

ARTS CONNECTIONS

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Announcement - Northwind Arts Center Gallery Expansion

Northwind Arts Alliance has expanded their current exhibition space with a new area called **Artist Showcase**. The Northwind Arts Center, a non-profit organization “connecting the arts with the community”, has added over 800 square feet to their gallery area. This new section is dedicated to showcasing local artist's work on a revolving rental basis, and will also be available for workshops and other events. (See notice under Art Workshops)

“An expansion into the adjoining space was a great opportunity. It will allow us to offer artist’s works in a spacious, convenient location. Port Townsend has gained a strong reputation for wonderful art galleries and talented artists. In spite of economic uncertainty and a challenging ferry situation, people always look to art to elevate their spirits. We will offer an inspiring selection of art.”

Artist Showcase’s current participants include Danny Adams, Marion Bartle, Rae Belkin, Jeanette Best, Corvidae Press, Sandy Guinup, Jay Haskins, Susan Hazard, Harold Nelson, Newell Hunter, Lois James, Dale English Martin, Donna Snow, Kate Snow, Sylvia White and Stephen Yates.

Join us during **Art Walk** on **Saturday, August 1** at the Northwind Arts Center to celebrate the opening of **Artist Showcase** and to see our current show described below. Refreshments will be served from **5:30 to 8 PM**.

Gallery

July 31 to August 31 - Gallery - Funderburgh & Tiller

Throughout the month of August, Northwind Art Alliance will present works by two talented artists, **Eva Funderburgh** and **Don Tiller**. The show will open on **Friday, July 31** and run through **August 31**. There will be an **Art Talk** with the artists on **Friday, August 7 at 7 PM**.



Ever since he was a child, artist **Don Tiller**, a Port Townsend resident, has had a deep love for the arts. "I drew on scrap paper, bookends, and cardboard - anything that would hold a mark", he related. "I was off on an artistic journey that would take me through college and into the next decade." "Oils remained my medium of choice until a few years ago when I made the transition to acrylics" he said. "My recent body of work is primarily composed of interesting shapes and bold colors. The paintings are snippets of warped remembrances allowing you a glimpse of the things I have seen and the places I have been.



Eva Funderburgh was born in Seattle and attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. She pursued an interdisciplinary program with a focus on sculpture and chemistry. After graduation in 2005, Eva and her husband Ben moved back to Seattle where she helped found a small Seattle ceramic studio called Florentia Clayworks, where she presently works. Nowadays, her work continues to focus on emotion and whimsy. Eva says "I create my beasts to reflect the world around me". Wood firing continues to play a critical role with a pallet of clays, painted with fire, adding even more beauty to her immaculate work.

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Announcement - Winner of the Peoples Choice Award

Winner of the Peoples Choice Award for the July 2009 Gallery Show is Harold Nelson. Congratulations Mr. Nelson!

Northwind Reading Series

August 13 - Northwind Reading Series - Wiese & Smith

On **Thursday, August 13**, Northwind Reading Series features **Deborah Wiese and Austin Smith**. The readings start at **7 PM** at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson.



Deborah Wiese is the author of two award-winning one-act plays produced at Key City Public Theatre - *Amusing Frida* and *The Yin-Yang Cowboy Girl Rides Again* — and a novel, *Hodag Winter* (Mother Courage Press). Her poetry has appeared in *Minotaur*. After earning degrees in journalism and political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she moved to the Pacific Northwest. She has worked in libraries in Seattle and Portland and lived and written at Lake Cushman and Diablo Lake. Her vision for her craft is to promote questioning, open-hearted wonder, inner resonance, and sudden laughter. She lives with her partner in Port Townsend and pays for her writing habit as the volunteer coordinator for Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County.

Austin Smith was raised on a family dairy farm in Illinois. He has studied at Illinois Wesleyan University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Biosphere 2 program in Arizona, the University of Hyderabad in India and the University of California-Davis. He has worked at rice farming in Nepal, berry farming in Illinois, vegetable farming in Wisconsin, trail building in Alaska, and was an intern at Copper Canyon Press in 2008. He has written two chapbooks: a haiku collection, *Wheat and Distance*, (Longhouse Press), and *In the Silence of the Migrated Birds*, (Parallel Press) which won the Wisconsin Library Association Award for one of the best books published by a Wisconsin author in 2009. Austin currently lives in the upstairs loft of a barn, above tenants including but not limited to twenty turkeys, eight chickens, four calves, one horse, one cat and one dog.

Northwind readings are free, though donations are gladly accepted to support Northwind Arts Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to connecting the arts to our community. For more information contact Bill Mawhinney 360-437-9081.

Art Workshops

August 24, 25 & 26 - Ron Ranson Watercolor from 10 to 3:00 PM

at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Quimper Art Building, Port Townsend, Washington.

Cost: \$330 (Volunteers \$280)

[Ranson Registration Form PDF](#)



Ron Ranson

Ron's watercolors are impressionistic and representational. Using his signature hake brush, his aim is to produce strong and colorful paintings with economy of stroke and a limited palette. He not only does several demos each day, but works with each student on a one to one basis. Strong design principles are emphasized, and his English sense of humor keeps the class laughing.

Ron is a seemingly tireless water colorist, with a worldwide reputation, having written 25 books on painting and made many instructional videos. You can see his work on his website at www.ronranson.com.

For more information, contact David Turner at (360) 379-6926 or davidt@waypt.com or call Northwind Arts Center at (360) 379-1086 or www.northwindarts.com.

Announcement - Workshop Space Available

Northwind Arts Alliance announces a workshop space will be available by reservation for a nominal fee at the expanded gallery space, **Artist Showcase**. Tables, chairs, a small kitchen, large sink and bathroom facilities are available. All interested parties please contact Jeanette Best at (360) 437 9579 or at jbest@cablespeed.com. There will be an information sheet at the gallery for those people who wish additional information.

August 10 - Deadline for Entries - Art Port Townsend - Annual Exhibition

During the **11th annual Festival of the Arts** sponsored by Northwind Arts Alliance and the Port Townsend Arts Commission, a juried show titled **Expressions Northwest** will be held. **Deadline date is August 10** for those who wish to enter the exhibition. Curator will be **Jess Van Nostrand** who is both an independent curator and Exhibitions Curator for Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle. The show will open on **Friday, October 2**, with an awards ceremony and reception at **7 PM**. Van Nostrand, curator, will lead a discussion on "The Creative Voice" **Saturday, October 3, at 1 PM**. Click below for a prospectus of the show.

[art-pt-townsend-prospectus.pdf](#)
