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century. The beauty of our evergreen trees is that they grow back, from seeds to giants. And here they do and have. Those parts of the island that have been replanted arise now like the promise of an evergreen salvation. And that 274-acre grove of cedars has existed for over 4,000 years. Our grandchildren and theirs will experience Don Bonker's gift of these verdant fruits. They will walk the miles along narrow forest paths and experience light in the forest. Some for the first time. Hopefully, not the last.

We did that day. We stood before the carved wooden sign that proclaimed Bonker's accomplishment, "The Don Bonker Grove," a small sign among the great trees. Walking behind the Bonkers, my wife overheard the congressman say, "This is the best day of my life."

Eyes wide open, we marveled at the giants. Explored the variety of ferns and lichen and salal. Explored other species: hemlock, alder, fir, and a cornucopia of miniature plants and flowers. In one of the grandfather trees, a granddaughter posed in the time-etched nook of the 1,100-year cedar. Camer-

as popped and clicked. Ferrier and the three wonderful rangers stood back proudly and feasted on that moment, on a miracle that preserved a bit of wilderness in a sea of development and commerce. Thank God, I thought, for this wonderful man, a congressman who cares. And big thanks for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that has protected the best of what we have.

Ask Don Bonker of his finest accomplishments. Was it sound economic reform or his commitment to the good folk of southwest Washington? Or trade delegations or the distribution of big dollars to infrastructure? No, Bonker saved Long Island, and he saved a half dozen other refuges. "These," he says, "These are what I remember most fondly."

As light filtered through the boughs of these protected giants, a blessing fell upon us lucky ones. As we skirted around that island, we marveled at its majesty: Sawlog Slough, Lewis Slough, Diamond Point, Agate Beach and Pinnacle Rocks — all these, testaments to one man's commitment to protecting light in the forest.

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Palette Puddlers move annual show, sale to Astoria

ASTORIA — Change is in the air: The Palette Puddlers' annual Labor Day weekend art show and sale is moving from Cannon Beach to the Astoria Art Loft.

The year has provided some challenging changes for the Palette Puddlers. The art group has lost some members due to illness, death and relocation. But the intrepid group of professional artists will continue.

The Palette Puddlers are a group of professional women artists, many of whom have painted together for years. Every Monday, rain or shine, they paint in a Cannon Beach locale. During their weekly painting meetings, they provide support, critique artistic efforts and share the joy of creativity, as well as just have a great time. Throughout the year, they create an art gallery and sell their original art works.

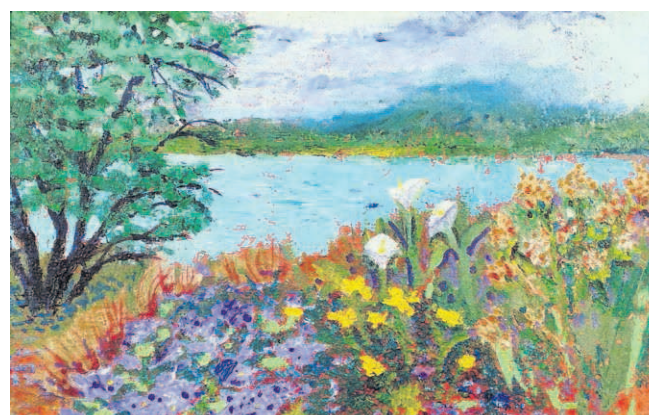
At their Labor Day weekend art show and sale, members will show and sell low-cost, original art as well as provide ongoing live demonstrations of their particular art style throughout the weekend.

The Astoria Art Loft is located at 106 Third St. above Dots 'N Doodles Art Supplies. The show will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday,



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

An oil painting by Jeannette Gran-Davis.



An acrylic painting by Susan Bish.



A watercolor by Suzanne King.



A mixed-media piece by Ellen Zimet.

Sept. 3 through Monday, Sept. 5. Admission and refreshments are free.

The members this year who will be showing and demonstrating their art at the Astoria Art Loft include Susan Bish, Jeannette Gran-Davis, Judith Fredrikson, Mary Ann Gantenbein, Linda Geb-

hart, Suzanne King, Debbie Loyd, Jo Pomeroy-Crockett, Barbara Thacker and Ellen Zimet. They will be showing and selling original works of art including watercolor, acrylics, mixed-media, oils and pastels. Cards and print reproductions will also be available as well as The

Bargain Bin where unframed paintings are available for a minimal price.

In addition to the Palette Puddler artists, the event will also include some of the resident artists from the Astoria Art Loft. Dots 'N Doodles Art Supplies will also have a Labor Day sale.

Crossword Answer

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**THREE-DAY EVENT
SEPTEMBER 9TH - 11TH, 2016**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
6:00 p.m. Kicks off with a concert by Kelsey Mousley and the Next Right Thing and food by Newman's at 988 and Sea Level Coffee and Bakery. **Tickets \$12**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH
12:00 p.m. Luncheon & Lecture at Tolovana Inn with Libby Holah of Holah Design **Tickets \$25**
1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Home & Garden Tour of Tolovana **Tickets \$30**
6:00 p.m. Maggie & the Cats Concert & Reception (Fall Raffle Takes place at this time (included in home and garden ticket price))

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
11:00 a.m. Garden Tea & presentation by author and naturalist Sherian Wright on beekeeping for the average gardener **Tickets \$20**

Weekend packages are \$60
Advance ticket purchases recommended

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