

2nd Saturday

ART WALK

Sept.
12
5 to 8 p.m.

ASTORIA — Downtown merchants and galleries will hold Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Meet artists and mingle with fellow art lovers while enjoying refreshments and new exhibits.

ART BUSINESSES

1. Imogen Gallery

240 11th St.

For her first exhibition at Imogen, Astoria artist Gin Laughery brings a rich collection of monotype and collagraph prints. "Home Grounds" is a series of prints exploring imagery through abstraction as well as more literal interpretation. Laughery shares her love of landscape, specifically two distinct regions of Oregon: the lush land of the northern coastal area as well as the high desert area surrounding Bend.



"Home Ground" by Gin Laughery at Imogen Gallery.



"Olney Farm Buildings," a watercolor by Noel Thomas at RiverSea Gallery.

2. Imogen at Carruthers

1198 Commercial St.

Christos Koutsouras' exhibition "Accessible to All" has been extended. Koutsouras, who is known internationally for his use of color to convey delicate yet dramatic atmospheric conditions, brings an extensive collection of large-scale canvases, small impasto paintings and graphite drawings on wood panel for his second solo exhibition at Imogen. Inspiration for this series comes primarily from his time spent at Fort Stevens State Park.

3. RiverSea Gallery

1160 Commercial St.

"Calling All Wings" is a solo exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Katherine Dunn, an artist whose inspiration is born from her life on Apifera Farm in the northern foothills of the Willamette Valley. Dunn's paintings are representational but entwined with personal symbols that are abstract in nature and layered in colors. The land and animals of her farm provide story after story and much of her work has a fable-like quality, with lurking mysteries.

Showing in the Alcove is local artist Noel Thomas, who brings a variety of small glimpses of Astoria and the surrounding region, many created en plein air, in his signature watercolor style. Iconic scenes mix with odd nooks and crannies that the artist has discovered in his summer treks along trails and obscure byways.



"Calling All Wings," an acrylic painting on wood by Katherine Dunn at RiverSea Gallery.



"Sitting Pretty" by Patty Thurlby at Luminari Arts.

4. Old Town Framing Company

1287 Commercial St.

Old Town Framing will show mixed-media paintings by Dick Darby. A retired contractor living in Astoria, Darby has been painting for 3.5 years, and has a builder's eye when it comes to art. For Darby, art runs in the family, but his photo-realistic style is mostly self-taught. For this show, his paintings are based on actual photos of the area — which he has attached to each painting, so visitors can check his work.

5. Tempo Gallery

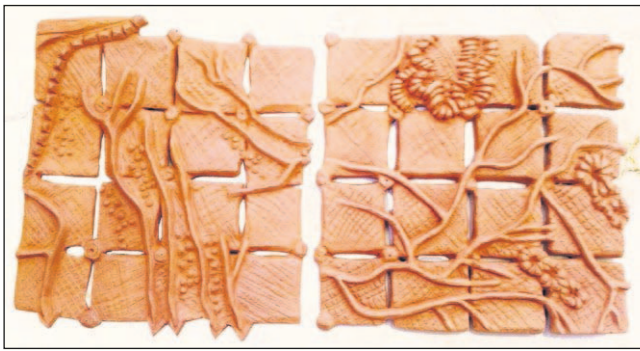
1271 Commercial St.

Tempo Gallery will feature the photography of Carol Smith in her show "Light and Water on the North Coast." Inspired by the beauty of the local area, Smith's work depicts reflections and designs in the Columbia River. These pieces are a continuation of her earlier series "Columbia Reverie." Smith has been a member of the gallery since its inception in 2012. Also see work by Edward Peterson, Phyllis Taylor, Thron Riggs and Vicki Baker. Dave Drury will play guitar. Refreshments will be served.

6. KALA

1017 Marine Drive

Astoria Visual Arts hosts its Artful



Carved clay by H. Elizabeth, an Astoria Visual Arts artist in residence who will host an open studio during art walk.



An in-progress illustration by David Coyne, an Astoria Visual Arts artist in residence, who will host an open studio during art walk.

Jumble Benefit, a sale and exhibit for AVA, the region's oldest nonprofit arts organization, placing arts and culture at the center of the changing economy since 1989. Funds raised will support the operating needs of AVA's current projects, including its artists-in-residence program.

7. Ratz & Company

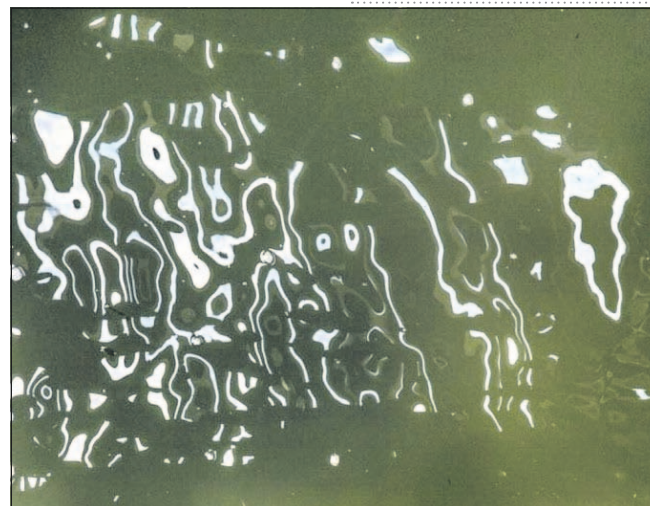
260 10th St.

Showcasing the artwork and illustrations of owner Dave McMacken, the gallery features McMacken's paintings and his early work in the rock 'n' roll biz, which garnered him a place in the Album Cover Hall of Fame. Joining him is Frank Zappa's art guru Calvin Schenkel, showing some early prints; Portland painter Jackie Avery; and interior designer Emma Davis. Also see a small collection of rare prints, including some large Maxfield Parrishes.

8. Laughing Duck Digital Pond

120 10th St., Suite 3

This month brings more hand coloring to the walls of Laughing Duck Digital Pond. Poster-size images of dirigibles will be on display. Refreshments will be served.



"Columbia Reverie 8" by Carol Smith at Tempo Gallery.

ALSO FEATURING ORIGINAL ART

9. Winnifred Byrne Luminari Arts

1133 Commercial St.

Patty Thurlby's theme for art is "What part of whimsical don't you understand?" She loves collecting found objects and incorporating them in an unusual way. Growing up in Montana and Seattle, Thurlby's first art endeavors included making her own paper dolls and greeting cards. At Lower Columbia College in Longview, Washington, she took classes in basic design and acrylic painting, which opened a new chapter in her life. Shortly afterward, she was accepted into her first gallery and started to define herself as an artist. 2005 became a banner year for Thurlby. She retired from her "day job" as a dental assistant in Longview and moved to Gearhart to concentrate solely on art. Her studio is a bright, window-filled room that overflows with tubs of ephemera, prisms and drawers of glass beads.

10. Artists Alley at Pier 11

77 11th St.

Find multi-media art, jewelry, paintings and more by local artists.

11. AVA Artist in Residence

1170 Commercial St., upstairs

David Coyne, an Astoria Visual Arts artist in residence, will host an open studio. An ongoing piece he's working on is based on Baba Yaga, a Slavic folklore witch. Working in graphite, watercolor, gouache and acrylic — going back and forth between mediums to create a rich atmosphere — Coyne depicts her a little differently but alludes to the mythical figure with references, such as the chicken foot hanging from her broom. Other illustrations will be on display.

12. AVA Artist in Residence

80 11th St.

H. Elizabeth, an Astoria Visual Arts artist in residence, will host an open studio. She invites the public in for a conversation about the creative process. She will talk about her art and work on instructive pieces and demos — and maybe have a participatory activity for visitors. Her in-process series explores trees and time as related to public and historical understanding of forest management.

13. Massage Therapy by Amy Finn and Michelle Malin

42 Seventh St., Suite 103

Artist and active duty Coast Guard member Jamie Thielen is featuring her local photography. Her award-winning photographs have been featured in many Coast Guard and maritime magazines. Whether boats in action on the water or majestic

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