

Observing Vancouver

Graffiti Inspired Artists

An exhibit of graffiti-inspired artwork is on display at Washington State University Vancouver through Sept. 10. The artwork can be seen in the Administration building gallery and in the second-floor gallery space of the Engineering Life Sciences building.

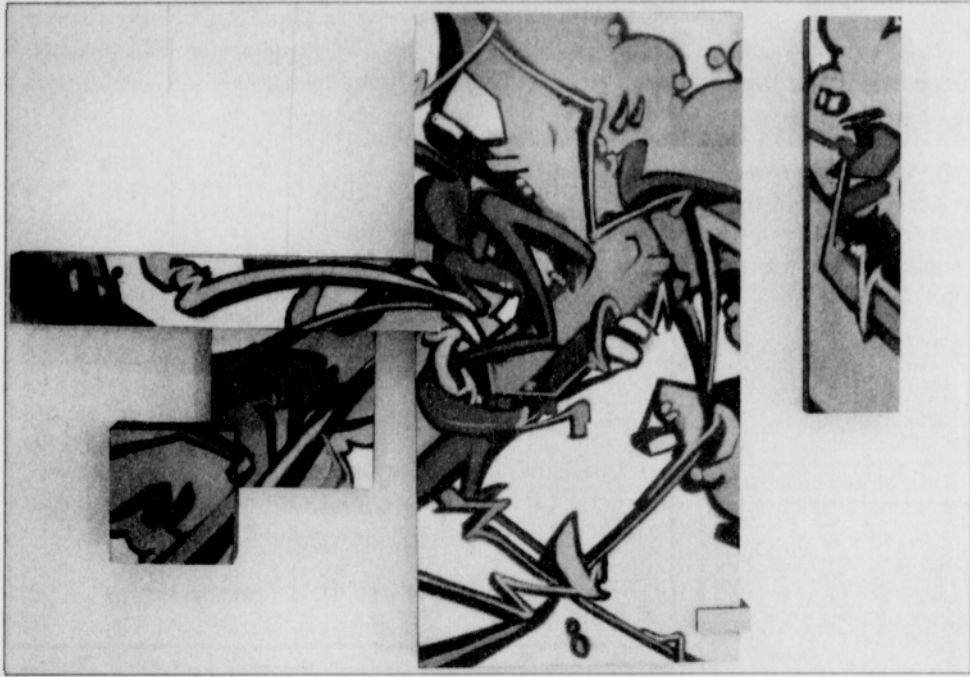
Art collector Nancy Macklin organized the exhibit from artists working in a variety of mediums: traditional spray paint, fused glass, mixed media, and pen and ink.

Some of the artists used the graffiti tradition of painting words in bold colors and stylized letters. Others used a street-art sensibility

in less traditional ways.

The artists include Denario Jenkins, Jeremy Nichols and Josue Rodriguez, who show in Portland-area galleries. Richard Jule, Andre Simard and Stacy Smith collaborated on a glass piece and are associated with Bullseye Gallery. Paul Estrada and Jordan Guy are emerging artists from Grant High School.

WSU Vancouver art galleries are open from 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday. Admission is free. Parking is available at parking meters or in the Blue Daily Pay lot for \$3.



Graffiti-inspired art by Josue Rodriguez.

Auto Theft Caught on Video

The Vancouver Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying a theft suspect caught on surveillance video.

Over the past few weeks, the Vancouver Police Department has taken several reports of auto prowls in the area of Vancouver Lake. On Tuesday, July 7 at approximately 1 p.m., someone broke into a parked vehicle at Vancouver Lake and stole a purse. A short time later a lone male used the victim's debit card to make \$1,190 in



A theft suspect is captured on surveillance video.

purchases at a local retailer.

The suspect is a white male with brown hair and eyes and is of medium build. He was wearing a long sleeved white button up shirt and blue jeans.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-4357 or leave a tip online at www.crimestoppersoforegon.com.

Explore Architectural Treasures

You're invited to explore some architectural treasures in a series of walking tours sponsored by the Clark County Historical Museum.

Works of architect Donald Stewart (1895-1996), known for his art modern style will be the

destination of a noon tour on Thursday, Aug. 20. Stewart designed local churches, small business buildings, schools and government housing.

On Saturday, Aug. 22, at 10 a.m., you can explore the works of architect Day Hilborn who

designed the Kiggins Theater in Vancouver, along with schools, churches, commercial buildings and homes.

For more information, contact the Clark County Historical Museum at 360-993-5679 or visit cchmuseum.org.



The multicultural musical crossover band War will bring its rock, funk, jazz, Latin music, R&B and reggae to this weekend's Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival.

Vancouver Set for Wine and Jazz

Weekend festival has diverse lineup

Hot jazz, fabulous wines, fine art and delicious cuisine will all be in one place this weekend as the 12th annual Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival takes place Friday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 23 at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver.

This year's event features a diverse lineup of vocal jazz, New Orleans jazz, Latin, fusion and pop and crossover artists.

The slate of major bands includes Grammy-winning artists—as well as some of the music icons of the past 40 years: WAR, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Judy Collins, Spyro Gyra, Rita Coolidge, Allen Toussaint, and 4-time Grammy-winning trumpet virtuoso Arturo Sandoval.

Local and regional jazz ensembles will also be performing.

In addition to the great music, the festival features over 200 wines from around the world. Attendees can sample wines, or purchase a glass to sip with food from 9 restaurants. Cuisine ranges from Northwest shrimp and crab to gourmet pizza to Tex-Mex.

Art lovers can shop the 50 fine artists who will be represented from California, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

"The Festival is almost a sensory overload of music, art, wine and food" says Dr.



Singer, pianist, songwriter, arranger and producer Allen Toussaint.

Michael Kissinger, artistic director. "Our goal is to create a rich artistic environment, a palate from which people can sample and hear great music, drink a nice Northwest wine, purchase a piece of art, and just immerse themselves in an art-rich weekend."

General admission tickets are \$20 for Friday's lineup and \$25 for Saturday and Sunday. They can be purchased online at ticketswest.com or by calling 503-224-8499 or 1-800-992-8499.



Grammy-award winning singer Rita Coolidge will take the Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival stage.

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