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“I didn’t know a lot about art. I think it matters more if you love something, not if you know much about it,” Wildt said.

Eventually, Wildt realized she wanted to open her own gallery.

“I’ve been wanting a gallery for at least 10 years. I reached this turning point where I’d wanted this for so long, I was kind of at a crossroads,” Wildt said. “I almost let this dream go but then it happened.”

She researched spots in Astoria with no luck. She soon was connected to the landlord of her previous Seaside gallery, who happens to be the same landlord of her new space in Astoria.

Though she’s been working in galleries for most of the past two decades, Wildt still considers herself new to the arts scenes in some ways.

The gallery

Wildt’s gallery features art from about 20 artists, including some photography of her own.

Wildt became interested in photography in high school. She took a publication class where she learned how to frame photos and do other photogra-

phy-related tasks.

Wildt combines her passion for photography with another passion of hers: sailboats. Wildt learned how to navigate and race sailboats, a feat she conquered after stepping foot on her first sailboat five years ago. Many of her photos are taken close to water, often on her sailboat.

“I’m really attracted to water and reflections,” Wildt said. “The Oregon Coast is such a beautiful model.”

Wildt’s gallery, which is located just steps from the Columbia River, is another source of inspiration.

“It’s right by the river and I can see the bridge from here. It’s beautiful,” Wildt said.

Wildt hopes her gallery space helps bring recognition to all of the artists featured in her gallery.

“I want to help these artists become more nationally known. I have a lot of faith in these artists,” Wildt said.

Wildt is in the process of deciding what to do with the gallery’s top floor, which doesn’t currently have art being displayed. She’s considering hosting events like talks, classes and rotating shows.

“There’s all these possibilities,” Wildt said. “It’s really fun to think about.”



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ABOVE: A wall of art inside Angi Wildt’s gallery, including some of her own photographs on the left. **TOP RIGHT:** Art inside Angi D Wildt Gallery, including ‘The Muse’ by Bud Egger. **RIGHT:** Paintings by Michelle Lindblom and glass art by Louis Andrew Schaffer are among featured works in Angi D Wildt Gallery.

