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Sitting relaxed in a restaurant enjoying delicious food, unique ambiance and lively conversation is something most everyone took for granted before the outbreak of COVID-19.

“Restaurants represent the all-important ‘third place’ (after home and work) where people can congregate, socialize and break bread (or fresh, local seafood!) together,” said Grant Jones, the director of business development for Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.

“The cultural, communal and mental health benefits are real and this pandemic is shining a light on the critical role these establishments play in our community,” he said.

Photo by Rick Moyer



This shrimp dish is a specialty at the historic Tokeland Hotel restaurant.

While now allowed to be open at 50 percent capacity (as of press time), eating establishments are still struggling financially here, threatening the cultural richness and diversity of living in Grays Harbor.

The restaurant industry has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic, Jones said, citing a recent survey Greater Grays Harbor Inc., conducted that indicated 92 percent of restaurants in Grays Harbor reported revenue decreases and 32 percent predict significant long-term staff reductions. “This sector is also reporting the highest likelihood

of permanent closure due to the pandemic, with 29 percent reporting they are at least ‘somewhat likely’ to close permanently,” Jones said.

“We’ve seen closures, but we’ve also seen restaurants find success in embracing the new reality and making take-out service a core part of their business. We’ve also seen some business take some time to step back and reevaluate their businesses more broadly in order to make some difficult decisions and emerge stronger and more competitive upon reopening,” Jones said.

So, just like other creative folks, many in the restaurant business on the Harbor have used ingenuity to survive – and sometimes even thrive – during this time. In addition, the good news is that it may not be too late to help save many of the struggling restaurants on the Harbor – and enjoy doing it!

“Grab take-out and meet up with your friends for a socially distanced al fresco meal,” suggested Jones. “If restaurants offer gift cards, buy them. This helps them with their cash flow and helps you get your holiday shopping done early!” he said.

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The Salmon Caesar Salad featured on the cover is deliciously fresh, healthy and carefully prepared daily at Bennett's Fish Shack, with locations in Westport and Ocean Shores. "It's great, if you can tear yourself away from the award winning fish & chips," says Stan Woody Coastal Currents publisher (photo by Rick Moyer.)



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We suggest you hold onto this and consider frequenting these establishments as part of your summer To Do list. Let's help sustain our area's unique gathering places one delicious bite at a time.

The information in the following guide was compiled in mid-July. In these times of rapid change, you may want to check that the details haven't been modified before planning your next restaurant meal.

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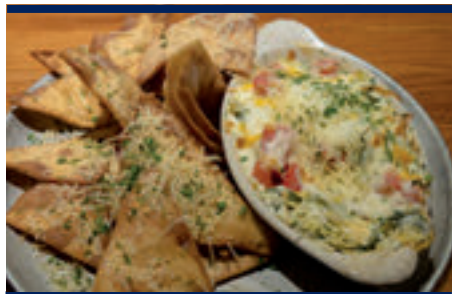
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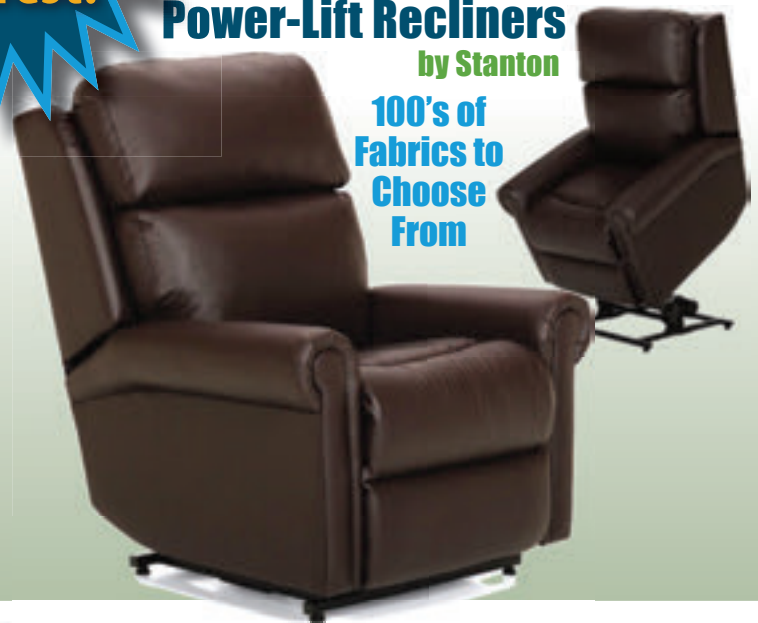
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THE SHOW MUST GO ON...SOMEHOW

BY GREGORY E. ZSCHOMLER

“ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS...”

~ from “As You Like It,”
by William Shakespeare

Live entertainment may have been on hold during the past five months, but many of Grays Harbor’s theater groups have found ways to perform anyway. In addition, plans are in the works for the curtain to rise once again on local theater.

One group that forged ahead is the new Aberdeen Shakespearean Theatre company. This summer the troupe performed “Fun with Shakespeare in the Park,” in McCleary. Unfortunately, just at press time, the performances set for late July and August in Elma, Aberdeen and Westport had to be cancelled because of new coronavirus guidelines.

In the show earlier this summer, the




The members of the Aberdeen Shakespearean Theatre in Sam Benn Park, from left: Jule Giglio, Karen DeMasters, Phil Foster, Jeff Ryser, Jaymes O’Pheron and Brenda Simera. Not pictured: Ann Lewis, Eli Lugo and Gregory Zschomler.

players, under the direction of troupe president Karen DeMasters, presented selected short scenes from a handful of the Bard’s works and invited audience members to participate. Theater warmup exercises were also part of the participatory fun. The family-friendly performance was free, sponsored in part by the Sierra Pacific Foundation.

The troupe had originally planned performances of “Comedy of Errors,” but the season was delayed due to

the coronavirus pandemic. Interested parties can get involved with the nonprofit for the summer of 2021 production plans of that show, which includes eight performances in area parks.

Check out Aberdeen Shakespeare Theatre’s Facebook page or visit the website at shakespeare98520.org or email aberdeenshakespeare@gmail.com for information or to donate. Watch for online theater from this troupe later in the summer. 

Creative Approaches Keep Theater Alive on Harbor

Creative people come up with solutions when presented with problems. Local theater creatives are no different. During “these uncertain times” the show has gone on.

The Bishop Center at Grays Harbor College will remain closed through 2020. However, Andrew Gaines, head of GHC’s Department of Theater, Arts and Communication, directed online

Zoom performances for the Theater Arts Department’s annual Ten-Minute Plays Festival on June 20. The festival features community

GHC’s Ten-Minute Plays Festival premiered online. Each part was performed independently and merged on the Zoom platform.

members’ and student playwrights’ original short plays.

“The students and I learned how to create lively and moving scenes with Zoom and our audiences showered us with praise,” Gaines said. “One silver lining was quadrupling our typical audience size for this type of production by streaming to Facebook.”

Gaines assures there’s more creative theater to come. “Next spring, GHC is

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considering a remote musical revue, with individual performers singing mostly solos, pre-recorded. It's far from the ideal scenario, but I hope we can find redeeming moments of humanity, hope and connection within and across the digital divide."

While the **7th Street Kids'** performance of Stephen Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods" had to be postponed until the summer of 2021, director Julayne Fleury recently began "Zoomsicals" through the new 7th Street Online format using Zoom, a web-based video conferencing tool. She says that the online venture is keeping kids connected and going even better than she thought it would: "I'm pleasantly surprised with that!"

The Driftwood Players in Aberdeen are delaying their production of "The Wedding Singer" until next year, according to director Alex

Eddy. Meanwhile, he says the board is considering what they might offer online.

And all over Grays Harbor, creatives are making plans for real curtains to rise again. Throughout the state, theaters, in cooperation with the Washington State Arts Commission and other arts organizations, have drafted and approved a Reopening Plan. The plan, which was approved in June, takes into account the Governor's current phase criteria and allows for theaters located in counties that are in Phase 3 or 4 to reopen at 50 percent capacity under stringent guidelines. A copy of the plan can be downloaded at www.arts.wa.gov. 

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Many Harbor artists find time in quarantine

BY GAIL GREENWOOD AYRES

Time spent in quarantine because of the novel coronavirus has affected Grays Harbor artists in a variety of ways. Many have become profusely productive, using the extra solitude to experiment with new mediums or create art at an unprecedented rate. For others, the resulting economics have been a hardship, with loss of income and even closure of some area galleries.

"January and February were the best two months we've ever had," said Douglas Orr, director of the Aberdeen Art Center, in which his 2,500-square-foot Alder Grove Gallery is the anchor tenant. "Then we were closed and had the worst two months we've ever had. We opened up again in June and kind of got back to even better than before. However, it did adversely affect other tenants in the building. One artist studio folded and a video company also left."

With 168 different Grays Harbor artists represented in the gallery, Orr said he's aware of some who were too depressed to work during this time, and others – such as oil painter Lora Malakoff – whose productivity and sales are "going through



Jennifer Kuhns creates mosaic art in her studio near Porter in eastern Grays Harbor County.

"I have the opportunity to involve my kids more in my work life ... I love that they have been using their free time to express themselves and hopefully I am instilling a love of art in the next generation, my future business partners."

– Abe Singer
Metal Artist

the roof." The gallery is now open noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday.

At Opal Art Glass in Cosmopolis, the temporary shutdown of the gallery caused stress to owners Johnny and Darlene Camp. "We were worried about how we were going to pay our bills. It has been a real struggle because there is really no help for micro business," said Johnny Camp.

On the positive side, they've spent time working on a website that will include a new shopping feature. They have also blown glass for commissioned and memorial orders. The gallery is back open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

For renowned mosaic artist, Jennifer

Kuhns of Porter, the extra time to work was a blessing, but unfortunately the timing forced the cancellation of a fundraising event that Westport businesses had organized to help finance a 5- by 7-foot community mural to be installed on the outside of Stitches by the Beach, a quilt shop overlooking the marina.

"I had led two 'mosaic party' events where participants made quilt-style squares (but with stained glass and tile) and I had completed a large Mariner's Compass for the center panel, so we were halfway done with the fabrication," Kuhns said.

"The mural has been stored in my studio and some volunteers have continued work on the outside squares, each of which features an element that represents Westport, such as a lighthouse, anchor, whale, etc. But to complete and install the mural and make a donor plaque we need to raise at least another \$2,500," she said.



Jennifer Kuhns' mosaic quilt will eventually be installed in Westport at Stitches by the Beach.

During this time she was also working on a project for Tigard, Oregon. "I had just transported basalt boulders to my driveway and found a stone carver from Tenino to collaborate with me when the pandemic hit. Ed Salerno spent a couple of weeks carving inlays into the seven boulders, and I filled them with stained glass mosaic over the next few months. Since all of my classes were cancelled, I was able to relax and focus on that project, along with three concrete benches I was



Johnny and Darlene Camp of Opal Art Glass at work in their glass blowing studio in Cosmopolis.

conducive to creating

working on for the City of Auburn.

The cancellation of her spring workshops caused her to become creative with her teaching methods. "I decided to offer them as online classes. I learned to use Zoom, invested in some software and equipment, and had e-commerce added to my website where students can easily enroll in the workshops. This turned out to be an amazing new experience! Even when

things get back to normal,

Vicki Mitchell created this pansy in pastel. (left)

Ken and Vicki Mitchell with one of Ken's paintings. (below)



online classes will still be part of my practice," Kuhns said.

Artists Ken and Vicki Mitchell of Cosmopolis, have responded to this time a bit differently. While Ken, a retired art teacher from Aberdeen's Harbor High School, pursued some artistic endeavors and conducted research for historical paintings, his focus has been more on the couple's flowers and garden.

Vicki, however, has produced a plethora of art. Her work included finishing 20 illustrations for essays she's written, painting postcards, completing a coloring book for Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, and creating miniature papier-mâché hats from different historical periods using materials she found at home. She also painted pictures on hymnal pages to give to her mother, who has dementia and lives in a nursing home but can still recall the old hymns.

"One of the reasons I've done so much is that I had an opportunity of time that I haven't had for forever. The other part was to keep my brain active and to thwart my grief of not being able to see my family."

Both Ken and Vicki took on a special

request during this time – each creating a coloring page depicting a fairy riding a unicorn for their 4-year-old granddaughter, who promises more similar commissions.

When the quarantine began, Abe Singer, a Montesano artist who specializes in metal sculpture, was in the middle of a large commission, "Metamorphosis" for the City of Covington.

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Montesano metal sculpture artist Abe Singer has been working on 'Metamorphosis' for the City of Covington.

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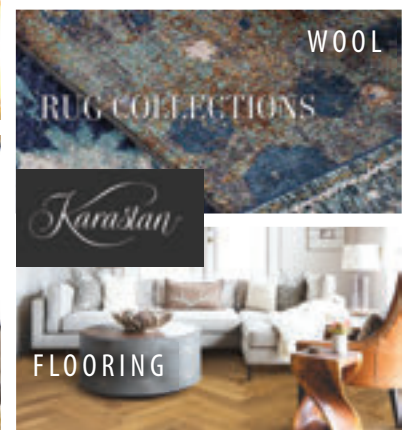
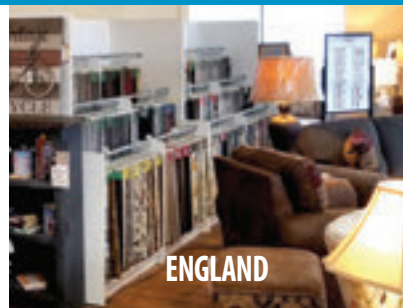


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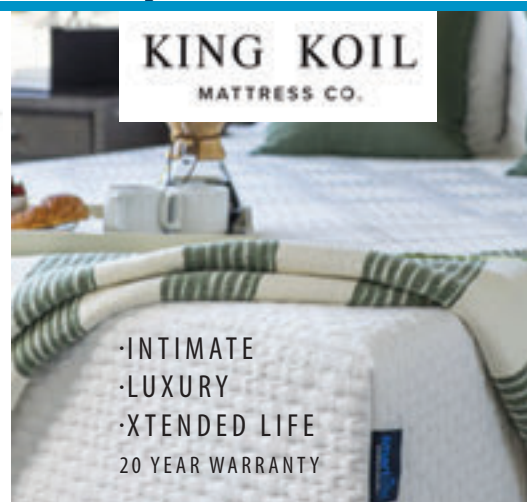
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Can't Stop the Music

BY CHRISTINE VINCENT

Grays Harbor musicians are a creative lot. So are their fans.

On March 16, when Governor Jay Inslee ordered the closure of bars, restaurants, theaters and other facilities because of the coronavirus pandemic, local musicians didn't let music stop on the Harbor. They refused to surrender, devising ways, simple and ingenious, to bring music to the public.

On April 4 and 5, **GHoodStock**, a Facebook Live event, brought local musicians into Grays Harbor homes. The online event was the brainchild of Tiea Vaughn, who is one of the administrators of the Aberdeen 98520 Facebook page. Due to popular demand, a sequel followed on April 25 and 26. This virtual music and art festival was organized by Vaughn and Deb Blecha, also of Aberdeen 98520.

GHoodStock definitely falls under the ingenious category. Participants included local music celebrities as well as new talent performing in a great variety of styles. They included Wil Russoul, Amanda Ransom, Captain's Daughter, Jon Reynolds, Ben Fagerstedt, Tiffany Maki and Company, and many more.

"The community badly needed an outlet for artists and musicians during the lockdown," said Blecha. "People in quarantine also needed entertainment. GHoodstock introduced our area to the public and to artists and musicians,

even beyond the Harbor. We even made it on the King 5 News," she said.

"Music can be healing when things are out of control."

– Stormey Robinson of Aberdeen

In addition to the organized performance of GHoodStock, during this time of quarantine many individual musicians in Grays Harbor are taking the initiative to perform on social media.

The simplicity of these homemade shows creates a much longed for closeness in the community.

Feeling close to the artist is vital for the fans of Aberdeen country singer **Stormey Robinson**. A member of the Northern Cheyenne tribe in Montana, Robinson encourages youth to live an alcohol- and drug-free life.

"Music can be healing when things are out of control," said Robinson, the 1990 Miss Teen Montana. Her winning stage personality shines in the simple phone videos she posted on her Facebook page.



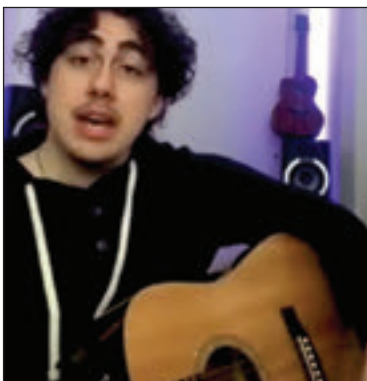
Stormey Robinson

Screenshot from her video performance



Jon Reynolds on GHoodstock 2.0

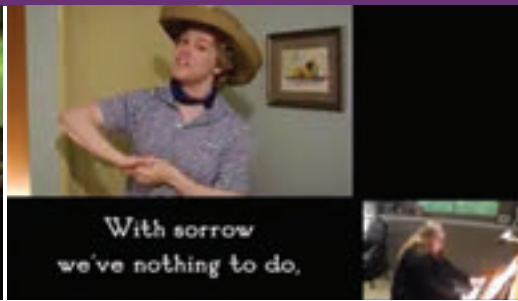
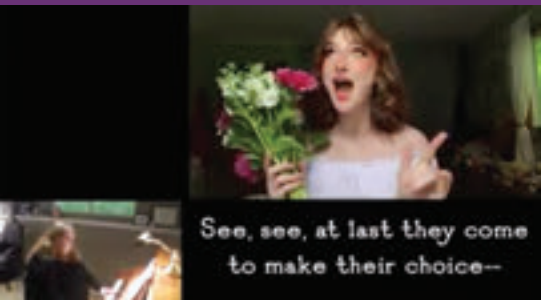
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Grays Harbor College Opera Workshop, directed by Ian and Joy Dorsch, created a six-minute video of part of the opening to 'The Gondoliers' opera (screenshots above). The opera was originally scheduled to be on stage at the Bishop Center in June. View the video at the Grays Harbor College Opera Workshop Facebook page, or GHC Bishop Center's YouTube channel.


The Hoquiam Brewing Company also managed to get music to listeners while people couldn't gather. The business has been featuring a series of popular homemade music videos on its Facebook page. Rocker Ryan Baker, a recent guest, performed "Live from the Bay." More than 800 fans viewed the video, set outside with a familiar Hoquiam backdrop.

For Ian and Joy Dorsch, directors of the **Grays Harbor College Opera Workshop**, the coronavirus quarantine meant they had to cancel their spring

show. However, the couple used their time well, planning a series of three video performances, which are available on the Grays Harbor College's Bishop Center's YouTube channel as well as the GHCOW Facebook page.

"The video is a roughly six-minute chunk of the opening of 'The Gondoliers,'" said Ian Dorsch. "It features Kira Theine on piano, a chorus of around 20 singers, and quite a few soloists from the group (in order of appearance: Carlos Cruz, Emma Dorsch, Aliss Barre, Eric Beard, Jeff Beard, McKenna

Hansen, Evan Weidman and Jax Eaton). Everyone is singing by themselves in their own homes, so it's not staged in any traditional sense, but I think we're all pleased with how it's come out."

So even while music may not be live in Grays Harbor during these unprecedented times, the creative spirit is still very much alive! 

Search the names of the events and artists on Facebook to view some of their recent music videos. Also many of the musicians have their own websites where you can view recent recordings.

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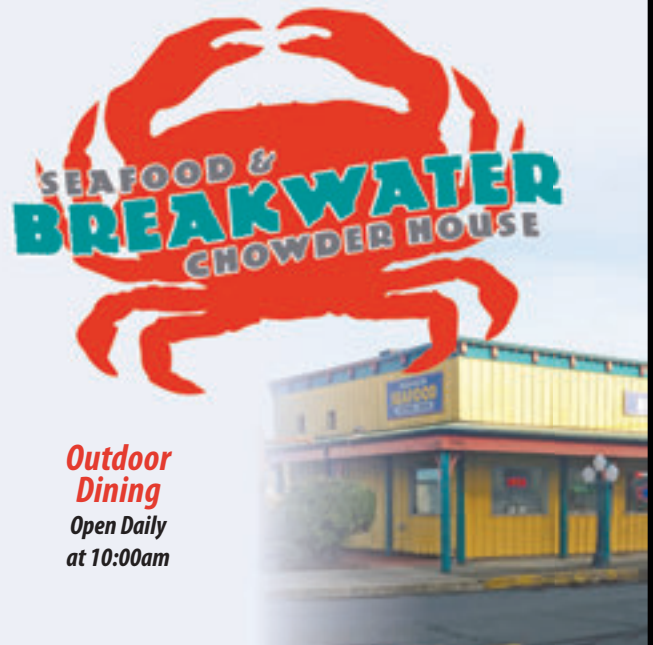
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Finding Native American Public Art in Grays Harbor Area

PHOTO ESSAY BY MARGUERITE GARTH

The Native American heritage is alive and well in our area. That rich history of local tribes can be enjoyed for free if you know where to look. These seven pieces are spread throughout the area so just about anywhere you want to explore you can discover fine works of Native American art.



2

“Kape Jiluupak” mural, Morck Building, 215 South K Street, Aberdeen – Painted by Guy Capoeman and his son Cecil, the mural shows the Thunderbird grabbing a whale under an arch, depicting a famous legend. The sun design on top shows the face of Iskwaluis, or “Bright Sun,” an ancient name from oral tribal history.



1

The Chehalis River Bridge Totems, Aberdeen – Across from Swanson’s grocery store in South Aberdeen along the side of the Chehalis River are two vibrant totems with an equally colorful past. The original carver was a member of the Quinault Tribe named “Circus Jimmy,” who died in 1929. In addition to his carving, Circus Jimmy was well known around the Harbor as a weather forecaster, invoking native signs to make his very accurate predictions. These totems were carved to tell the story of tribal gods. The totems have been restored in recent years by Bob Torgerson.



3

Carved Sign, Memorial Park, Taholah – This sign carved by Joe DeLaCruz, who was the Quinault Tribe’s president for 22 years, celebrates the treaty signed July 1, 1855, between the U.S. and the Quinault, Quileute, Queets and Hoh tribes. Tootie James from the Quinault Tribal Museum writes, “Every year the week of the 4th of July we have a celebration called Chief Taholah Days. On the date of the picture on July 4, 2005, we held a big ceremony to commemorate 150 years.” This sign is a beautiful example of the “Coast Salish” style of figurative art in which shamanic and spirit figures are often depicted.



4

House Post Sculpture, Memorial Park, Taholah – Also created by Quinault leader Joe DeLaCruz, this piece is a fine example of a “House Post.” These were created by Coast Salish carvers, depicting ancestors, history or supernatural beings. The connection between Coast Salish people and the land and water of the Pacific Northwest is at the center of their cultural beliefs and practices.



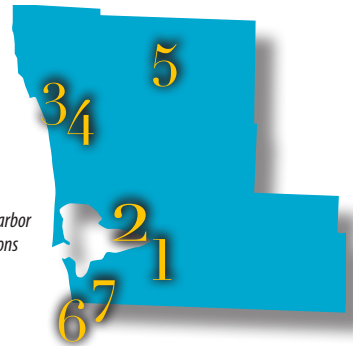
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Totem pole rain gauge, Lake Quinault Lodge, Olympic National Forest – This remarkable piece is attached to the lakeside wall of the lodge. A highlight of the historic lodge, located in the Quinault Rain Forest, the gauge measures rain in feet not inches! The totem was carved by Judy McVay, circa 1967.



6


Totem, Shoalwater Bay Tribal Center, Tokeland – This totem was crafted in a different but beautiful carving style by an unknown British Columbia carver. It was given to the Tribal Center by former Tokeland resident Fred Landry, now deceased.



Grays Harbor locations



7

Museum sign, Shoalwater Bay Tribe – This sign was carved by local carver and cultural program director for the tribe, Earl Davis. Davis was mentored in the Coast Salish style by Randy Capoeman, a well-known Quinault artist, now deceased. (Randy was the uncle of Guy Capoeman.) Davis honors tribal traditions while bringing his own contemporary style to his work. 

Harbor Artists find time




Abe Singer with "Reflection" in downtown Auburn.

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"I had some minor supply chain delays. It relaxed the installation deadline a bit, but we're back on track now to install the 18-foot sculpture in Covington Community Park. In a way, it's been rather serendipitous. I've been working on a series using images of caterpillars and butterflies to articulate finding myself as an artist, discovering who I want to be. This sculpture for Covington was designed to illustrate their city motto of growing toward greatness.

Now as we cautiously celebrate re-opening it could take on a new and deeper meaning, offering a message of hope inspiration, and positive reflection," Singer said.

This time has also given him more time with his two young sons, Eli, 10, and Zion, 6.

"I have the opportunity to involve my kids more in my work life. I had Eli paint some of the fine details with his young eyes on my project. We've also been learning about Instagram together and taking pictures for social media. Zion's been having a blast learning the basics of metal shaping with a hammer. I love that they have been using their free time to express themselves and hopefully I am instilling a love of art in the next generation, my future business partners." 



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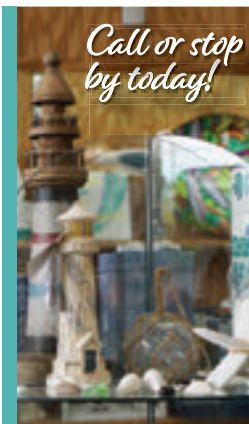


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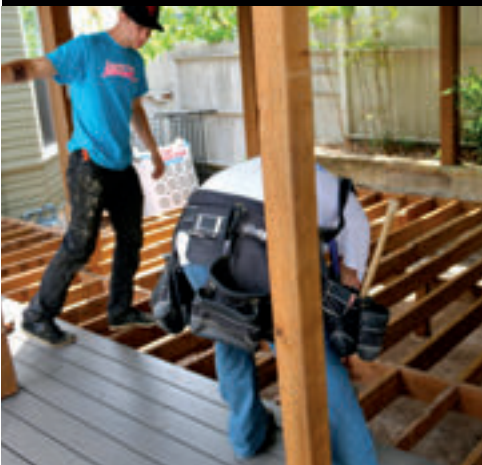
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Gail Greenwood Ayres was bitten by the writing bug starting with the Room 3 News in second grade. A Pacific Lutheran University journalism graduate, she worked for years as a daily newspaper journalist, then as a communications specialist for the City of Tacoma. In the 1990s she created a Russian/American newspaper, "New Life." Now, she enjoys freelance writing, editing and marketing on a wide variety of projects from her home in Brady, which she shares with her husband and two daughters.



Marguerite Garth is an artist, writer and photographer living by the ocean in North Cove. Her work has been exhibited worldwide and her photography has earned awards in more than 30 international contests. Recently, an artwork from her encaustic photography assemblages was purchased by the City of Seattle for its civic art permanent collection. She writes, "the land and the sea are the wellspring for all my creativity. I feel so lucky to live where I do."



Rick Moyer is a local radio personality with Alpha Media Grays Harbor on KIX 95.3 and 104.7 KDUX. He started Moyer Multi Media 10 years ago. Rick is a photographer and has been capturing images since he was a teenager. He and his wife, Amy, can be seen at many public events doing video, photo booths, portraits and more. Rick is fascinated with media work. He loves the Pacific Northwest where he was born and raised. www.moyermultimedia.com



Christine Vincent was born and raised in Germany. She received her master's degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. She has worked as a freelance writer and translator for more than 30 years. In 1993, she came to the Harbor with her husband Mark and their first two children, six more were born in Hoquiam. Christine has been writing about the Harbor and its people online at "Grays Harbor Talk" since 2015, specializing in the arts and local history.



Gregory E. Zschomler studied music, theater, and media at Clark College and Washington State University. The Aberdeen resident holds bachelor's degrees in Humanities and Digital Technology and Culture. He is a writer, author and publisher at work on his fourteenth book. He and his wife own Harbor Books, Harbor House Writing Center and eyrie press.

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