



Featured Artist: Christy Hensler

I am honored to be chosen as this Quarter's featured artist. From my first show at age 15, I've refused to be put into a slot that defines me as an artist.

I've always regarded visual art as a form of language. For over 40 years painting, fiber arts, beading, sculpting and more have allowed me to communicate when words simply aren't enough. The lines blur often between different disciplines. Quilt patterns slip easily into beadwork or paintings. Painting methods show up frequently in my use of colors in porcupine quillwork. Beading often merges with weaving and basketry.

The majesty of a fog draped mountain range can be seen not only in paintings but also in the soft tones of a hand-woven shawl. Whimsy can transform a skein of yarn into "colored sheep" or a take a basket past being utilitarian and allow it to speak of still pools or melting snow.

I invite you to stop by CREATE this month and see some examples of my work as well as those from other local artists.



HOLIDAY ARTISTS SHOP NEWS

Even though the sun still shines and temperatures remain balmy, it's time to prepare your hand-made art work for CREATE's 2008 Holiday Artists Shop. Applications must be received in CREATE's office no later than November 7. The exhibit fee is \$20.00 plus a 30% commission on sales. Each exhibitor must work one shift in the Shop or pay an opt-out fee of \$25.00. The Shop will open on Saturday, December 6 and close on Monday, December 22. Hours will be 11 A.M. - 6 P.M., Monday through Saturday, and 1 P.M. - 4 P.M. on Sunday. Call CREATE soon to make sure you receive your application.



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CREATE'S MISSION: To create opportunities for expression, enjoyment and appreciation of the arts and humanities through individual and community participation.

CREATE's Community Center for the Arts is located at 900 West 4th Street (4th & Fea) in Newport.

OPEN HOURS:
Tuesday through Friday
9:00am - 1:00pm
Year 'round

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CREATE ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars now! CREATE's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, September 17 at 6:00 P.M. at CREATE Arts Center. This is your opportunity to meet the Board of Directors and preview CREATE's plan for 2009. You will hear the Board's projected plans for classes, exhibits, events and programs as well as plans for facility improvement and operations.

CREATE needs input from its members to continue presenting programs acceptable to the community. This is your opportunity to voice your suggestions for new classes, programs, exhibits and events. Join us for a lively discussion on CREATE's future prospects. Refreshments will be served.

FISH FRENZY NEWS

!!! Giant Fish Are on the Streets of Newport !!!

38 four foot long wooden fish and a school of minnows are now on exhibit in the business establishments of Newport, as well as uncounted number of 18" long wooden guppies displayed at the Chamber. The creatures were decorated by their artist/owners in a dizzying array of styles. Included are fish wearing red high heels, fish with Newport buildings painted on the side, a female Merfish with an enviable figure, fish covered with African design fabric and with copper scales as well as guppies in abstract designs or covered with pistachio shells, a special group of minnows decorated by a group of pre-school children and even some fish that actually look like fish!

Visit all the businesses of Newport and vote for your favorite fish or guppy. Awards will be presented at a reception on Thursday, September 18, 6 - 8 P.M. at CREATE Arts Center, 900 W 4th Street, Newport, WA. In addition to the categories listed on ballots available at area businesses, there will be two special awards presented at the reception. The Mayor's Award will be chosen and presented by Fred Anderson, Mayor of Newport and the Judge's award will be chosen by CREATE's Board of Directors and presented by CREATE President, Bev Numbers. Youth and Adult awards for "Most Patriotic Fish" are sponsored by Pend Oreille County Democrats and an award for "Best Use of Recycling" is sponsored by Pend Oreille Conservation District

The work and enthusiasm that went into this project deserve major community support. Please get out and view all the fish and guppies, vote for your favorites and attend the Awards Reception to express your appreciation for the Fish Frenzy Community Project.

The following businesses are displaying fish and will distribute ballots and maps of the fish locations to the public. Look for Fish Frenzy posters on these business windows: Albeni Falls Building Supply, Bank of America, Ben Franklin, City of Newport, Chamber of Commerce, Concept Cable TV, Coppers Restaurant, CREATE Arts Center, Exbabylon, Floral Expressions, Frontier Title, Griffin's Furniture, Historical Museum, Just Because, Kitchen Shoppe, Margaret's Market, My Sister's Cottage, Newport Public Library, Newport Vision Source, PUD, Radio Shack, Seeber's Pharmacy, STCU, Owen Grocery, Rancho Allegre, Mountain West Bank, Pend Oreille Valley Sports, Farmers Insurance, Kelly's Restaurant, Sue's Hoops and Needles.

CHILI TASTING

What's more fun than sampling homemade chilis in a convivial atmosphere? Reserve Friday, November 14 at 6 P.M. for CREATE's Annual Chili Tasting experience. There will be an assortment of homemade chilis, cornbread and desserts for your dining pleasure. Entertainment is planned and a Gourmet Dessert Auction will be a feature of the evening. In addition, an expanded CREATE Chili Cookbook will be offered for sale. The miniscule charge for this extravaganza will be \$5.00 for eaters only; cooks will not be charged.

Chilis will be judged by attendees and prizes will be awarded. If you wish to enter your chili in the contest, contribute a gourmet dessert for auction or contribute another goodie of your choosing, please call CREATE to make arrangements. Deadline for entering your chili in the contest or a gourmet dessert for the auction is Friday, November 7 at 1 P.M. Proceeds from the event will benefit CREATE's arts programming.

Join us for terrific food, great entertainment and one of the best times you'll have all year!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

PROJECTED EXHIBITS – 2009

January "Members' Open"

Linger up your art tools and your imagination for this exhibit. Subject matter and medium is entirely open to your interpretation; all art executed by CREATE members is acceptable.

February "Northwest Landscape"

An all-media exhibit dedicated to the wonder and beauty of our Northwest surroundings.

March "Photographic Arts"

The photograph, in all its forms, is the subject of this exhibit. Black and white, color, 35 mm, digital, enhanced....let your imagination and your camera loose for this show.

April "Jewelry of the Northwest"

Hand made jewelry by area artists will be featured in this exhibit. Unique combinations of gemstones and metals as well as personal interpretations of the art of jewelry making will be welcome in this exhibit.

May "Imagination Central"

Art by young people ages 4 – 17 will be featured. An all-media, open-subject exhibit.

June "Rhubarb and Other Growing Things"

An all-media exhibit enhancing our Annual Rhubarb Festival. Subject matter may include plants, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, flowers, herbs, etc.

July "Summercharm"

An all-media exhibit dedicated to the charm and beauty of summer.

August "Heat"

Usually the hottest month of the year, we will celebrate August temperatures with hot color and representations of heat in any medium.

September "Wildlife Unleashed"

An all-media exhibit depicting any form of wildlife.

October "The Art of Quilt and Fiber"

Our annual exhibit of fiber art, lovingly crafted by area artists. Any artwork made of fiber or depicting fiber is welcome.

November "Freeform and Wheel"

Annual exhibit dedicated to the delights of clay. Turned, coil built, slab built, sculpted or moulded pieces will be shown as well as tiles, wall hangings or paintings and photographs depicting clay objects.

December "Holiday Artists Shop"

CREATE's annual holiday sale of hand crafted works by area artists. Do your holiday shopping here!

Message from the President:

Fall starts the season of gathering and CREATE Arts Center is no different. We will gather information for our Annual Meeting to report to the membership and ask for some changes that will help us do a better job. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. on September 17th. Discussion with the membership at this meeting will give the Board directions for 2008 and 09. We will also be introducing some new members to the Board and asking for your vote to install them, and sadly saying good-bye to a member, Midge Fouts, who has contributed a great deal to this program but promises to still volunteer. Membership is the backbone of CREATE Arts Center and provides the much needed funding to offer programs, classes, concerts, and the operation of our building. Our membership drive begins October 1 and continues until the end of December. We will be mailing out a request very soon asking for your support.



The Patron members who support CREATE with a \$125.00 membership will receive two tickets to a CREATE event of their choice, if there is space available, as well as, being entered into a drawing for a lovely piece of art done by one of our artists and an opportunity to enter the membership drawings and at CREATE sponsored events during the year. Membership for the year is \$30.00 and will entitle you to be entered into a drawing for a lovely piece of art done by one of our local artists plus a 10% off coupon which you could use at a CREATE event or as a one time discount on a purchase of an art piece. The drawing for the art piece will take place in January. Every event will feature a membership drawing throughout the year so you will have multiple opportunities to win a prize.

Board members have worked hard to make CREATE a stable and solid business and have contributed countless hours of staffing the office and managing programs. We love what we do but we depend on our members for the solid base of funding required when we seek additional funds through grants. We are constantly asked 'how does CREATE do it?' The answer is simply, giving members and dedicated Board members.

Thank you for your help, please join the CREATE Board in their vision of making our community a dynamic community in which the energy of the arts promotes a quality of life rich in color, texture and depth.

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UPCOMING EXHIBITS

If you haven't spent the Spring and Summer months preparing for upcoming Fall and Winter exhibits, now is the time to get busy with your interpretation of the following themes:

October – Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!

August 29 – October 1

An exhibit dedicated to wildlife art in any medium. All art depicting wildlife or concerning wildlife is acceptable.

Drop off Date – Thursday, August 28 – 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Pick up Date – October 2, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

The Art of Quilt and Fiber

October 3 – October 29

All those items lovingly crafted of fiber will be represented in this exhibit, Quilts and weavings, crochet and knit, anything crafted of or about fiber is welcome.

Drop off Date – Thursday, October 2 – 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Pick up Date – October 29, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

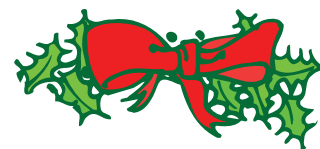
November – Freeform and Wheel

October 30 – November 19

Clay work in any form will be shown, wheel thrown and hand formed pottery, tiles, sculpture, etc. as well as paintings, drawings or prints of pottery and/or clay as subject.

Drop off Date – Thursday, October 30, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Pick up Date – Thursday, November 20, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.



December – Holiday Artists Shop

December 6 – December 22

Our very popular winter sale of area artists' work. Reserve your spot now.

Drop off Date Monday, November 24, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Pick up Date – Tuesday, December 23, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Any artist of any age and any stage of artistic development is welcome to submit work for CREATE's exhibits. All work must be properly prepared for display and labeled, on the back, with artist's name, title of work, medium and price or NFS. Subject matter must be acceptable to community standards. CREATE will be the sole arbiter of community standards and may limit the number of pieces to be displayed due to space considerations.



CREATE ARTS CENTER MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 1173, Newport, WA 99156

CREATE members receive our quarterly newsletter, email alerts of upcoming events and classes, admission to monthly exhibits and a 10% discount coupon for two tickets to a CREATE event of their choice.

Membership donations support CREATE events, classes and exhibits.

- Subscribing Member - \$30 donation per household annually
- Patron Member - \$125 donation per household annually
- Lifetime Member - \$1000 per household, one-time donation

Name _____
As you wish it to appear in the membership list

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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EXHIBITS FOR YOU

If you have a group that would like to come to CREATE and see an exhibit after business hours we would be happy to arrange someone to be there for you. Many of the art pieces on display are for sale so you will find many wonderful opportunities to support local artists.

CREATE is a grateful recipient of support through the Operational Support Program and the Arts Participation Initiative of



HOW TO REGISTER

You must register in order to attend any of CREATE's classes. You may register BY MAIL or IN PERSON. Registration is simple: if you want to participate in a class, you pay the tuition and we put your name on the roster. You are now registered! (Open studios do not require registration.) If we don't have the minimum number of students registered by three days before the class, we will cancel the class and give you a full refund. If you need to withdraw from a class, let us know no later than **THREE DAYS PRIOR** to the scheduled class date and we will refund your payment, less a 10 percent administrative fee.

September 2008

WATERCOLOR WITH SHIRLEY

New date for September only: Friday, September 12, 10 AM-3 PM; \$35

Instructor: Shirley Bird Wright

Basics and Beyond. There's always something new. Thrill yourself with evidence of your own artistry! This class usually meets the third Friday of each month, but this month Shirley's schedule is full! She will return to her regular third Friday of the month class in October. Join Shirley in an all-day class with a working lunch. Beginners as well as advanced painters are invited to share, experiment, and have fun. Shirley's "techie" degree in Visual Media brings another perspective to her excitement about watercolor. Shirley provides demonstrations, hands-on work, and one-on-one advice. You'll need brushes, paint, and Arches Watercolor 140 lb. paper. Supplies are available for purchase at the class. Another plus, Shirley is a certified Terry Madden instructor. Pre-register or just drop in for this class!

BEGINNING AND INTERMEDIATE DRAWING

Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, 10 AM-3 PM; \$70

Instructor: R (Bob) Stem

R. (Bob) Stem has been making his living and teaching art for over thirty years and loves to get his students excited about making art. Bob travels all over the western United States doing art shows and painting and drawing. His work has been shown at the Oil Painters of America national show, the Salon International show, the Florida invitational and others. He has won several awards and one of his paintings was chosen to be in the Toppenish Western art show. Please visit his web site www.rstem.com to see more of his work. Bob will demonstrate and teach the basics of contour drawing, gesture drawing, basic shapes, shading and texture, linear and aerial perspective, and composition. Students will need a large drawing pad at least 14 x 17, drawing board, eraser (Factsis, white vinyl), and pencils—Ebony pencils are a good choice. Class limited: pre-register by September 11.



BEGINNING KNITTING

Mondays, September 22, 29, and October 6; 4-6 PM; \$38 includes all three sessions.

Instructor: Sue Weichman

Sue Weichman of Sue's Hoops and Needles in Newport joins CREATE as an instructor for Fall 2008. Sue will teach basic stitches (knit, purl) to create a hat and scarf. You will need 450 yards of worsted or chunky yarn, a set of #7 single point needles; a #7 16-inch circular needle, and a set of #7 double point needles. You select the needle material (metal, bamboo, etc.). There will be homework! (but you can consult with Sue at her store between classes if needed.)

SILK RIBBON EMBROIDERY

Tuesday, September 23, 6-7:30 PM; \$20

Instructor: Cindy Merritt

Create delicate looking beautiful flowers and bouquets in under 1 hour. YES, YOU CAN, and Cindy can show you how. She will show you how to make a simple sachet for your closet or drawers. You will learn how to pick out the fabric, draw the design, and learn all the stitches you need to create a keepsake for yourself or a friend. Materials for the class are extra and can be purchased from Cindy if you pre-register for the class by September 10, or call CREATE for more information on materials needed.



LOOM KNITTING—QUICK AND EASY HATS

Saturday, September 27, 10-11:30 AM; \$20

Instructor: Cindy Merritt

Learn to make beautiful knit hats for the whole family. These are easy, fast, and fun to make, and by using different yarns and ribbon, are colorful and bright. Start now and have all your Christmas gifts made and ready for giving. You can even make one for Santa (he would love it.) The looms are available from Ben Franklin and come in 4 different sizes and range in price from \$4.99 to \$9.99. Wal-Mart has a whole set of 4 for around \$15.00. You provide the loom and yarn.



BEGINNING GOURDS OR PAINTED GOURD BIRDHOUSE: YOU SELECT ONE!

Sunday, September 28, 3-7 PM; \$30

Instructor: Sherry Mays

Learn the basics of gourd crafting: how to select a gourd, what tools to use in cleaning and cutting, and the products to use in dyeing and painting your gourd. We'll also do a finished rim treatment. There is a lot of information in this class to get you started. Wear old clothes! And bring a work apron if you have one. OR, Sherry also will teach the Painted Gourd Birdhouse. Another of Sherry's gourd creations—fun to make, great to display, any easy to paint with acrylic paints. All materials provided. You wear old clothes or an apron. See an examples of Sherry's beginning gourds or birdhouse gourds at CREATE. Remember, you choose which class to take, and let us know when you register.

October 2008

BEGINNING CROCHET

Mondays, October 13, 20, 27, 4-6 PM; \$38 includes all three sessions

Instructor: Sue Weichman

There is a new interest in needle arts, and crochet is leading the pack. Sue of Sue's Hoops and Needles in Newport will teach you the basics of crochet stitches while you make a dishcloth sampler. You will need 2 skeins of Sugar and Cream thread and a size G crochet hook. Expect homework! (but, you can consult with Sue at her store between classes if needed.)

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WEAVING ON A NAVAHO LOOM

Sunday, October 19 from 3-5 PM and Sunday, October 26 from 3-8 PM; \$60 includes both sessions

Instructor: Sherry Mays

No previous weaving experience is needed; build your own loom and learn the basics of Navaho and tapestry weaving. This class has two sessions: in session 1 (October 19) Sherry will supply instructions for building a loom. Students will then construct their looms at home using their own materials, and bring the loom back to CREATE for the second session on October 26. In the second session, students will learn weaving techniques. Students with no weaving experience should contact Sherry through CREATE before the first session for a free mini-session on weaving. Sherry will provide warp thread; students will provide weft thread.



ANTLER OR CURVED DRIFTWOOD BASKET

Saturday, October 25, 9 AM-5 PM; \$15

Instructor: Olivia Giannasi

Olivia is again offering this very popular class from last year. Plan to spend the day. Olivia will provide the basket materials. YOU BRING THE ANTLER OR CURVED DRIFTWOOD, 12 clothespins, heavy-duty scissors, needle-nose pliers, and a potluck dish (CREATE does not have an oven) for lunch.

November 2008

FLAT REED TOTE BASKET

Saturday, November 1, 9 AM-5 PM; \$20

Instructor: Olivia Giannasi

Another of Olivia's great baskets. Make a large or small flat reed tote bag, approximately 8x20 or 6x12 inches. All basket and handle materials provided. You bring 12 clothes pins, heavy-duty scissors, needle-nosed pliers, and a potluck dish for lunch (microwave or refrigerator only).



ALPACA AND SILK FELTED SCARF

Saturday, November 8, 10 AM-1 PM; \$35

Instructor: Robert Karr

Transform alpaca fiber and silk gauze with embellishments into wearable art. Make a free-form or rectangular scarf or hanging. Alpaca and silk felts quickly with the use of a small amount of soap and water. All materials provided. Bring two light-colored bath towels.

PAINTED SANTA GOURD

Sunday, November 9, 3-6 PM, \$20

Instructor: Sherry Mays

Another great gourd craft project from Sherry. Using acrylic paints, Sherry will teach turning a garden variety gourd into a unique Santa just in time for the holidays. No painting experience needed!



SANTA TEDDY BEAR ORNAMENT

Tuesday, November 11, 3-5 PM, \$12

Instructor: Diane Balbi

Love teddy bears? Love Santa? Diane will teach you to needle-felt your own Santa Teddy Bear ornament for your tree or as a package decoration. Let your imagination be your guide. All materials are provided—felting needles, foam felting pad, wool for several ornaments, and written instructions. No water involved. See samples on Diane's web site www.webeefelting.com

WATERCOLOR WITH SHIRLEY

Friday, November 21, 10 AM-3PM; \$35

Instructor: Shirley Bird Wright

Basics and Beyond. See October's listing



FIBER ARTS STUDIO WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays, 9am-noon \$2.00 per session
 Each Wednesday morning the upstairs space at CREATE is alive with the sounds of laughter, conversation, and happy work. Come share your hand-spinning, weaving, knitting, crochet, needlework, quilting, etc. projects with others. And bring a friend! Beginners and newcomers always welcome. Expect the unexpected!

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Check out our website (www.createarts.org) for further information on projects, events, & artists living in the Pend Oreille Valley and surrounding area, and more. You'll also find photos and links to other great websites.



Board of Directors

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CREATE is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization. Board meetings are open to the public and held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month; 3-5 pm. Please call ahead if you wish to be on the agenda. 447-9277

Many of our neighboring artists have their own websites. Please support them by shopping at their sites.

| Name | Web Address | Specialties |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Robert Karr Newport Naturals At Spruce Corner | www.sprucecorner.com | <i>Iris; Fiber Arts</i> |
| Shirley Bird Wright | www.shirleybird.com | <i>Watercolor; Oil; Graphic Design; Website Design</i> |
| Diane Balbi | www.webeefelting.com | <i>original art, needle felting instruction</i> |
| Patricia A. Hicks Ruiz | www.lifepatterns.homestead.com | <i>Paintings; Original Paper Dolls, Children's Books</i> |
| Shop The Frontier | www.shopthefrontier.org | <i>Unique handcrafted gifts from NW Washington</i> |

CREATE BOARD MEMBER FEATURED

Pat Ruiz, Vice President of CREATE Arts Center's Board of Directors, recently had artwork featured in two publications. As a member of Shop the Frontier, Pat was interviewed by internationally recognized writer Emalee Gruss Gillis. The interview and Pat's painting, "Shawl Dance - Delaware Quill", were included in the summer issue of "Northern Reach" magazine published by Wayne Gorst of Northern Reach Media, Colville, WA. "Paper Doll Studio", the quarterly publication of the Original Paper Doll Artists Guild, featured Pat's new paper doll, "Lingerie Party" in two locations in the summer issue. A black and white illustration appeared in the body of the magazine and a color reproduction appeared on the inside cover. "Paper Doll Studio" is published by Jenny Talliadoros of Kingfield, ME.

In addition, Ruiz will have two paintings included in the Pend Oreille Arts Council exhibit, "Northern Shelter" which opened at the Power House Gallery in Sandpoint on August 1. "Still Standing after All" is a watercolor collage depicting an abandoned barn surrounded by eagles. "Bison gives Shelter to the People" is a watermedia painting centering on three teepees shown against an angry, magenta background. Included in the work is a small sample of hand beading. The exhibit will remain open until September 14.

CREATE RATE SCHEDULE

Effective September 1, 2009, CREATE Arts Center rates will be as follows:

- Holiday Artists Shop - \$20.00 Entry Fee
- \$25.00 Opt-out Fee
- 30% Commission on Sales
- Rhubarb Festival Booth - \$20.00
- Exhibit Sales - 30% Commission
- Spinners Group - \$2.00 each person per studio session
- Building Rental - \$50.00 for 4 hours

DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 17 CREATE Annual Meeting
- September 18 Fish Frenzy Awards Reception
- October 2 Pick up - "Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!" exhibit
- Drop off - "The Art of Quilt and Fiber" exhibit
- October 30 Pick up - "The Art of Quilt and Fiber" exhibit
- Drop off - "Freeform and Wheel" exhibit
- November 7 Deadline - Chili Entries
 - Gourmet Dessert Entries
 - Holiday Artists Shop Entries
- November 14 Chili Tasting
- November 20 Pick up - "Freeform and Wheel" exhibit
- November 24 Drop Off - Holiday Artists Shop
- December 23 Pick up - Holiday Artists Shop



ORCHIDS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

To Henry Rehder who volunteered to, single-handedly, cut out 65 four foot long wooden fish and forty guppies and minnows for the Fish Frenzy project; our profound thanks, admiration and many Orchids.

To Midge Fouts who has served CREATE as a volunteer worker, Board Member and Treasurer and become invaluable to the organization, we offer sincere regrets that she needs to retire after her many years of service. We also give her our thanks for offering to continue limited volunteer activities at CREATE and our heartfelt admiration and regard for her and her past work as well as PILES of Orchids.

To Molly Saty, poet-extraordinaire and our featured artist last issue we offer thanks for promoting the singular art of poetry within the walls of CREATE and congratulations on her awards and admirable body of work and a stack of Orchids. Molly will be presenting a reading and will be signing her book, "put sparklers on MY grave", at Auntie's Book Store in Spokane on October 5 at 12:30 P.M.

To Cindy Merritt, whose photograph, "Logging Braces on the Pend Oreille River", was selected by the Washington State Convention and Trades Center in Seattle to be included in an exhibit of 100 photographs which will be shown from October 2008 through March 2009; congratulations and many Orchids.

If you run across these special people, thank them for their volunteer service.