

Art show envisions the 'Chakras In Balance'

Lisa Ackerman shows paintings at Prana Wellness

ASTORIA — Local artist Lisa Ackerman will share her oil paintings in the art show "Chakras In Balance," opening Sept. 10 at Prana Wellness Center. The show will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. in conjunction with Astoria's Second Saturday Art Walk.

Ackerman's paintings depict the essences of each major chakra in the form of a female model with related surreal and sublime symbols. Chakras are known as wheels in Sanskrit or energy centers within and around people's physical bodies that, when balanced and working correctly, can help people live up to their true potentials and have a positive impact on the world.

Some of the models in Ackerman's paintings are friends from the local community and from afar;

others were inspired by old photographs found in the collectibles shop Old Things and Objects, which Ackerman and her husband, Shawn Kozak, own in Astoria.

Ackerman started this series of paintings almost two years ago, but it was put on hold after she was involved in an automobile collision that totaled her car and caused her injuries. With the help of professionals, friends and family, she progressively healed and became able to freely paint again. One of those professionals, Catherine Meyers, leads a weekly chakras meditation hour at RiverZen Yoga Studio in Astoria and contributed beautiful haikus to accompany each chakra painting.

At the art show opening reception, Larkin Stentz of Green Angel Gardens in Long Beach, Washington, will lift attendees' spirits as he plays hammered dulcimer and flute.



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Patricia Ciminello, a local park ranger at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, posed as Lisa Ackerman's model for the oil painting "The Crown Chakra (Sahasrara)."

Ten percent of the sales will benefit the Clatsop County chapter of Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA serves abused and neglected children, representing their best interests in the child welfare system and giving them the opportunity to thrive in a safe, permanent loving family. "Chakras In Balance"

will be on display for three months and available for viewing 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Saturday.

Prana Wellness Center, located at 1428 Commercial St., offers massage, acupuncture, fire-cupping, infrared sauna, sensory deprivation float tank, and the Theta Waves artist-in-residence float program.

View a jewelry trunk show at Imogen Gallery

ASTORIA — Jewels Curnow, a team of two, Robbie and Chantay Curnow, will be at Imogen Gallery for a return visit bringing their one-of-a-kind art jewelry pieces.

All are invited to attend a trunk show 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, and enjoy a champagne reception while learning from these master jewelers what is involved with the creation of each piece.

The Curnows are known for using innovative setting and casting techniques, creating a distinct look. Many of their designs incorporate a primitive style of casting that uses cuttlefish bone, which creates texture for their original pieces.

Robbie Curnow also custom blends many of his own alloys and hand selects all of the gemstones. The randomly set sapphires, diamonds and rubies embellish each piece in a rugged yet sophisticated composition, appearing to be created from some kind of geological



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See original jewelry pieces by Robbie and Chantay Curnow on Sept. 3 at Imogen Gallery in Astoria.

event such as the force of glacial compression.

The natural and organic sense of design is something that comes from a calculated consideration of geometry and proportions occurring in nature, as well as years of technical study, including tutelage and tools from Robbie Curnow's grandfather, who was also a skilled jeweler.

Imogen Gallery is located at 240 11th St. For more information, call 503-468-0620 or visit www.imogengallery.com

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