



'Moonlight,' by Marie Powell, will be on display at RiverSea Gallery.

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Her work will be displayed at the RiverSea Gallery beginning Nov. 13. The show is called "Great Blue & Beyond," featuring local wildlife with a special emphasis on the great blue heron. The show is a collaboration with fellow Long Beach Peninsula artist and friend, Marie Powell. The pair have dubbed themselves "the long haulers" as neither has any plans of slowing down, despite being in their 70s.

"Most artists are competitive, they don't collaborate like this," said Treat of their special bond. "They do if you put a show together, but for them to work together is not typical."

Powell owns and operates Marie Powell Gallery in Ilwaco, Washington, and has worked as a full-time artist for 30 years. Like Treat, she has no plans of retiring.

"At this stage, I have more demand for my work than I can keep up with, which is a wonderful problem to have as an artist," Powell said.

Powell said the secret to loving your career into the twilight years is all about passion and learning. Committed to continuing to evolve her work, she doesn't stop painting and makes producing new work a priority.

"I don't think you can do a painting once in a while and get good at it," Powell said. "I'm experimenting, changing and working all of the time at it. It's a great life really, I'm just fortunate that it's been successful for me," she said.

It's an attitude that is in stark contrast to working conditions today for some people. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4.3 million Americans, nearly 3% of the workforce, quit their job this summer.

"You just have to find your passion, and then you have to have guts enough to go for it," Powell said of creating a rewarding career. "That's the hardest part because sometimes you have to quit your other profession or job. You have to take a chance on yourself. You have to invest in yourself, and that includes time and money. Sometimes it's risky. If you can find your



Artist Penny Treat smiles as she continues creating artwork into her twilight years.

passion, invest in it. Invest your time, money and effort into it. Take a risk."

"The light is within us," added Powell. "I think the opportunity and light, the way we perceive the world, is within us."

The duo hopes to inspire joy and passion in the people who come to see "Great Blue & Beyond." The

exhibit will be an immersive experience, featuring three-dimensional artwork, highlighting the fragile population of birds that form an important part of the ecosystem.

RiverSea Gallery will also celebrate the opening of "NightFall," a series of mixed-media monotypes by Seattle artist Joan Stuart Ross on Nov. 13.



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**-Helen Keller**