

# Bruhn: ‘We started the shop with the three of us doing what we love’

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After a stint in Seattle, Bruhn yearned for a change in environment. She stumbled upon Astoria while on a trip along the Oregon Coast and quickly fell in love with the town’s arts community. Bruhn saw Astoria as a place she could pursue her art, cultivate a community and live a hippy lifestyle.

She started a corporate job in Seaside but soon decided it was time to return to her artistry.

Bruhn and Jackson met through their husbands who were in a band together at the time. They soon formed Luminari Arts with Jackson, officially opening the business in 2014.

“Our partnership of more than seven years has grown into a relationship based on our love for the shop and our intent to keep it interesting,” Bruhn said.



A recent photo of Luminari Arts.

## Expanding and adapting

The trio envisioned a space for Astoria’s community to stumble upon and appreciate curated art. In February 2020, they moved the store to a larger location from Marine Drive to Duane Street.

“We started the shop with the three of us doing what we love,” Bruhn said. “We moved because what we were doing worked,” Bruhn said. “We needed to expand.”

Last March, the store closed during the state’s initial coronavirus pandemic restrictions. The trio used the time to work on the shop’s interior design. Bruhn and Jackson also did activities to keep the space alive and occupied, Bruhn said, including yoga, constructing a papier-mache dragon and painting positive messages on the store’s windows.

The trio has also continued supporting local organizations and events like the Astoria Pride Parade, which the store helps sponsor.

Bruhn credits her business’ neighbors for attracting new customers who wander in after having a bite to eat.

“We had to close right after we moved due to COVID-19 but after we reopened we were quite busy, in that, we are across from food carts,” Bruhn said.



Bruhn’s piece ‘Airborn,’ featured by RiverSea Gallery.

The shop’s variety of merchandise, artistic accessories and cards is immense. One wall features hundreds of journals and writing supplies, while another has cards,

stickers and unique pens. “We have curated hundreds of items to make people laugh, smile and share,” Bruhn said. “There’s a little something for everyone.”



‘Zodiac’ is another of Bruhn’s pieces featured by RiverSea Gallery.



‘First Supper: Activists’ is one of Bruhn’s pieces at RiverSea Gallery.



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