

Fourth Friday Artwalk and Artist Studio Tour

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Sisters Arts Association’s Fourth Friday Artwalk kicks off a weekend of art in town. Start by visiting our galleries on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Then, on Saturday and Sunday, visit with 25 artists in their studios from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

In its third year, the self-guided Artist Studio Tour is expanded from one day to two. More information about the Studio Tour and individual artists’ profiles are posted on the SAA website, www.sistersartsassociation.org. Watch for the bright blue-and-white signs and follow the red arrows.

This month Antler Arts, 311 E. Cascade Ave., joins the artwalk. Owners Jaimi and Jim Warren will greet you, and Sally Smith will showcase her daughter Joelle Smith’s Western paintings. Joelle’s life revolved around her love of horses.

ZoselHarper Realtors at 170 W. Cascade Ave. is hosting the work of three visual artists: Randall Tillery, Tricia Biesmann, and Melinda Calkin. Randall loves to paint all subject matter but finds his love for nature makes landscape painting a natural transition. Tricia’s wearable art shows her love of color, fiber, and texture. Melinda’s fused-glass objects are items

of beauty for the home or to wear. The musical talents of the Melanie Rose Dyer Trio will round out the evening’s presentation.

Walk up Cascade Avenue to Stitchin’ Post where you’ll find a new display by mother and daughter artists, Jean and Valori Wells.

From there, head up Oak Street to Beacham’s Clock Company, where the resident watchmaker will be available for watch questions, and the Orrery will be on display.

Cross West Hood Avenue to Hood Avenue Art for the featured art of JoAnn Burgess



“Garden Delight” by JoAnn Burgess at Hood Avenue Art.

and Elyse Douglas. JoAnn is a landscape pastel and mixed-media artist who is featuring her most recent mixed-media artwork, “Garden Delight.” Elyse creates delicate and dynamic sunstone jewelry.

Gary Cooley’s own work is featured this month at The Collection Gallery. As one of the participants in this weekend’s Artist Studio Tour, Gary will have the best of his work on display, along with working demonstrations of his techniques.

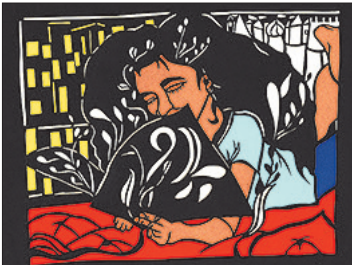
The Clearwater Gallery’s featured artist is Elizabeth Ganji, a self-taught artist specializing in soft pastel and oil paint. Her powerful strokes, attention to color, and composition are seen in every piece.

Sisters Gallery & Frame Shop has work by seven artists who are on the Artist Studio Tour this weekend: Mike Stasko, Mel Archer, Jennifer Hartwig, Caroline Stratton-Crow, Kay Baker, Mary Moore and Paul Alan Bennett.

At The Imagination Gallery, there are amazing, other-worldly metal sculptures for your wall as well as free-standing art, along with the many fine artists who are part of the gallery’s collection.

Wildflower Studio’s featured artists are Chris Nelson and John Runnels. John has recently completed a series of paintings exploring aspen groves. Chris, owner and framer at Wildflower, will also be featured on the Artist Studio Tour.

The Jill Neal Gallery will feature new art, horses, and



“Growth” by Carly Garzon Vargas at Good Day Café.



“Nuno-felted Scarf” by Tricia Biesmann at ZoselHarper Realtors.

some new “wild women,” as well as new products. Stop by for wine, chocolate, wild women and Wild West!

Good Day Café at Bedouin displays the colorful and complex paper-cut art of Carly Garzon Vargas, which explores the intersection between art, culture, identity and community.

Also on the artwalk, is Dyrk Godby Gallery where you’ll see Dyrk’s authentic Western art and the work of Sisters artist Jim Horsley.

Don’t forget Grizzly Ridge Upcycle, where the truly unique becomes even better with upcycling.

Sisters Library’s monthly art display features the wild-horse photography of Carol Statton and photographic paper collage by Beth Eckert. Carol’s photographs will remain on display through July, along with fine art needlepoint tapestries by Catherine Childress.





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Hood Avenue Art

357 W. Hood Ave.
hoodavenueart.com

THE COLLECTION GALLERY

353 W. Hood Ave.
garycooley.com



Wildflower Studio

103-B E. Hood Ave.
wildflowerstudioartandframing.com



CLEARWATER GALLERY

303 W. Hood Ave.
theclearwatergallery.com

Ken Scott's Imagination Gallery

222 W. Hood Ave.
kenscottsimagination.com



Wild Women

183 E. Hood Ave.
jillnealgallery.com



Stitchin' POST

311 W. Cascade Ave.
stitchinpost.com

SISTERS GALLERY & FRAME SHOP

252 W. Hood Ave.
sistersgallery.com



GOOD DAY CAFE

143 E. Hood Ave.
gooddaycafe.com



Antler Arts

311 E. Cascade Ave.
sistersantlerarts.com

QUICK DRAW

This month R.A. Howells Company, ZoselHarper Realtors, and the Sisters Arts Association, together will offer three \$100 gift certificates. Visitors to the Artwalk and Studio Tour can sign up for the QuickDraw one time at each gallery or artist studio. Winning certificates may be used to purchase art from any of our participating galleries or studio artists.