



Allied Arts of Renton

Renton River Days Chalk Art Contest

By Melody Kroeger

It was another colorful day at Liberty Park. Plain green pavement magically turned into temporary works of art at the annual Renton River Days Chalk Art contest. Artists of all ages were welcomed, and Allied Arts of Renton supplied the chalk.

This year, over 30 participants, from young budding artists to not-so-young sketchers, created a variety of images and designs on grids drawn on the city tennis courts - thanks to a generous grant from Wiener & Lambka, P.S. Attorneys at Law and from donors like you, with a special monetary award from Barbara Nilsson, cash prizes were awarded for the winners.



Allied Arts Presidents' Letter

By Co-Presidents Linda Middlebrooks and Deloris Dewing

A huge thanks to all of you who read our Co-Presidents' letter and send back membership donations. You are our lifeline with your financial support which enables us to bring a variety of art events to the community.

Many events are happening in our arts community, and we hope you will take time to read about them in this newsletter. For example, our next big event is our Fall Family Concert at the Renton IKEA Performance Center on October 20th with the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra. Thanks to our members and partnerships, ticket prices are low and are a great bargain for everyone in our community. Information about the concert is in this publication.

Another project that has been "percolating" is a new mural planned at 319 S. 3rd St. Renton. During the *Downtown Wine Walk*, we asked this community what they would like to see on that mural. We are still open to suggestions since we haven't finalized the design plan nor chosen an artist.

We hope you will continue to read and enjoy our informative articles here, and please take the time to fill out the form on page seven and then send us your contributions. We also would love to hear from you about your thoughts on new directions that we could take to enhance our endeavors for this everchanging community. Once again, thank you for helping us keep the arts alive and well in Renton!

*The Allied Arts year runs from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. The following have made contributions to Allied Arts of Renton for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2020
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My Memories of Allied Arts

By Barbara Nilson

When I moved back to this side of the mountains in the early 1980's, long-time friend, Peggy Ziebarth was president of a group called Allied Arts of Renton, and she invited me to join as a board member. Soon afterwards, several of our members had students who were suspended from Lindbergh High School for producing an underground newspaper, *Bad Astra*. Being an officer of the NFPW, I immediately went to bat for the students and with the help, of course, from Allied Arts members such as Nancy Osborn and Susan Ringwood; we got them reinstated in time for them to graduate.



Illustration by
Doug Kyes

The next president was Susan Stokes Powell. I served as her Vice President. She served for two terms. For the next several years, I concentrated on teaching and left Allied Arts for a short time. I rejoined in 1987. That year I became secretary under president, Nancy Hoben. Charmaine Baker was vice president and Eleanor Bertagni, treasurer. Other board members were Bob Dunn, Ken Hoben, Sylvia Langdon, Nancy Osborn and Susan Ringwood.

Also, in 1997, Sylvia Langdon chaired the first Chalk Art Contest which was then held at Piazza Renton, as part of the first annual Piazza Party. Also included was a Photo Festival chaired by Bob Dunn. Entertainment books were sold at fundraisers and the second year of Arts Alive for Kids was launched to provide grants to Renton teachers for supplies in classrooms. Allied Arts also purchased seat plaques at Renton Civic Theater in the names of Margaret and Clark Teagarden, (longtime members). The Thirteenth Annual Fall Family Concert was held at Lindbergh High with Susan Ringwood, Chair.

The beat goes on today, and my published book about Allied Arts history is called *The First Fifty Years, 1964-2014*. It was an honor to relive these memories. The dedication reads, "Thank you Allied Arts Members: Char Baker, Linda Middlebrooks, Sonja Keys and Deloris Dewing and to all the presidents who kept the notebooks and the secretaries who recorded the history of Allied Arts for the first 50 years."

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Keeping the Arts Alive in Renton

Mayor Denis Law: Patron of the Arts

By Jaris English

Renton Mayor Denis Law met with me in his office at city hall to ask him his thoughts about the arts scene here in Renton, knowing that he is an artist himself. He has been passionate about artistic photography since he was quite young. He was a photographer for years while in the newspaper business and it evolved into enjoying scenic photography of wildlife and nature.

Those of us on the board of Allied Arts of Renton are grateful for Mayor Law and his wife, Patty for having been members for over ten years. They have been very supportive of the arts here in our community. Mayor Law was the master of ceremonies at this year's Annual Art Show. He said, "I think it's a real plus when a city brings a lot of people of all ages together to celebrate their artistic abilities. It's an event that has been great for the city. You can see everyone walking around the room enjoying the tremendous talent that we have in our art community." He presented the awards to artists of all ages and added, "What I really like is that we're celebrating and honoring the creativity of young kids which inspires them to get excited and passionate after getting recognition for their efforts."

When asked about his hopes for the future, he said, "You know, I think we just need to do more of the same. We're in the process now of planning a new community center for the Cascade-Benson area

that will offer educational classes and athletics and all kinds of programs. I'm really hoping

there will be arts and music components for the kids there."

He then mentioned that the city council has been wonderful about embracing the arts over recent years and he hopes that will continue. "I think it's a community-wide effort. The arts need to be supported by the public and the school system, and everybody benefits when you embrace it as a community."

Before I left, he showed me a book of his own photographs that beautifully capture images from all around our area. At the end of his term as mayor this year, he plans to do a lot more photography and perfect his craft. He and Patty are building a home in Anacortes. "It's such a beautiful area to live in with a lot of art festivals. The trails and waterfront areas are perfect for walking around with my camera. And it's only an hour and a half away from Renton. Since we have so many family and friends here, we wanted to be close so that we can stay involved."



2019 Fall Family Concert at Renton High School With the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra

By Deloris Dewing



Maestro Adam Stern, conductor of the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, is excited to bring the celebratory performance of the orchestra commemorating their 75th Year Anniversary to IKEA Performing Arts Center on Sunday, October 20, 2019, at 2:00 PM. *Fanfare* by local composer, Gina Gillie, will open the concert, followed by *Symphony No 75 in D* by Franz Josef Haydn. *Sonata in C sharp for Saxophone and Orchestra* by Fernande Decruck, featuring local saxophonist, Erik Steighner, will bring us to intermission. The "All American" second half will bring the majestic *Fanfare for the Common Man* Appalachian Spring: *Suite from the ballet* by Aaron Copland, closing with Rodgers and Hammerstein's



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People Working Together Make a Difference

(continued) 2019 Fall Family Concert

Oklahoma Symphonic Suite. As patrons gather, *Summit Winds*, featuring Diana Hagan, clarinet; Denis Calvin, oboe; and Penny Bugni, bassoon, will perform their melodious and diverse music in the lobby. The orchestra will again include one number featuring local high school string musicians. The goal of Allied Arts of Renton is to reach the maximum audience participation with minimum cost to patrons. They are helped in this endeavor by the Renton Regional Community Foundation, 4-Culture, the Renton Municipal Arts Commission, The Renton School District, and the Renton Rotary. Ticket prices are: Adults, \$8.00, Seniors, \$5.00 and students, \$3.00. Tickets may be purchased in October from L.A. Frames, 308 3rd. St. in downtown Renton and King and Bunny's, 4608 Sunset Blvd. in the Highlands. Tickets are also sold at the concert. For further information call 206-772-6528.

2019 Renton Annual Art Show

By Linda Middlebrooks

Preview night for the Annual Art Show was once again an enjoyable event. The evening before the show opens during Renton River Days, a festive reception is held to announce the winners of the show in an awards ceremony.

This year the awards were presented by Renton Mayor Denis Law to artist of all ages, from five to late 80s. Five of the award-winning art pieces are shown here along with the names of the talented artists in our community who created them.

The Allied Arts, or AAR Awards included memorial awards for Susan Ringwood, Nancy Hoben, Andee Jorgensen, and the newly created Doug Keyes Memorial Award to honor Doug, who was a shining light in our community arts culture.



Doug Keyes Memorial Award
"Harbor Kayaking"

by James McFarlane



Susan Ringwood Memorial Award
"Woodland Stream"

by Tis Huberth



Nancy Hoben Memorial Award
"Resilience"

by Chrystale Files



Allied Arts Award
"P-Patch II"

by Eva Bender



Andee Jorgensen Memorial Award
"Sisters"

by Mary Schossow-Schumaker

Making the Arts Come Alive in Renton

New Public Art Projects: The Renton Loop and Sunset Park Sculptures

By Jessie Kotarski

The Renton City Council has authorized two new public art projects which will be downtown at the corner of Main Avenue South and South Second Street and the other at Sunset Neighborhood Park which will receive a vibrant vertical series.

“Renton truly values art as a vital part of our community,” said Mayor Denis Law. “These two new projects will enhance our reputation and give both residents and visitors something to admire and talk about.”

The artwork downtown will serve as both an eye-catching entry to the city center and as an ode to the Renton Loop, made famous decades ago by drivers who cruised their vehicles through downtown on weekend evenings. The Renton Loop will be designed by Western Neon, the same company that fabricated the highly popular Rooftop Dragon on Wells Avenue South.

“The piece represents the past, present and future of the city,” said Dylan Neuwirth, Western Neon’s creative director. “It symbolizes Renton as a unique Pacific Northwest destination first for coal mining, then for manufacturing jobs and finally for today’s high tech and service occupations.” The budget for the project is \$146,261.28, which includes \$50,003.50 from the city’s density account. Installation is scheduled for fall 2019.

The project at Sunset Neighborhood Park will be designed by artist Kirk Seese of Lutherville, Maryland. Artists were asked to submit designs that highlighted the “connection between the neighborhood park and the diverse community surrounding Sunset and Highlands communities.” The designs were evaluated by a committee composed of city staff, the Renton Municipal Arts Commission and members from the Sunset community.

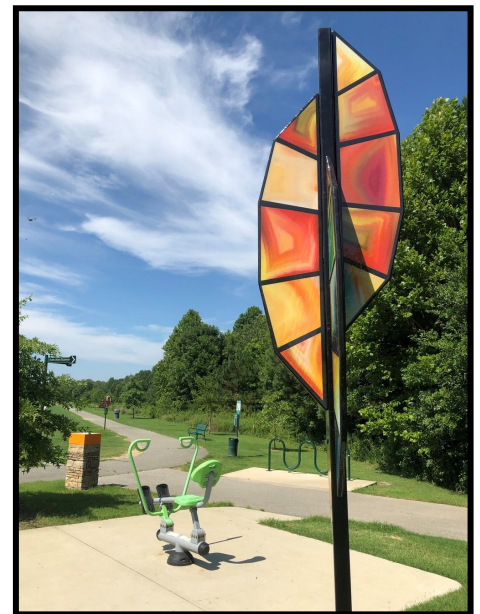
Seese’s proposal consists of colorful vertical sculptures attached to square tubular steel posts. The pieces will be placed at multiple locations throughout the park. “Artwork doesn’t sit in someone’s house, in a museum or tucked away in



Artist Kirk Seese

a storage room in the dark,” Seese said. “It’s out there in the world, for all to see, braving the elements and public scrutiny. It’s shared.” The project has a budget of \$250,000, which comes from the density transfer fees collected from Sunset Terrace developer Colpitts Development. Installation of the artwork is scheduled for the summer of 2020.

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More Arts in Our Community



Authors' Readings at Boon Booma Cafe

By Sylva Coppock

In May, Allied Arts sponsored a reading event for the Renton writers Workshop at the Boon Booma Coffee Shop in downtown Renton. The event drew an enthusiastic audience to listen to poets, essayists, mystery, historical fiction and fantasy writers share samples of their work.

Among those versatile local writers presenting work at the venue were poet Theresa Zimmerman reading a variety of verse appropriate to the season and illustrating everyday observations of the world near her. Sylva Coppock put aside work on her Civil War novel to read a condensed biography of her father's difficult trek through life – from birth to death – an eighty-three-year journey delivered in twelve minutes. Fantasy writer Helen Collier told the enchanting folk tale of *Uncle for Willie, USA*, based on family lore from her childhood. Ronda Taylor delivered a spooky short story; she also writes poetry and stories for young readers. In *Summertime*, Kathy Berryman took listeners to a land populated by fairies and elves, living near a pond in the woods – a departure from her usual historical fiction. Jeanne Mathews, best known for her Diana Pelerin mystery series, brought one of her blog articles. Judy Kimball's short story, set in a delicatessen, proved that age has no limit when it comes to matters of the heart. Judy is the faithful and energetic guru of the Workshop, keeping the members motivated and productive.

Based on the positive reception received at these literary arts events, organizers hope to offer more of these kinds of activities.

The Owl Project Mural at Carco Theatre

By Jessie Kotarski



The Owl Project is a locally based, non-profit organization that seeks to bring communities together through the creation of public art. The Owl Project recently hosted the creation of a community mural.

The organization worked with local artist, Scott Douwes, on the overall design and then invited anyone in the community to come and make their mark on the wall. The mural was almost complete

after four hours with help from more than eighty volunteers. It was an outpouring of community involvement, creativity and cooperation. The mural is open for viewing on the river-facing wall of Carco Theatre off Maple Valley Highway.

The Owl Project aims to create a sense of empowerment and belonging among the members of the community for the places in which they live. More volunteers and interested members of the community are welcome to join in. If you are interested in getting involved in the work of The Owl Project, please email arts@rentonwa.gov.

Celebrating 21 Years of Philanthropy and Community!

February 27, 2020 / 5 pm – 8 pm Renton Pavilion

By LeAnne Moss

On February 27, 2020 the Renton Regional Community Foundation will shine a light on individuals and organizations that are helping to strengthen our region and make lives better. Once again, we will highlight the important work of non-profit organizations in our area, and we will honor the next inductees into the "League of Extraordinary Givers," a group of community leaders who have made an impact in our region. Join us! Tickets are \$50 and will be available later this fall. For information or questions, contact LeAnne Moss at 425-282-5199 or lmoss@rentonfoundation.org.



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Tickets are also sold at the concert.

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Doug Kyes Memorial Fund

By Barbara Nilson

A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of Doug Kyes by Allied Arts to be awarded each year at the Annual Art Show. Kyes, a noted artist, settled in Renton in the early sixties with his wife, Sonja. He served as official River Days Artist for many years starting with its inception in 1986. He designed the whimsical little red-haired boy and girl that became symbolic of Renton River Days for the next 13 years.

He, with his wife, were also active in Renton's Centennial Celebration held in 2001. Doug designed 25 historical markers for the occasion and a special coloring book of Renton's history. Contributions are still being accepted for this fund by Allied Arts of Renton. Mail to Allied Arts of Renton, P.O. Box 151, Renton WA. 98057-0151.





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.