



'Preserved Tradition' is one of Kate Speranza's sculptures.

## A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

Speranza creates paintings, jewelry and more



A pendant Speranza created using vault light glass from downtown Astoria.

### VIEW SPERANZA'S ART

RiverSea Gallery, 1160 Commercial St.  
Astoria Sunday Market, 12th St.  
[KateSperanza.com](http://KateSperanza.com)



ABOVE: 'Out of Reach' by Speranza, part of a painting collection at RiverSea Gallery. LEFT: Speranza.



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If you stop by the Astoria Sunday Market or RiverSea Gallery, you'll likely find a booth with a fresh collection of unique jewelry.

Each piece is one-of-a-kind, made of sterling silver and enameled. The pieces, created by Astoria artist Kate Speranza, are just one example of her talent. Speranza's portfolio stretches across mediums, including paintings, small sculptures and other jewelry collections.

Speranza's historic glass jewelry collection is on display at RiverSea Gallery. Using purple glass from vault lights placed along sidewalks downtown, Speranza created rings, bracelets and pendants.

One of Speranza's friends gave her the glass when it was being removed from a sidewalk. Speranza appreciates being able to turn the glass into wearable pieces instead of it going to a recycling center, she said.

"I love the history of the glass. To me that feels like a gemstone in and of itself," Speranza said. "I love the idea of creating a piece of jewelry where people can have a little piece of Astoria's history."

Speranza has a separate collection of jewelry at her booth at the Astoria Sunday Market. The booth gives her space to create a new jewelry collection, something that has been a fun, new design challenge, she said.

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Speranza keeps herself busy by bouncing in between three mediums: jewelry, painting and photography. This helps keep variety and balance in her work and portfolio, she said.

"I'll put all of this effort towards one project and then I'll kind of switch gears once a deadline has come and gone," she said.

A painting series she recently completed is also on display at RiverSea Gallery through Tuesday.

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