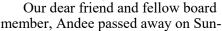
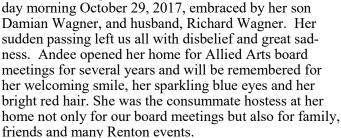
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#### Annabelle Marie Jorgensen 1950 ~ 2017

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— that which happens between —
that truly matters.





Andee had a passion for community service and, besides serving on the Allied Arts Boards for nine years, she also served on the boards of the Renton Chamber of Commerce, Renton Area Youth Services, Renton Civil Service Commission, Renton Technical College Foundation, and the King Co. Municipal League. She was a proud member of Renton Rotary for 27 years and served ten years as Secretary and one year as President. Andee was the longest serving Trustee of Renton Technical College, having been appointed by Governors Booth Garner, Mike Lowry, and Gary Locke.

Encouraged by Allied Arts contribution to the Andee Jorgensen Community Fund at the Renton Regional Community Foundation, her fund has grown to more than \$35,000 supported by more than 100 contributors. Funds have already been granted to Hazen High School Players and to RRCF 2018 scholarships.

Renton Technical College has opened the \$50,000 "Andee Jorgensen Endowment for Student Success"; RTC has renamed the Student Success Center as the "Andee Jorgensen Student Success Center"; the RTC Foundation has established an "Andee Jorgensen Courage Scholarship" to be awarded to two students every quarter; the Renton Sister City Committee has named two annual scholarships in Andee's name for high school graduates from Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico, sufficient to complete the needed funding to complete college.

You can help Andee continue her legacy to our community through contributions to the "Andee Jorgensen Community Fund" at the Renton Regional Community Foundation (www.rentonfoundation.org).

## Annual Meeting Scheduled for May 22, 2018

Notice is hereby given to all members listed in this newsletter on page 2 that the annual meeting of Allied Arts of Renton will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at the home of new board member, Melody Kroeger, 705 Renton Avenue South in Renton. A potluck dinner at 6 p.m. will be followed by the annual meeting at 7 p.m. All members of Allied Arts are welcome to attend.

The nominating committee of Shari Fisher, Sonja Kyes and Sue Tierney have proposed the following slate of officers for the 2018 - 2019 year:

Co-Presidents: Deloris Dewing & Linda Middlebrooks

Secretary: Patricia Tucker Dolan

Treasurer: Shari Fisher

Nominated for another three-year board position are Cira Reymann and Sue Tierney.

If you are an AAR member and plan to attend the meeting please email Ms. Kroeger at kroeger56@ comcast.net or call 206-427-2327 no later than May 18.

#### **Four New Board Members**

Jaris English

Renton Allied Arts is pleased to announce the addition of four new board members who will bring fresh ideas and new vitality to this dynamic board. Here is information about the fantastic four.

**Pat Tucker-Dolan** — Pat has lived in Renton for twenty-three years, moving here when she and her husband were first married. Now a widow, she has twin sons and four grandchildren.

With an associate degree in Computer Science, Pat had a long career in Information Technology. Now retired, she is an avid reader and loves walking for "exercise and meditation."

Pat has also been a volunteer for several local organizations, including Vision House, (which helps in the transition from homelessness), the Renton Piazza group, and the Renton Rotary Salvation Army food bank.

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The Allied Arts year runs from June 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018 The following have made contributions to Allied Arts for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2018.

Thank You!

#### ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE \$100+

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## Presidents' Message

#### **Allied Arts Achievements**

Co-Presidents: Deloris Dewing and Linda Middlebrooks

Allied Arts is very fortunate to be supported by our community: Renton Municipal Arts Commission, Renton Rotary, Renton Regional Community Foundation, 4 Culture and many of you. (Is your name on our donor list?) In return we support our community with lots of cultural activities such as the Fall Family Concert, Chalk Art during Renton River Days, opportunities for art scholarships for our youth and many other art activities that arise year to year. (Please see articles about some of these events in this newsletter).

We are looking forward to once again sponsoring Chalk Art during Renton River Days providing a forum for all artists, professional or amateur. Please see the article on page 4 for information.

Last year we were sorry to lose four of our valued Allied Arts Board members but, fortunately, we have gained four new talented members. You may read their profiles in this edition of the newsletter.

Your donations are the life-blood of our organization. Because we are non-profit and all volunteer, you can be assured that every dollar you contribute will be used to help promote the arts in Renton. Consider this: Your tax deductible donation of \$50 can help underwrite the cost of our Fall Family concert so that ten seniors or sixteen students can attend at a reduced ticket fee. It can help pay for the chalk supplied at the chalk art event in July. A donation of \$100 can be applied to the granting of a scholarship for a talented young artist to continue to pursue their passion. We use your dollars as carefully as we can and seek partnerships to make every cent you give go even further. A form for donations is located on page 7 of this newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you!

We are always open for suggestions on how we can better support and promote the arts in Renton. Comments can be sent to our P.O. Box 151, Renton, WA 98057, or our website: alliedartsofrenton.com, or give Linda a call at 206-919-9746.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

In Kind Service—Thank you to Sue Tierney for taking classes in order to become the AAR webmaster. Barbara Nilson for underwriting publishing of Allied Arts history book and for sponsoring People's Choice Award at Chalk Art event; and James Lambka for sponsorship of the Chalk Art event. Renton Regional Community Foundation, Circle of Giving Award supporting the Fall Family Concert, featuring the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra; Renton Municipal Arts Commission, Fall Family Concert; 4 Culture, Fall Family Concert; and Renton Rotary, Fall Family Concert, and Dan Kellogg for legal services.

#### **BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS**

**STAR PERFORMER \$50-\$99** Marcie Maxwell & Lisa Lam

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#### ALLIED ARTS OF RENTON NEWSLETTER

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#### **CURRENT YEAR'S OFFICERS**

Co-Presidents: Deloris Dewing & Linda Middlebrooks Secretary Pro-Tem: Sue Tierney Treasurer: Shari Fisher

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Donna Duffey ~ Jaris English ~ Mel Kroeger Sonja Kyes ~ Cira Reymann ~ Janie Tanner Patricia Tucker-Dolan

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## Keeping Arts Alive in Renton

Four New Board Members - continued from page 1

She also has been involved in the non-profit Seattle Theatre Group which oversees three Seattle historic theatres.

When asked why she has joined the board of Allied Arts, she said, "I have always appreciated art, and I really believe that when children are involved in the arts, it is better for their overall health and well-being."

Janice Tanner—Janice is the widow of former Renton Mayor, Jesse Tanner, who was instrumental in the development of the Piazza, City Hall, and The Landing. She was born in Renton — as were both of her parents. Her grandfather came here from Italy via Ellis Island to work in the coal mining industry, and later brought his Italian bride here.



Many of her relatives were early Renton business owners and community leaders. Janice graduated from Renton High School, as did her mother and her daughters. She said, "I have seen many changes here in Renton since I was a little girl."

She learned to love the art of flower arrangement from early Renton florist, Mr. Betz, and later owned her own flower shop in Redmond. Now retired, her nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren who live nearby keep her busy. "We often have thirty-four of us at my house for Christmas Eve!"

As a long-term volunteer for non-profits, Janice belongs to the Renton Lions Club, The Piazza Group, is a board member of The Salvation Army, and volunteers at the Farmer's Market and the Annual Art Show during Renton River Days. Janice is a patron of the arts and said, "I joined the Allied Arts Board because I have always loved art. I have a variety of original art works in my home, including some I purchased from the Renton Annual Art Show during Renton River Days."

Donna Duffey— New AAR board member Donna Duffey has lived in the Renton Highlands for thirteen years. Donna says she has always appreciated art and took art classes in high school and college. Before retiring, she worked in the Management Information Center at Boeing as a graphic artist. Donna said, "I have fond memories of making charts with ink and black tape at



a drawing board back in those days before computer graphics."

Dancing has always been Donna's passion. In the beautiful costumes that she designs, she performs as a belly dancer for various local events and venues. She loves flower arranging and is a member of the Renton Garden Club.

Her community volunteer work includes St. Mathews church and Luther's Table, making pillows and scarves for the homeless.

Donna said, "I come from a large family of artists, and I am excited to join Allied Arts because I enjoy working with groups to make art and music more accessible to people."

Melody Kroeger—Melody began her career as a bank examiner at the FDIC, as manager of business operations at WAMU and as budget manager at The Seattle Times before getting her master's degree in divinity at Seattle University. She is now working on her doctorate. As a part of that program, she worked as a Chaplain Intern at the Veteran's Administration, where she used art as a thera-



py to help veterans suffering from PTSD.

She moved to Renton eleven years ago and serves on

the Renton Airport Advisory Committee. She loves opera, the symphony and visiting art galleries. She is fascinated by the art and religion of different cultures through the ages, saying that it speaks of their cultural identity.

When asked what appealed to her about joining Allied Arts, she said "Art represents hope and joy. It's a wonderful way to articulate our feelings without using words." She then added, "I've always been drawn to helping people learn to express themselves."



#### RMAC Seeks New Members

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission is seeking new members. Although an interest in and experience with the arts and culture of

Renton is the primary requirement, the Commission also needs members with other skills. Serving on the Commission requires attendance at the monthly meeting (the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.), a willingness to participate in RMAC-sponsored activities and events, and a sense of humor. If you have questions, you may contact the RMAC at 425-430-7271 or jkotarski@rentonwa.gov.

Applications are available ("Boards, Commissions, and Committees Application") at the City of Renton website, www.rentonwa.gov.

## People Working Together Make a Difference

## Renton Annual Art Show ~ July 27-29 at Renton Community Center

Linda Middlebrooks

The Renton Annual Art Show will open to the public on Friday, July 27 and run through Sunday, July 29. As a part of Renton River Days, the show can be viewed in the banquet room of the Community Center located in Cedar River Park. Live performers will provide background music to bring a special ambiance to the show as viewers stroll through the gallery of accepted pieces. There are also displays of jewelry, textiles and sculpture. All artwork is for sale.

A **Preview Party**, scheduled at 8 p.m. on July 26 at the Community Center, is always an enjoyable event where artists who have won prizes are acknowledged and presented with their cash awards. A highlight is the awarding of prizes to all of the young artists age 18 and younger who are on hand to receive their rewards for entering. Those in attendance may purchase art pieces before the show opens to the public the next day. Music, wine and an hors d'oeuvre buffet table add to the evening.

Allied Arts is pleased to help sponsor this show (considered one of the Northwest's most outstanding art shows) with award money and volunteer hours. One of the awards presented is the Nancy Hoben Memorial Award established by Allied Arts to honor this past AAR board member who was a strong supporter of the arts in Renton. In addition, the family of Norma Cugini, a founding member of Allied Arts, has established an art fund at the Renton Regional Community Foundation with proceeds used to present monetary awards to young artists at the show.

It is fun to volunteer for this prestigious art show; if you would like to help and need more information contact Linda Middlebrooks at 206-919-9746 or email jmidbk@aol.com.

#### **Calling All Artists**

Renton Annual Art Show is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization that produces an exhibit of work by outstanding Northwest artists during the Renton River Days festival. The show is juried by recognized professional artists, art educators and knowledgeable art collectors. Regional artists can submit their work for consideration in the Renton Annual Art Show on Sunday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Artists interested in submitting artwork can download the 2018 Artist Prospectus at www.rentonannualartshow.com. For more information you may also contact Vicki Faull, Committee Chair, at 425.254.9934 or email vfaull@bannerbank.com.

#### Save the Date ~ July 28 Chalk Art Competition

Barbara Nilson, Honorary AAR member

Adults, teenagers, juniors, kids and professional artists are all invited to create a chalk art square during Renton River Days on Saturday, July 28, 2018. The Chalk Art Competition is organized by Allied Arts of Renton, sponsored by Wiener & Lambka Company, and is held on the tennis courts at Liberty Park.

Participants may register commencing at 11 a.m. but cannot begin their artwork until noon. All of the chalk and materials are provided by Allied Arts. Squares must be completed by 3 p.m. A list of rules are given for the judged categories and are monitored by Allied Arts board members.

Monetary prizes range from \$25 to \$100 for categories including: juniors, teenagers, adults and professionals. The public weighs in on judging the People's Choice Award. Chalk creations will be judged after closing at 3 p.m. and prizes will be awarded at approximately 3:45 p.m. according to AAR board member Shari Fisher.

Children ages 8 and younger are not judged but are given their choice of an artist's item i.e. boxes of crayons, markers or watercolor paints once they have completed their chalk art square.

The Chalk Art event has a long history in Renton. It was proposed in June 1996 by Allied Arts member, Sylvia Langdon. Originally it was held downtown in conjunction with the Downtown Renton Association. It continued downtown in partnership with Piazza Renton with Chairman Nancy Hoben until 2005 and in 2006 the event was moved to Liberty Park with Vicki Navarro and Sonja Kyes as co-chairmen to become a part of Renton River Days. The new chairman this year is Melody Kroeger who says, "There are several artists in churches where I work and I am excited to let them know about this opportunity and I look forward to taking on this responsibility for Allied Arts. It will be fun!"

Assisting Mel as "operations manager" will be Pat Tucker-Dolan.

For further information contact: Linda Middlebrooks at 206-919-9746 or email jmidbk@aol.com.

#### **Fall Family Concert Scheduled**

Mark your calendars and prepare to be dazzled by the lush sounds of the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra at the IKEA Performing Arts Center on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 2 p. m. Under the baton of Maestro Adam Stern, the SPO will play an all-Slavic composer program featuring Dvorak, Glazunov, Chopin and Smetana. Renowned pianist, Milica Jelača Jovanović will be the featured pianist performing Chopin's "Piano Concerto in E Minor". Watch for the fall newsletter with more details.

## Making the Arts Come Alive in Renton

#### Renton Municipal Arts Commission ~ Spring 2018 Update

Elizabeth Higgins, Liaison to the RMAC



A visit to Downtown Renton makes it clear that the Renton Municipal Arts Commission's award winning initiative, the "Galvanizing Arts Project" Program (GAP), is having a significant impact in the City.

Following discussion, the project proponent is typically encouraged to make a formal application that addresses practical issues such as, in the case of wall murals, the address and whether permission of the property and/or business owner has been obtained.

Several recent Downtown Renton projects have been endorsed by the Arts Commission, but paid for by the property owners, thereby saving the RMAC budget for even more projects. These proposals must first be deemed exempt from the City of Renton sign regulations, which designates them as "art" rather than "advertising." These projects contribute to the vitality of Renton, truly art in action!



A recent RMACsponsored project by Equinox Art, "Color Block," has been recognized by the international design journal Uppercase.

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Requests for GAP funding begin with an informal presentation to the RMAC at the Commission's monthly meeting regarding the aesthetics of the proposal.

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A tribute to Boeing at the Four Generals, Wells Avenue S. (by Andrew Morrison)



Remembering the railroad at the Whistle Stop on Williams Avenue S (by Equinox Art)



Brightening an otherwise dark alley at the Cortona Building on S 3rd Street. (by Equinox Arts)

### Kudos

#### Allied Arts Life Member Barbara Nilson Recipient of Lifetime of Giving Award

Allied Arts board members were pleased to be present at the Renton Regional Community Foundation's "Celebration" event held on February 15, 2018 at the downtown Pavilion where Barbara Nilson received a *Lifetime of Giving* award. Former recipient Linda Middlebrooks proudly placed the Medal of Honor around Barbara's neck and welcomed her into the club of the League of Extraordinary Givers. A goodly number of past recipients of the honor were on hand wearing the medals they received in previous years.

The Allied Arts of Renton Board nominated Barbara Nilson because she truly is a champion of philanthropy. The foundation already knew of Barbara since she had sponsored tables for the Celebration Event in past years, had donated to the Circle of Giving and served on various foundation planning committees.

Barb was president of Allied Arts for three years and served on the board for many years giving both time and dollars to support various events. She used her writing skills to develop brochures and publish newsletters. She continues to sponsor the People's Choice award for the Chalk Art contest held annually during Renton River Days. When Allied Arts presented a \$1,000 scholarship to a talented young musician to purchase an oboe, Barbara quietly matched it with a donation of her own.

She was an enthusiastic supporter of the fund raising drive to build the IKEA Performing Arts Center and her name is on a bronze star (\$1,000 donation) in the theater lobby. Barb has quietly helped with both her time and generous donations to such organizations as the Farmers market, Birthday Dreams and Arts Unlimited. She has used her writing skills to write press releases promoting various causes.

Barbara taught English and journalism at Franklin High School in Seattle for twenty years. Her students included former governor Gary Locke and renowned performer Kenny G. Governor Locke says she helped him perfect his English. When he was appointed U.S. Secretary of Commerce and then U.S. Ambassador to China, he credited Barbara with helping him advance in his political career.

Barb has written several books focusing on local history. She interviewed Renton High School alumni for a publication in honor of the high school's centennial celebration. She interviewed Maple Valley veterans for her book, "Uncle Sam Wants You." Her most recent book is a compilation of the first fifty years of Allied Arts history. She has won numerous awards for her writing skills including two Virginia Marie Tolkins awards from the King County Historical Organization for her history books.

Lifetime of Giving Award goes to Barbara Nilson.



#### Barbara Nilson Book Signing Allied Arts of Renton, The First Fifty Years

Jaris English

On November 14, 2017 we were excited to present a book signing at the Renton Historical Museum. Allied Arts of Renton's lifetime member, Barbara Nilson had just released her latest historical book, *Allied Arts of Renton, The First Fifty Years*, which documents the history of Allied Arts from its inception in 1964 to 2014. It was a perfect gathering, and we are grateful to museum director, Elizabeth Stewart for the lovely venue.

Ms Nilson, a member of Allied Arts since the early days, also served as president so she had much to contribute to this anthology. She spoke to us about her past involvement and the process of her research. She referred to several stories from her book. Many persons in the audience, added their own memories from the past.

Helga Jaques, attendee and local artist commented, "The museum was a perfect place for this because it helps to remind us that Renton is not just about Boeing—it has a rich early history as a mining and logging town. And Barbara is a special person who brings the history of Renton to life."

Seventeen-year old, Sophie Ossorio, former recipient of an AAR scholarship funded by Nilson, was present to play the oboe that she purchased with the scholarship. Sophie provided pleasant background music.

Allied Arts co-president, Deloris Dewing said, "We were thrilled to see such a good turnout for the occasion, and I know Barbara was delighted."

The book is full of articles and photos throughout the years that immortalize the contributions made by this organization for promoting the best of art and culture in our community. Barbara not only compiled the history book but also underwrote publishing so that all proceeds go to Allied Arts projects. Copies of this comprehensive local history are available for \$20 each. Contact Barbara Nilson, Aqua818@icloud.com or Linda Middlebrooks, 206-919-9746.

#### I WANT TO JOIN ALLIED ARTS TO SUPPORT THE ARTS IN RENTON

Please clip and make check payable to Allied Arts of Renton, Inc. Send form to P.O. Box 151, Renton, WA 98057-0151

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Thank You!



Donations can be made online to Allied Arts through the Renton Regional Community Foundation at www.rentonfoundation.org (select Allied Arts Fund) or through Allied Arts at www.alliedartsofrenton.org





A special **thank you** goes out to the Renton Printery for printing this newsletter at a reduced rate. Community partnerships are a wonderful thing!

#### **ALLIED ARTS MEETINGS**

Held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There are no meetings in July or December. Locations vary call 206-772-5797

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#### Renton Youth Symphony Orchestra Sunday, May 6, 3 p.m. Carco Theatre

1717 SE Maple Valley Highway Music by both the Youth Symphony Orchestra and Debut Orchestra \$10 Adults; \$7 seniors 50+ and students; \$5 children (5 and under)

### Renton City Concert Band

Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m.

**IKEA Performing Arts Center** 

400 South 2nd Street

(Renton High School)

Youth Symphony & Concert Band information at 425-430-6700.

#### Renton River Days July 27-29 Liberty Park

Big parade, art shows, food and fun activities galore! Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra

## Fall Family Concert

Sunday, October 14, 2 p.m. IKEA Performing Arts Center

400 South 2nd Street

Information at 206-772-6528.



#### RENTON CIVIC THEATER ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 SEASON

For their 31st season RCT plans to journey from the swamps of the home of the ugly duckling in the Summer Teen Musical HONK! to the nuns of Hoboken in NUNSENSE. There will be a few stops in between with a mystery, THE DEATH OF ME, a holiday family classic IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, and a farce, THE MOON OVER BUFFALO, with a stop in the stuffy hot jury room of 12 ANGRY MEN. Bill Huls, Artistic director at RCT, writes, "It's going to be a ride full of laughs and fun."

RCT suggests that if you have a special occasion coming up, consider giving the gift of theater instead of another tie or generic gift card. The only thing better than a night out at the theater is a night out at the theater with friends and loved ones. Why not share your love of live performance at Renton Civic Theatre with everyone you know. They will be thanking you all season long.

As a nonprofit, every dollar spent on tickets goes to pay for royalties on shows, production materials (including costumes and set pieces), advertising to ensure audience attendance, and wages for the loyal staff whose service is worth far more than they can be paid. Rising production costs are an ongoing challenge getting increasingly difficult to overcome. Ticket sales do not cover theater operations; RCT counts on community support through additional donations (tax deductible) to make the difference every year.

Bill Huls says, "This is not my theater or the board of director's theater; it is your theater, and without you, the patrons and supporters of Renton Civic Theatre, we would not be here. Thank you for your continued support of Renton Civic Theatre and the arts community."

**OF SPECIAL NOTE:** The early bird package ended on May 1 but if you call the box office and mention that you read about RCT in this Allied Arts Newsletter, you will receive 25% off the regular season price. That is six shows for \$117 for adults or \$93 for seniors. Contact the Box Office at 425-226-5529 to order tickets. Mr. Huls says, "If we do not answer the phone please leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP." The theater can also be contacted at boxoffice@rentoncivictheater.org.

#### **About Allied Arts of Renton**

Allied Arts is an all volunteer non-profit organization where every cent received in donations goes directly into arts-oriented programs. By seeking grants and partnerships, and using our own in-kind talents, we have helped keep the arts alive and well in Renton. Our organization supports visual arts, vocal and instrumental music, performing arts, as well as the literary arts. Your generous donations help us greatly in this endeavor.