

CALENDAR

Future Member Meetings:

Held on the 2nd Monday in the lower level of the Pioneer Community Center on 5th & Washington, Oregon City
7:00 pm

Next:

November 12

Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 14

Future Board Meetings:

Held on the last Wednesday in the lower level of the Pioneer Community Center on 5th & Washington, Oregon City
5:30 pm

November 28

December 26

January 30

November Meeting November 12, 7 pm

At the Pioneer Center (5th & Washington, OC) basement entrance

Annual Election of Officers!

Voting for:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Member at Large (Usually fulfilled by Immediate Past President)



Visit our website www.threeriversartistguild.com

Take advantage of this tool and resource and contact Tara for any help you need to get YOUR art introduced to the wider world.

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**Board of Directors
and Standing Committees**

Elected

President (Acting) **Todd Ingham**
Immediate Past President unfilled
Vice President unfilled
Secretary **Stephanie Gillette**
Treasurer **Bill Oyen**

Appointed

Newsletter **Elisabeth Miles**
Membership **Sue Thomas**
Volunteer Coordinator unfilled
Public Relations Coordinator
Darla Lynn
Webmaster **Tara Choate**
Gallery **Linda Merry Gross**
Historian unfilled

Standing Committee Chairs

Art in Windows **Bunny Lewis**
Holiday Show **Carol Bresky/Terry
Rocheleau**
Installations Art **Pam Nichols/Susan
Schenk**
Insurance Advisor **Glenda Richards**
Scholarships unfilled
Suggestions **Linda Merry Gross**

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Announcements

Needed: people to review our current (but now out of date) **TRAG brochure** and submit ideas for a new brochure. It needs to include is our Mission Statement, and be dateless for the long run.



Bi-Weekly Artist Meeting

1st & 3rd Sundays: 3-5pm

Do you need a group to help you stay inspired? Need creative input to keep you working? Could use another perspective on a particular piece? Simply want to get out of the house? Come join this small group of TRAGers! We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 3-5pm. Email tarachoate@q.com to see whose house we're visiting this week.

Holly Kroening
TRAG Gallery Featured Artist
November, 2012



by Mike Smith

Holly Kroening, the TRAG featured artist for November is a native Oregonian born and raised in the Canby, Oregon area. Today, she and her husband live in Oregon City.

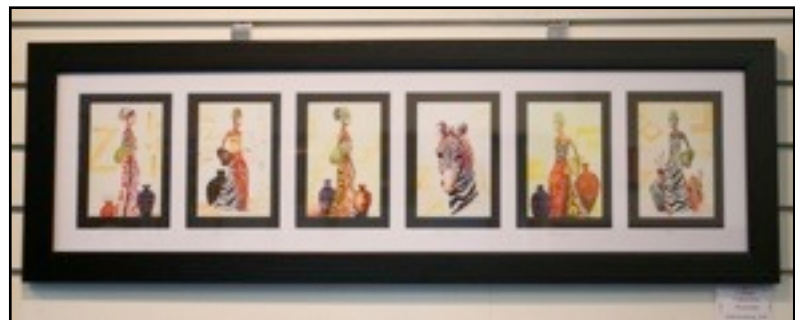
Her medium of choice is watercolor. Holly started out under the tutelage of her father who painted with oils, but she had problems with the aroma of the oils at the time. She chose to use watercolor because there was no unpleasant smell. Holly has been painting since she was a child, working with tole painting for a few years. When her father passed away she came back to watercolor. She has worked seriously in watercolor for the past few years.

She learned a great deal about creating paintings from her father, Ed Jerman. She later took classes from Harriet Goglin and Melissa Gannon.

Each painting reflects stages of the life story from life itself and the imagination.

Holly has created an African themed series which is quite impressive. The inspiration came from the fact that her son and his wife started an organization in Ghana called "the Rural Health Collaborative. "It's mission is to empower rural communities to better health by working with local partners on community-centered projects." <http://rhcollabative.org/> The proceeds from the sales of the African themed art goes to this organization.

Holly is an active member of TRAG and will be a member of the TRAG Gallery Committee in 2013. You can view her work at the TRAG Gallery through the end of December.



Three Rivers Artist Guild General Meeting – October 8, 2012

Greeting: The meeting was called to order by Todd Ingham at 7:05 pm.

Secretary Report: Motion by Sue Thomas and seconded. **September minutes were approved as written.**

Treasurer's Report: Bill Oyen gave the treasurers report. (attached).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRAG Gallery: (Linda Merry Gross) The gallery has sold over \$1,000 in the first week this month! Gift certificates are available. We just had the rotation change out. Linda Merry passed out sign-up sheets for next year's Art Gallery showings.

221 Gallery: (Pam Nichols) Sue Schenk reported they have 2 venues that need artists: the 221 Gallery and the Citizen Bank also on Molalla have 3 month showings. The artwork is rotated between the venues for an extended showing period of 6 months. See Sue or Pam for more information.

Art in Windows: (Bunny Lewis) No report.

Holiday Show: (Carol Bresky) There is still space available for the holiday show. The deadline for submissions is October 15th. Ingrid Aubry is creating postcards and posters for the event, which will be sent to participating artists and TRAG members in PDF format so they can be distributed by email. These will also be available at the November meeting.

Membership: (Sue Thomas) New members are listed in the October newsletter. Membership must be current to participate in the Holiday event.

Newsletter: (Beth Miles) Please get articles in early -- at least by the last day of the month.

- Announcements of call-to-artists and upcoming shows will be on the website rather than in the newsletter.
- The reopening of the Arch Bridge between Oregon City and West Linn will be October 12 - 15th as well. There will be 46 couples renewing their vows during the grand reopening.
- Singer Falls now has lighting.

Webmaster: (Tara Choate) Tara is working to update the website and is also working on a blog. She has 3 TRAG members who will be writing the blog.

Guest speaker: Sachi Barrong, Art Literacy Coordinator at Holcomb Elementary School 971-506-8275 email sachikaybee@yahoo.com. Sachi was at King School is now at Holcomb. She has been teaching six years highlighting the Masters of the Past and Elements of Design. She instructs K through 5th grade and works with 18 volunteers. This year they lost some of their major funding. In the spring, she also had an artist in residence program. She came to TRAG to discuss the program. They would like to have a Master-of-the-Present volunteer. This time they are studying Matisse. (Note: There is a training period for volunteers.)

Contacts: John McLoughlin Art Literacy Team Members: Shannon Pace, 503-875-6869; Nancy Seres, 503-650-9595; Tracy Bergerson, 503-260-6662; email art4superstars@gmail.com

New Business:

- Jan McDonald created a form for project proposals which will be put on the website for members to complete to present to the Board.
- Tara Choate just got back from a Watercolor convention in Welches and would like to see TRAG host a convention in the future. Todd asked her to fill out a Project Proposal Form to bring to the Board.

Nominations:

Joe Escriva led the nominations committee and announced those who have accepted nominations. (Nominations can still come from the floor at November's General Meeting.)

President: Todd Ingham

President Elect: Darla Lynn

Secretary: Kathryn Kostow

Treasurer: Joe Escriva

At large: Glenda Richards

Elections will take place at the November 12th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned 8:12 PM.

Minutes recorded by Lynda Orzen.

Note: There have been some changes in the above slate put together by the nominations committee since the October meeting. And, as always there can be nominations from the floor. You may nominate yourself for anyone of the positions, or you can nominate someone else, but be sure they want to take on the job before you do.

See the positions and what they entail on the next page.

Invitation From Friends of the Oregon City Public Library

I would like to personally invite fellow artists to join the Friends of the Library at their annual meeting and luncheon on Thursday, December 6 from 11:30 am till 1 pm held at the Ainsworth Estates in Oregon City. But if you can't make it to the luncheon, please consider joining the Friends of the Library. It's inexpensive and a great way to show your support of the Library.

During the luncheon we also conduct a raffle to help raise funds for programs, and members seem to particularly enjoy bidding on handmade items or pieces of locally made artwork. Most of the items are in the \$10 to \$20 range. If you would be interested in donating a piece for the raffle, please contact Lynda Orzen, orzep@comcast.net or [503-313-0024](tel:503-313-0024) for more information or bring to the TRAG meeting on November 12th.

Lynda Orzen, President, FOCPL

WE NEED YOU:

Thanks to everyone who is so dedicated to helping TRAG grow as an organization. Our mission at TRAG is to primarily promote an exchange of knowledge and information about all types of art and to provide mutual support, encouragement, and education for all its members. TRAG's educational emphasis is to serve as a Professional liaison to the public, galleries, businesses, publications, and art agencies.

All the ELECTED Board positions are open. Elections will be held at the November 12th general meeting at the Pioneer Center.

1. **President** - Conduct meetings, create agenda and work with the individual committees. Todd Ingham is our current Acting President. Joe Escriva will be putting his name in at the November Election for President of 2013.
2. **Vice President** - President elect for the next term (2014). Acts in the absence of the President and mainly is responsible for setting up programs that are to be presented to the members at general meetings. **We need a volunteer for 2013 to fill this position.**
3. **Secretary** - Take minutes of Board and general meeting and send pre printed thank you notes to speakers. Stephanie Gillette has completed her 2-year term and needs to step down. **We need a volunteer for 2013 to fill this position.** Stephanie is willing to mentor someone immediately, as she is extremely involved in her senior thesis for school.
4. **Treasurer** - Perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer, including preparing the annual budget. Bill Oyen has completed his 2 year term and needs to step down.
5. **Immediate Past President:** We have no immediate past president, therefore the membership will elect a General Member at Large. **We need a volunteer for 2013 to fill this position.**

All five of the above positions need to be filled. Commitment is only for one year, however, you can serve a maximum of two years by adding your name for re-election. We implore you to step up and join the Board. Help TRAG thrive

For Non Elected Positions we still need volunteers to head the following committees:

- A. **Newsletter Publisher** - Publish monthly newsletter
- B. **Volunteer Coordinator** - Recruits members to help at various TRAG functions
- C. **Historian** - Create Scrap Book for advertising, news articles, postcards, and photos and other items relating to TRAG members.

If you wish to read the by-laws, visit www.threeriversartistguild.com and click on About the Guild, and then scroll right to TRAG By-laws.

Show your work in the TRAG Gallery

(Corner of 7th and Center Street), in Oregon City, Oregon 97045.

The requirements to participate in the gallery are:

Membership in Three Rivers Artist Guild must be current.

All artwork must be made by the artist.

A \$25 fee for the 3 month installation period, payable on receipt of artwork, will be collected by the gallery for insurance, advertising and gallery costs.

A commission of 25% will be deducted from sales. Artist receives 75% commission on sales via check, which is distributed within 30 days from the month of sale.

Displaying artists are to staff the gallery one day (or two 1/2 days) a month.

Artist provides a one page Artist Statement with photo, and 12 business cards.

All art is installed for a 3 month rotation period.

Art may not be removed without written approval by the Gallery Committee.

Initial acceptance into the gallery is by committee jury.

If you are interested in participating, please contact: Linda Merry Gross - 2012 Gallery Chair mrglmg@aol.com
503-729-2277



Feeling Creative?

TRAG is looking for poster designs to help us get new members and promote our mission. In general, the Board is looking for new membership, wording, and appearance that encourages recruitment. Also, content must be non-offensive and geared toward a wide range of audiences.

\$ 100 first place prize and \$ 50 second place prize

Deadline: November 27 (submit hard copy, disc, or thumbdrive to TRAG, P.O. Box 2648, Oregon City, OR 97045 or drop off at TRAG Gallery, located at 502 7th Street, Oregon City)

Size: 11 by 17 inches

300 dpi

JPG, GIF or PNG format accepted

Full color (black and white designs can be submitted)

Open to the public as well as TRAG members

Poster designs must include:

Name: Three Rivers Artist Guild

TRAG website: www.threeriversartistguild.com

Mention of TRAG Meetings (2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 pm, Pioneer Center in Oregon City)

TRAG logo: at least 1 by 1 inches (logo can be found on TRAG website under RESOURCES, and then call to artists.

TRAG Gives Funds to Elementary School Art Programs

by Sue Thomas

Since TRAG does not have non-profit status, our taxes are greatly affected by the amount of money in our account. At the TRAG Board Oct. 30 meeting, the board voted to donate \$150. to each of the seven Oregon City Public Elementary Schools to facilitate their student art programs and lower our taxes.

Principals from from each of the 7 schools were very thankful when contacted about this donation. The money will go towards art projects such as clay and glazes at Redland Elementary, and Art Literacy projects at John McLoughlin Elementary and Beavercreek. This supports our TRAG mission to serve as a liaison to the public about art and support for art. This is a wonderful gift that TRAG has given the community. I know as a former public school elementary teacher that money for art projects has been severely cut at public schools yet art engages all students, from gifted to learning disabled.

Holiday Gifts at the TRAG Gallery

Need the perfect holiday gift? Need one-of-a-kind custom greeting cards? Need holiday ornaments or decorations?

Announcing a new artist show at the Three Rivers Artist Guild gallery, located on the corner of 7th and Center.

Did you know - you can get a gift certificate for art, as well as books? A great way to give a gift that can be very personal to the recipient. They can select art according to their individual desires; perfect for that person who is hard to shop for.

Shop local, support your fellow artists, and help the Oregon City economy. If *you* don't shop at the gallery, why should anyone else?



Janice Gunderson



Becky Albeke

Don't Forget the TRAG Holiday Bazaar

December 1 & 2nd at the Pioneer Community Center (corner 5th & Washington, OC) contact carolbresky@gmail.com or jewelryforyou61@hotmail.com for more information



SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

As an organization we realize our strength and growth only happens with your support and ideas.

We are pleased to announce the new suggestion committee. The rules are quite simple: email tragsuggestions@aol.com with ideas, suggestions, complaints, constructive criticism.

ALL information will remain anonymous, unless you specifically request otherwise.

Prior to each Board meeting all suggestions will be compiled and sent to the Board for review and recommendations.

If you have a complaint we would also welcome a solution.

We realize some members do not have time to join committees or attend all the meetings; however, you can help in other ways with great ideas. Help us move forward and grow with us.



Thank you,
TRAG Suggestion Committee

TRAG donates to the Pioneer Center's Meals on Wheels Program for their allowing us to use a locked space to store our gear and for partial "payment" of other space use.

Newsletter Deadline for articles, pictures, announcements, etc.: **Last day of the month before inclusion.**

Please: 12 pt, Times New Roman, single space, Pictures 300 dpi. Thanks

trag.newsletter@gmail.com



Don't forget we are voting for our 2013 officers at November 12 meeting.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TRAG MISSION: To primarily promote an exchange of knowledge and information about all types of art, and to provide mutual support, encouragement, and education for all its members.

www.threeriversartistguild.com

General Meeting: Pioneer Community Center, 615 5th Street (at Washington) in Oregon City.
Meeting is the second Monday of each month - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Artist Name			
Business Name			
Address	Street		
	City	State	Zip
Telephone Number	Home		Cell
Email Address			
Website (if applicable)			
Your Art Media (List all that may apply)			
Other optional information about you: Bio, curriculum vitae, galleries where you show			

Mail this application, along with your check payable to TRAG, to:

TRAG, P.O. Box 2648, Oregon City, OR 97045 (or bring to general meeting)

Membership Dues: \$ 30 per person; or \$ 40 for two people residing at the same address;
Or \$ 10 for people 21 years of age and under.

Membership Dues run from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year.

Please note: Membership Dues are not prorated.

Dated: _____ Your Initials: _____

Membership Paid on: _____ MemappV7 8.12