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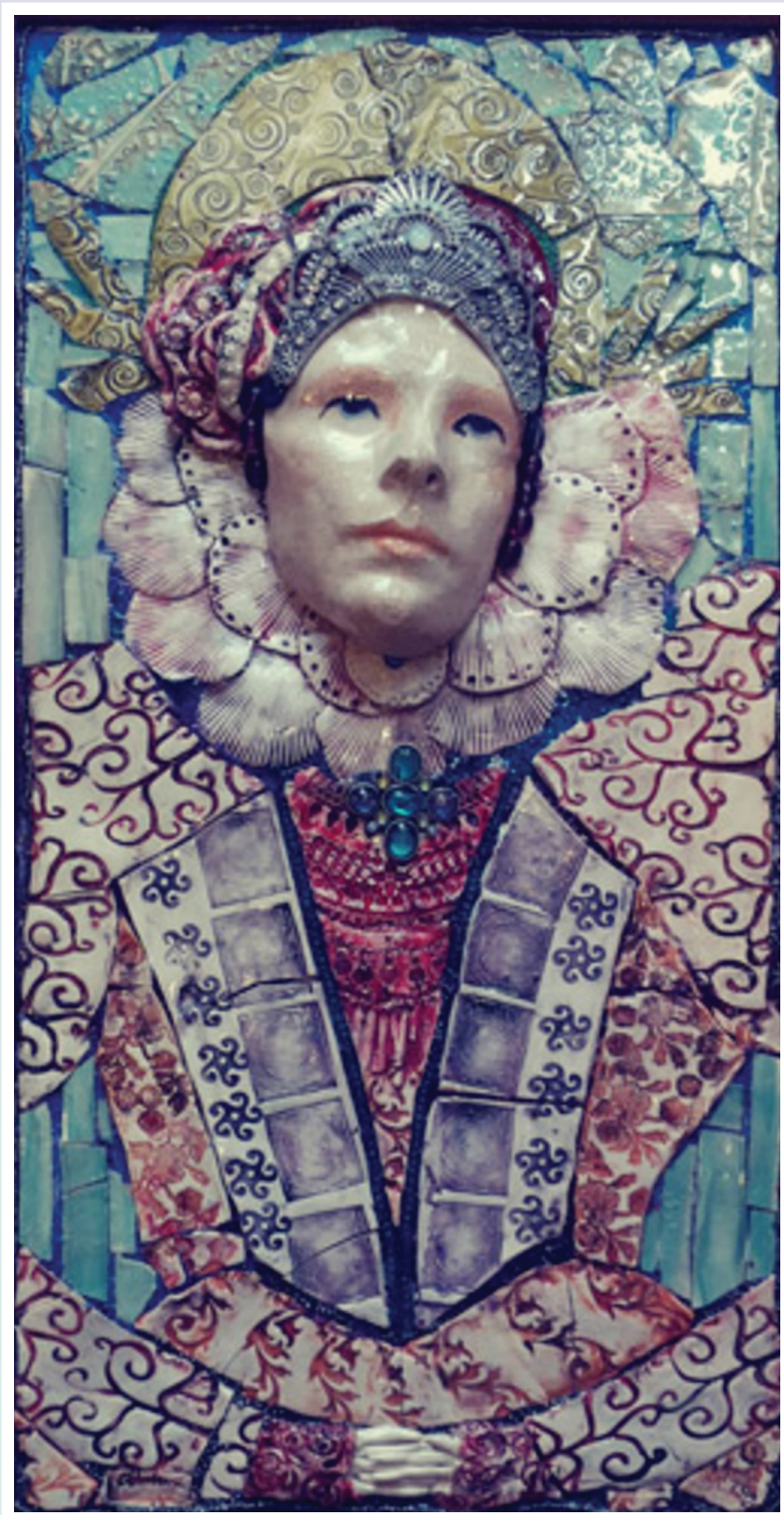
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TOP: Luminari Arts co-owners Diane Jackson, left, and Charlotte Bruhn.
BELOW: Bruhn's piece 'White Queen' is displayed by RiverSea Gallery.

Illuminating art



Luminari Arts weathers the pandemic

By ISA KAUFMAN-GEBALLE
For The Astorian

Most days, you can find Charlotte Bruhn, artist and co-founder of Luminari Arts, surrounded by numerous vibrant artworks and colorful stationery.

Bruhn feels thankful lately, now that she is seeing more customers trickling into her shop, which she owns with her husband, Dale Clark, and friend, Diane Jackson. Throughout the store, pieces crafted by Bruhn and Jackson are displayed.

"Our locals are still finding us after the move. Most are relieved we are still open," Bruhn said.

Origins

Bruhn is an accomplished artist. Many of her works are ceramic sculptures inspired by history and religious symbols. Her work is featured locally at RiverSea Gallery.

"My pieces evolve in clusters around a subject I find intriguing," Bruhn said. "My current project is a series on the Major Arcana of the Tarot deck."

Another project of Bruhn's is distributing peace flags at the shop. Bruhn has already given away 30 flags, she said.

"The original plan, and still is, to give back to this community that has been so supportive," Bruhn said.

Bruhn studied art at the University of Oregon, University of Washington and Bellas Artes in San Miguel de Allende. However, her passion for ceramics and mosaics flourished while taking classes at Clatsop Community College.

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