

PENINSULA ARTISTS OPEN UP STUDIOS

Sites showcase paint, clay, metal and wood

BY PATRICK WEBB

This spring, the Peninsula Arts Association will celebrate a sweet 16. That's the number of art studios along Washington's Long Beach Peninsula that will open their doors to visitors during the association's spring open studios tour this year.

Association member Dierdre Duewel is ecstatic. "Because of COVID, PAA has missed being able to showcase the talents of their artists," Duewel said. "So, to help remedy this situation, PAA has created 16 reasons people should mark their calendars." The tour will include members' artwork on display at BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing in Long Beach, Washington, Bay Avenue Gallery in Ocean Park, Washington, and at individual studios along the peninsula.

"Our artists will be offering one-of-a-kind artwork, prints, art cards, pottery, jewelry, photography, mosaics, metal art, leather goods, chainsaw carvings and stained glass," Duewel said.

Tour maps are available at the two galleries and at tourist information centers in Long Beach, Ocean Park and Seaview, Washington. Maps can also be downloaded from Peninsula Art Association's website.

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Spring Open Studios Tour

Peninsula Arts Association

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tour maps are available at galleries, tourist information centers and online at bit.ly/36Pfx8H



Photos by Patrick Webb

ABOVE: Blaine Gunkel adds color to a wooden bird house with a spirit face using a weed burner. His chainsaw carvings are represented in Peninsula Arts Association's Spring Open Studios Tour. **BELOW:** Ceramic figurines by Luana Swenson, on display at BOLD Coffee, Art and Framing in Long Beach. She and husband Ron Swenson will display handcrafted leather purses, holsters and jewelry at the Ocean Park Camp and Retreat Center.



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