic inspired books such as *An Illustrated Collection of Nordic Animal Tales* and *Norse Mythology*.

# 2023 Membership

**Thank you to all of our members for their support!**

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