

## NORTHWIND ARTS CENTER & NORTHWIND ARTS ALLIANCE

2409 Jefferson St., Port Townsend, WA 98368

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### “Connecting the Arts and Community.”

January 2008 NEWSLETTER: “Arty Things to Do”

More information on these activities can be found at our website,

[www.northwindarts.org](http://www.northwindarts.org)

### Not Your Usual Arts Center

### Gallery Happenings

### “PLAYGROUND”



Jesse Joshua Watson



Jason Gould

**Five local artists meet wintertide with levity.** From January 18 to February 25, 2008, Northwind Arts Center brings you a midwinter exhibit titled “**Playground**”. This playful group will share their visions of what’s fun to do with ink, paint, and wood.

**Mike Biskup** will show a new selection of beautiful, spontaneous watercolor paintings and ink drawings guaranteed to make you smile. He works from a relaxed state of being; a place of peace with the world. He teaches classes and continues to create both commissioned and original paintings and prints.

**Woody Dennis**, a masterful interpreter of landscapes and cityscapes, brings you a group of lovingly crafted “painting studies” created from a mental accumulation of images. He has been with Davidson Galleries, Seattle since 1981 and his works are a part of various corporate collections and the Tacoma Museum of Art. He has lived in Port Townsend for over 30 years.

**Jason Gould** presents his boldly colorful portrayals of everyday life, employing brushes and industrial glue injectors filled with paint. Born and raised in Port Townsend, he is a self-taught artist inspired by the natural and architectural beauty of our small town.

**Lee Katzenbach** shares beautiful, hand sized wood sculptures of people, birds, and a variety of vehicles. Primarily known for his watercolors, he has of late, been making small whimsical sculptures done in an intuitive style, following a quiet, sometime ironic or "Playful" muse

**Jesse Joshua Watson** is a fine artist and illustrator who loves to play with art. He shows his love of surfing the Olympic Peninsula with a series of fun-inspired acrylic paintings on boards, floor tiles, siding, and surfer magazine covers. He was the Grand Prize Winner in 2005 and a finalist in 2006 at the International Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrator's New York Showcase.

**Meet the Artists during Gallery Walk** on Saturday, February 2 from 5-8 PM. See you at the "Playground".

## Coffee Talks

**A "Playground" Coffee Talk** with the artists will be held on Friday, January 25 at Northwind Arts Center. The admission is \$2.00 for Northwind Arts Alliance members and \$5.00 for non-members. Be sure and check our website at [www.northwindarts.org](http://www.northwindarts.org) to see if any other Coffee Talks have been scheduled since the publication of this newsletter.

## Poetry News

On January 10, **Northwind Reading Series** will feature **Ronda Broatch** and **Jeannine Hall Gailey**. The readings will start at 7 pm in the Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street.

**Ronda Broatch** is the author of *Shedding Our Skins*, (Finishing Line Press, 2008), and *Some Other Eden*, (2005). Nominated four times for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Web, Ronda is the recipient of a 2007 Artist Trust GAP Grant. Her work appears in journals, both in print and online, and was recently featured on Verse Daily. When she can, she enjoys teaching poetry to children of all grades.

**Jeannine Hall Gailey** is a (newly arrived) Port Townsend writer whose first book of poetry, *Becoming the Villainess*, was published by Steel Toe Books. Poems from the book were featured on NPR's The Writer's Almanac with Garrison Keillor, Verse Daily, and were included in 2007's The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror. Her poems have appeared in The Iowa Review, The Seattle Review, and The Evansville Review, among other journals, and she's an active book reviewer as well. She's a contributing editor for Crab Creek Review and just joined the faculty for Centrum's Young Artists Project.

The readings are free and open to the public. Donations gratefully accepted. For a schedule of other upcoming events in the Northwind Reading Series visit [www.northwindarts.org](http://www.northwindarts.org).

## 2008 Workshop Schedule

**Our First Preview of the 2008 Workshop Schedule with more to come in the ensuing months.** Check with our website to see what additional workshops might have been added to the schedule since the publication of this newsletter at [www.northwindarts.org](http://www.northwindarts.org). Complete information and registration forms are available at the website.

**“INTRODUCING PHOTOSHOP” with Jeff Eichen;** January 28 from 7 to 8:30 PM at Northwind Gallery. This one-evening introduction to the computer software Photoshop is designed to show students what the program can do and what to expect in the full workshop to be taught by Jeff Eichen in March. The workshop will be held at the Northwind Arts Center. Contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or [judy@judycourtwright.com](mailto:judy@judycourtwright.com).

**“MIND AT PEACE, FLOW AT HAND” with Michael Biskup;** February 3 from 10 to 4 PM at the Rosewood Common House. Join Michael in a workshop designed to teach artists how to effectively deal with negative thought using a powerful stress relief method called “The Work of Byron Katie”. You will gain a fantastic new tool to quickly and easily get into the groove of your creative process, enjoy yourself more, and produce more satisfying work. For more information, please contact Virginia King at 360-385-2026 or [Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com](mailto:Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com). You may also contact the instructor with questions at [www.mikebiskup.com](http://www.mikebiskup.com) or [mike@mikebiskup.com](mailto:mike@mikebiskup.com).

**“USING PHOTOSHOP” with Jeff Eichen;** March 1-2 from 10 to 4 PM at the Northwind Art Center. To learn more about this computer software workshop, please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or [judy@judycourtwright.com](mailto:judy@judycourtwright.com).

**“MUDPIES” (Mixed Media) with Anita Mayer;** March 31-April 1 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Pat Stromberg at 360-385-0863 or [quiltpat@cablespeed.com](mailto:quiltpat@cablespeed.com).

**“TRAVEL SKETCH JOURNAL” (Watercolor & Ink) with Mariam Lansdown;** May 5 & 12 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Virginia King at 360-385-2026 or [Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com](mailto:Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com).

**“POLYMER BOXES” (Polymer) with Kate Snow;** May 13 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Pat Stromberg at 360-385-0863 or [quiltpat@cablespeed.com](mailto:quiltpat@cablespeed.com).

**“WATERCOLOR” with Jo-Neal Boic;** June 9-10 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Contact Virginia King at 360-385 2026 or [Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com](mailto:Gal4Fiber@cablespeed.com).

**"PLEIN AIR PAINTING" (Oil & Acrylic) with Dee Boyles;** August 2,3,4 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or [judy@judycourtwright.com](mailto:judy@judycourtwright.com).

**"CHINESE BRUSH PAINTING" (Watercolor & Ink) with Stella Dobbins;** August 26-27 from 10 to 4 PM at the Fairgrounds Art Building. Please contact Judy Courtwright at 360-379-4037 or [judy@judycourtwright.com](mailto:judy@judycourtwright.com).

## **Art Opportunities**

**"STRAIT ART"; Port Angeles Fine Arts Center** is seeking submissions for the 2008 annual showcase of Juan de Fuca talent, which will run from March 16 through May 11. All artists who make their homes on either side of the Strait, both Clallam and Jefferson Counties, and also including the Victoria metro area, are eligible. "Strait Art is not a competition but rather a curatorial exploration of art being made in the shadow of Mt. Olympus," said PAFAC director and exhibition curator, Jake Seniuk. For information or submissions contact PAFAC, 1203 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA 98362 or [pafac@olypen.com](mailto:pafac@olypen.com).

**"VELOCITY, BACK TO CENTER", a Call for Art by the Bellingham Arts Commission;** an outdoor art show of 2 and 3D works will be held in August 2008. Art works to be submitted by March 28. During a time of change and revitalization of the city's downtown core, 8 pieces of outdoor art will be selected and placed in key pedestrian corridors downtown. For further information, contact Shannon Victoria, City of Bellingham, Planning & Community Development, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225.

**"WINTER PERSONAL ESSAY CONTEST"; WRITING IT REAL'S** winter personal essay contest gets underway January 15 with a deadline of April 1. Visit the online magazine website, [writingitreal.com](http://writingitreal.com), for more information on prizes, which now include telephone and/or email consultation time with Sheila Bender. For additional information, please email [info for writingitreal.com](mailto:info@writingitreal.com).

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **NORTHWIND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Northwind is always ready to welcome new volunteers.** There is a wealth of interesting jobs available including serving on a committee or helping in the Gallery during Gallery Walk and Coffee Talks. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Gallery on "Open Days". Contact Jeanette Best at [jbest@cablespeed.com](mailto:jbest@cablespeed.com) or the Gallery, (360) 379-1086.

**Please Note:** Northwind Arts Center will be closed from January 1 to 17 for annual maintenance work.

**Something to think about:** "It's on the strength of observation and reflection that one finds a way. So we must dig and delve unceasingly." Claude Monet 1840-1926