

# A PAINTER'S PARADISE



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Luana Stauffer

## Artist finds inspiration on the Long Beach Peninsula

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Art is a journey and local artist Luana Stauffer has taken many paths.

After a hiatus from public showings, 75-year-old Stauffer, of Ocean Park, Washington, is displaying her art once again. Her “pandemic lockdown creations” are available to view at BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing in Long Beach, Washington.

Her collection includes oil paintings

that depict the Pacific Ocean from vantage spots like the northern end of the Long Beach Peninsula and Willapa Bay.

The delicate colors of clouds and the mystery of their depth have fascinated artists like Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Cézanne, inspiring unique paintings. Stauffer’s adorn the walls of the Ocean Park cottage she shares with her partner Chuck.

### ‘Hooked’

Stauffer grins broadly as she tells of finding peace and joy creating on canvas. “I had a troubled childhood and past,”

### View Stauffer’s art

View Stauffer’s art at BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing, 711 Pacific Ave. N., in Long Beach, Washington, or online at [luana-stauffer.com](http://luana-stauffer.com)

she said.

Stauffer’s father served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Her parents moved from Hawaii to Corvallis before she was born. Hawaiian mementos around her family home and memories of vacations to the islands would prove a

later draw.

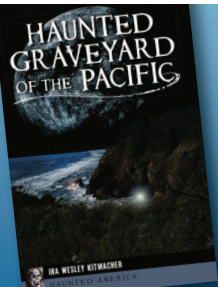
Amid landscapes, one painting of a girl with long covered hair exposes teen years soothed by melodies on her flute. The painting depicts Stauffer as a teenager.

Stauffer left the Pacific Northwest to attend Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, one of the “Seven Sisters” liberal arts institutions.

“I wanted to go far away,” Stauffer said. “It was an adventure. I thought I would probably have to major in English. But

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‘Beach Path’ by Luana Stauffer.



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