

2nd Saturday

ART WALK

Feb.
14
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, Feb. 14. Meet artists and mingle with fellow art lovers while enjoying refreshments and new exhibits.

This month, in celebration of the Clatsop Community College's annual juried exhibition "Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century," several Astoria art venues present "Nudes Downtown: A Compendium of Art Inspired by 'Au Naturel.'" Depiction of the nude human form in art has long been acknowledged as a significant source of inspiration for artists.

ART BUSINESSES

1. Imogen Gallery

240 11th St.

Commercial fisherman and artist George Wilson brings a series of narrative paintings that explore his transition from life in a small fishing village on the coast of Scotland to the bustling city life of Portland. This body of work is, for Wilson, "the wave of my old life, against a new shore."

2. Old Town Framing Company

1287 Commercial St.

See work by three Oregon artists in



"Be Kind" by Dan Pillers at RiverSea Gallery.



"Nymphs II" by Kay Henning Danley at RiverSea Gallery.



"In The Zone" by Phyllis Taylor at Tempo Gallery.

part of "Nudes Downtown."

3. RiverSea Gallery

1160 Commercial St.

"Sticks and Stones" is a solo exhibition of sculpture by Portland artist Dan Pillers, who constructs large, elegant structures assembled from intricately carved old furniture, found objects and words etched in glass, each conveying a message about the deep effect commonly used phrases have upon our lives. In the Alcove is "Nudes Downtown." Exhibiting artists are Robert Paulmenn, Marie Powell, Noel Thomas and Penny Treat, and two guest artists, Kay Henning-Danley and Arkady Roytman.

4. Tempo Gallery

1271 Commercial St.

As part of "Nudes Downtown," the gallery will show nudes by member artists Phyllis Taylor, Marga Stanley, Normandie Hand and Vicki Baker. There



Felix Ward, left, of Blue Scorcher Bakery, stands with Tom Leiner of Pat's Pantry, which will host an artisan bread and soup tasting (from Astoria Co-op Grocery) during art walk.



"Dall Sheep," a newspaper and shopping bag construction by Kari Glass and Robin Rosemond at KALA.

will also be new acrylic paintings by Edward Peterson and photographs by Carol Smith. Champagne and chocolate will be served. Denise Reed will sing love songs.

5. KALA

1017 Marine Drive

See selections from "Nudes Downtown," plus "Fish Out of Water: Year of the Dall Sheep" by visiting artists Kari Glass and Robin Rosemond. "Fish Out of Water" is a spin on the 12-animal cycle from the traditional Chinese lunar zodiac, creating kinetic improv-installations repurposed from flotsam and jetsam. Also enjoy short performances at KALA after 7 p.m. by Glass, Rosemond, John Kulm and guests. A dance party will follow from 9 p.m. to midnight, with a \$3 cover.

6. Ratz & Company

260 10th St.

Showcasing the artwork and illustrations of owner Dave McMacken, the gallery will feature 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.

7. Laughing Duck Digital Pond

120 10th St., Suite 3

Laughing Duck Digital Pond invites you to attend a blending of photography, art and books. Thom Dickerson exhibits the dirigibles of World War I, from his father's collection during his 1917-46 Navy career. Author Catherine Al-Meten will have photographs featuring iconic images of spiritual places as well as Oregon.

ALSO FEATURING ORIGINAL ART

8. Winnifred Byrne Luminari Arts

1133 Commercial St.

Co-owner Diane Jackson will share her collages, one created each day for a year-long project, resulting in 366 pieces ("It was a leap year" she said). The goal was to focus on the process rather than the outcome, to incorporate the practice of "doing art" daily for a year. The result is a collection of pieces, all the same size, incorporating an array of materials and ephemera. Snacks, beverages, music and joy provided.

9. Forsythea Home & Garden Arts

1124 Commercial St.

Artisan jewelry from the Northwest is featured this month. Find contemporary creations by Roots and Wings of Manzanita; ethnic inspirations by Connie Ford of Battleground, Washington; delicately crocheted pieces by Rita Kingsbury as well as nature-inspired pieces by Jebedis Jewelry, both of Eugene.

10. Artists' Gallery on 10th

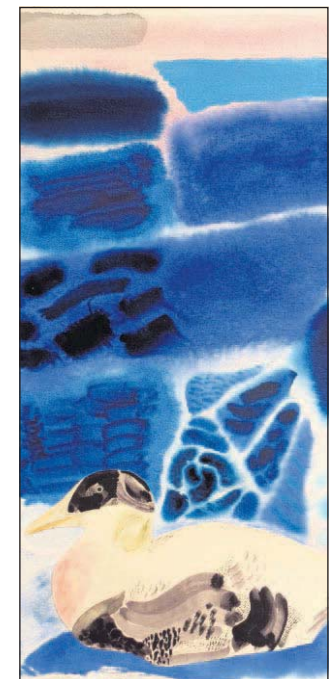
106 10th St.

This pop-up gallery shows new work by Clatsop County artists and welcomes new artists Jeff Donnelly and photographer Rosetta Hurley. Sweetheart deals are marked with glitter hearts. Plus, find Sweet-heART Vintage Fashions.

11. Toni's Boutique

1130 Commercial St.

In this pop-up gallery, Jeff Daly's photos offer a rare look at the interior



"Eider Dawn," watercolor and collage by George Wilson at Imogen Gallery.

of the historic Merwyn Hotel shuttered for 27 years. Shot at night, his long-exposure photographs reveal colors and textures imperceptible to the human eye. The exhibit will include additional photographs and video featuring Astoria's historic lodgings. Members of the Lower Columbia Preservation Society will be present to answer questions about the Merwyn Hotel's history.

12. Cole Jannush Farmer's Insurance

1007 Marine Drive

Hilary Herman is a local jewelry designer who brings to life fun pieces that are handcrafted from semi-precious stones, glass beads, metal and more. She strives to create pieces that can be worn both every day as well as occasionally. Herman has been hand-beading jewelry since 2007.

13. Darren Orange

1421A Commercial St.

Darren Orange continues to explore reflection and abstraction of the natural environment in a new series of oil paintings. "Orange On Blue" is a monochromatic body of work in blue creating dramatic fields of contrast. Also enjoy an interactive soundscape by Derek Ecklund, Roger Hayes, and Portland innovators Christi Denton, Heather Perkins and Jesse Mejia.

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