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Seaside gallery finds new home in Astoria

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A new gallery on 10th Street in Astoria will be a familiar favorite to some.

Angi Wildt relocated from Seaside to Astoria in September. Her new gallery location, 106 10th St., is in the center of a string of other creative spaces including The Secret Gallery and West Coast Artisans Gallery.

"I love being the fourth gallery on this block," Wildt said. "I feel like I'm part of a really strong art community here."

Wildt's gallery replaces Blue Collar Collective, which is now an online store.

Wildt ran her Seaside location for over a year, where she was a regular participant of the Seaside First Saturday Art Walk. She's since joined the mix for the Second Saturday Art Walk in Astoria.

"I believe there's strength in numbers," Wildt said. "It's an exciting thing to be a part of and the art galleries here make the coast a destination."

Creativity on the coast

Wildt moved from Iowa to the North Coast in the early 2000s. At the time, she had a corporate career. She was supposed to move to Chehalis, Washington, for a promotion when she changed paths.

"I went for a drive along the coast while visiting the area for my job. I stopped in Seaside and I was sort of mesmerized," Wildt said. "I gave a two-month notice as soon as I got back. I thought I'd figure it out once I was here."

Wildt soon got a job at a gallery in Cannon Beach, which was her first job working at a gallery.

"I didn't know how much I loved galleries until my Cannon Beach job," Wildt said. "It changed how I saw the world."

Wildt, a photographer and saxophone player, found herself being inspired to create after learning about different artists and getting to talk with them about their work.

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TOP: Angi Wildt stands alongside some of her photographs. **LEFT:** Paintings by Quata Cody, shown at Angi D Wildt Gallery. **ABOVE:** Ceramic art by Lauren Fisher, featured at Angi D Wildt Gallery.