

Pandemic, personalized

Virtual gallery features coronavirus-inspired art

BY MORGAN GRINDY

A man kneeling in front of a church. A collage of a doctor wearing a mask and holding a pizza. A merry-go-round of horse skeletons surrounded by coronavirus cells.

These are some of the works in the online gallery "Pandemic: Now it's personal," featuring pieces by local artists inspired by their experiences during the coronavirus pandemic.

The gallery, hosted by Astoria Visual Arts, is on display through the organization's website and social media accounts through July 5.

Annie Eskelin, the nonprofit's executive director, said the gallery is the best way to support local artists.

"There's this universal feeling right now, and the artists provide an outlook," Eskelin said of the artists' ability to show the collective and individual experience of a pandemic.

Eskelin is impressed by the variation of the collection. The call for art appealed to a



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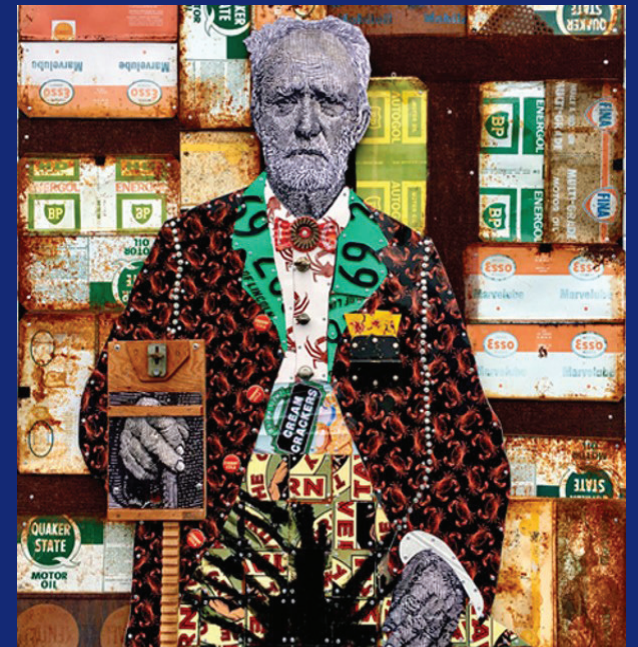
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