

Featured Artist: Pat Reno



Reno's Wilderness Art

My Dad was an awesome artist. He could draw, paint and sculpt. When I draw it looks like my three-year old grandson did it with his eyes closed. My work does not come to life until I turn on the plasma cutter. I sketch my pieces out so I can keep my work within a specific size as I have a picture in my head of what I want, and it just takes over.

My problem is that I love to work with too many mediums. I use wood, stone, metal, and antlers. Metal has become my choice. Over the last three to four years, I've tried to refine my metal work, which means I am constantly trying to find new and exciting things to do with it. Having spent over twenty years in the timber industry means that I use a lot of saw blades, trim saws, chain, etc. I like to think it's not what I make, but what it's made of!

I am a very prolific artist. I spend hours in my shop producing product. It helps that it is also a part of what I do for a living. I design and build equipment; the only difference, unlike my other creations, they won't fit in your living room!

Please visit my website at www.renoswildernessart.com



! KUDOS !

- Create Arts Center has been notified by the Director of the Global Art Office that the 2008 Create Community's inspiring "Profiles In Peace" has been selected for the 2008 Global Art Project Gallery. Check it out at www.globalartproject.org
- Howard Wildin for writing, producing and directing another successful "Howard's Follies."
- Newport Public Library and ExBabylon for hosting Create Arts Center visual art exhibits.
- Leslie Sherman for graciously hosting Create's domain name.



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CREATE ARTS CENTER'S MISSION:
To create opportunities for expression, enjoyment and appreciation of the arts and humanities through individual and community participation.
Create Arts Center is located at 900 West 4th Street (4th & Fea) in Newport.

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

**GIFT CERTIFICATES TO
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CLASSES AND EVENTS**

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900 W. 4th Street
Newport, WA 99156

Create Arts Center now has gift certificates available in any amount that can be used for classes and events. These gift certificates make great gifts any time of the year.

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

Do you have an artistic or craft skill that you would like to share? Have you thought about teaching that skill to an eager and appreciative audience? Even if you haven't taught before, now is the time to start. Create Arts Center is always interested in presenting new classes to its membership. Class numbers are usually small and the Center has plenty of space to accommodate a variety of classes. Please call the Create Arts Center office for further details. 447-9277

BUILDING RENTAL

Does your group need a place to meet, or someplace to hold that special event? The Create Arts Center main floor space can be rented, depending on availability, for four-hour periods for a mere \$50. Contact Create Arts Center for more information.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

!Mark Your Calendars!

**Rhubarb Festival
June 13, 2009**

Vendor Deadline May 8, 2009

Fish Frenzy

Fish available April 21, 2009

Decorated Fish due in July 14-17, 2009

Display August 1-September 13

Wrap Party and Prizes

September 25, 7 pm

Holiday Artists Shop

Opens December 4, 2009

Artist Applications

at Create Arts Center

CALENDAR of EVENTS

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

2009 EXHIBITS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March "Photographic Arts"

The photograph, in all its forms, is the subject of this exhibit. Black and white, color, 35 mm, digitally enhanced....let your imagination and your camera loose for this show.
Drop off – Thurs., Feb 26 Pick up – Thurs., Apr 2

April "Imagination Central"

Art by young people ages 4 – 17 will be featured. An all-media, open-subject exhibit.
Drop off – Thurs., Apr., 2 Pick up – Thurs., Apr 30

May "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.
Drop off – Thurs., Apr. 30 Pick up – Thurs., May 28

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.
Drop off – Thurs., May 28 Pick up – Thurs., June 25

July "Summercharm"

An all-media exhibit dedicated to the charm and beauty of summer.
Drop off – Thurs., June 25 Pick up – Thurs., July 30

August "Heat"

Usually the hottest month of the year, we will celebrate August temperatures with hot color and representations of heat in any medium.
Drop off – Thurs., July 30 Pick up – Thurs., Aug., 27

September "Wildlife Unleashed"

An all-media exhibit depicting any form of wildlife.
Drop off – Thurs., Aug. 27 Pick up – Thurs., Sept. 24

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.
Drop off – Sept. 24 Pick up – Thurs., Oct. 22

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.
Drop off – Thurs., Oct. 22 Pick up – Thurs., Nov. 19

December "Holiday Artists Shop"

CREATE's annual holiday sale of hand-crafted works by area artists. Do your holiday shopping here.
Opens December 4. Artist Applications due October 2; drop off November 30.

Message from the President:

Like everyone else, Create Arts Center is looking forward to the end of winter and high snow banks. We have been very busy in spite of the weather and are busy planning for the spring season. Those of you who still have undecorated fish we hope you will get busy and do your creative magic so they can be displayed this year. The Board has decided that if your fish was not done and on display last year you can bring it in this year for display.



A new fish design will be introduced this year for the rest of us who want to try out a new idea. It will be fun to see the wonderful variety of designs this year. Our plan is to have fish available at Create by April 21 for folks to buy and decorate, so mark your calendars and start planning the next winning fish. Fish need to be ready for drop off at Create July 14-17 from 9 to 1. Fish will be on display from Aug. 1 to Sept. 14 when they will swim back to Create Arts Center to await the Wrap Party and awards on Sept. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Rhubarb Festival will be on June 13th at Create Arts Center with great vendors, our signature desert of Rhubarb Shortcake and the new addition of the Chamber Burger Wagon, so you can come for lunch and dessert purchase GREAT Rhubarb baked goods and have great shopping in the most unique arts center around. T. J. Keogh, Create member and our own local author of "City of the Sky" will be in the building all day to share his book and sign copies. If you are a vendor please get in touch with us to reserve your spot.

Dates are already set for the 2009 Holiday Artists Shop so if you want to make sure you are included it would be good to give us a call so we can send you your paperwork. I know it sounds crazy but you will be surprised how quickly the time flies and we do have limited space.

At the last Board Meeting Linda Karr announced her resignation effective Feb. 28. On a personal note, I wish to express my never ending appreciation to Linda for all her hard work and hours and hours of help in every aspect of the Create Arts Center; she has been a tireless worker and a great friend; she will be missed.

Bev Numbers

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Create Arts Center is pleased to present three current exhibits for your viewing pleasure. "Northwest Landscape" featuring the work of a number of area artists is presently hanging at the Center. In addition, the work of 13 artists is on display at the Newport Public Library and that of 5 artists is hosted by ExBabylon IT Solutions. The following artists are participating in the exhibits.

Create Arts Center

Loyce Akers – Photographs
Claudia Calistro – Pyrography
Neil Clemons – Photographs
Homelink Class – Watercolor Paintings
Robert Karr – Watercolor Paintings
Billie Martin (R & B Photography) – Photographs
Michelle Parnell Rohrer – Photographs and Watercolor Paintings
Robert M. Ruiz – Photographs
Terri Jayne Smith – Photographs

Newport Public Library

Loyce Akers – Photographs
Neil Clemons – Photographs
Christy Hensler – Oil Paintings
Robert Karr – Watercolor Paintings
Sherry Mays – Quarterly Featured Artist – Woven Reed
Birdhouse, Gourd Mask, Painted Fish
Marita McDonough – Calligraphy
Perry Moede – Ceramics, Acrylic Painting
Bev Numbers – Ceramics
R & B Photography – Photographs
Patricia A. Hicks Ruiz – Watermedia Paintings
Robert M. Ruiz – Photographs
Molly Saty – Poetry
Terri Jayne Smith – Photography

ExBabylon

Neil Clemons – Photographs
Christy Hensler – Oil Painting
R & B Photography – Photographs
Patricia A. Ruiz – Watermedia Paintings
Robert M. Ruiz – Photographs

Please stop by the above locations and view the works. While you're there please offer a statement of appreciation to Library and ExBabylon IT Solutions staff for agreeing to host the exhibits.

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.

PARTNER EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Create Arts Center partners with Newport Public Library and ExBabylon IT Solutions to present art works by area artists. Exhibits will be presented on a quarterly basis at these locations. All two-dimensional work will be considered for display. There is limited space for three-dimensional works at the Library. Works may be delivered and/or picked up at the Library on the following dates:

Saturday, March 28, 3 P.M.
Saturday, June 27, 3 P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 26, 3 P.M.
Saturday, Dec. 19, 3 P.M.

The Library is closed to the public at 3 P.M. on the above dates but will be opened for art submissions and pick up; so please be prompt.

Please see the article above on Current Exhibits for rules and restrictions for submission of your work.

EXHIBITS FOR YOU

If you have a group that would like to come to Create Arts Center 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



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

It's never too late to join!

Create members receive our quarterly newsletter, email alerts of upcoming events and classes, and admission to monthly exhibits. 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

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Would you like to receive e-mail alerts? Yes No

March 2009

HATHA YOGA
 Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 5:15 PM - 6:45 PM;
 Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 9-10:30 AM; \$12 drop-in fee per class; \$44 for 4 classes, \$88 for 8 classes
 Instructor: Shannon Marie Johnson-Taylor who has completed 200 hours of Yoga teacher training for National Certification. Join Shannon for a gentle way to relax, stretch, and tone your body. This yoga focuses on breath awareness and a moving meditation to bring body and mind in sync with consciousness. Practice will be at your own pace for the beginner or intermediate student. Please wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement and bring a yoga mat and blanket. Hope to see you there. Namaste.

STRINGED INSTRUMENT CLASSES-- VIOLIN & FIDDLE
 Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 1 hour lesson \$20.00.
 Call for appointment time.
 Instructor: Mary Ann O'Hara Burggraf is a Violin Instructor/Championship Fiddler originally from the Pittsburgh, PA area. When attending the Music Institute of New York in the late 70's she discovered the world of "Old Time Fiddl'n." Mary Ann has played with several known Country Artists including Charlie Daniels, Connie Smith, Marshall Tucker Band, and Alabama. She has had extensive teaching experience along with judging Fiddle Contests on the East Coast and originating State Fiddle Contest Charters. * All Ages - Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced students welcome! * Notation, Tab, Fiddle by Ear, Learn to play all styles or play your choice of music. * Acoustic or Electric Violin. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

KNITTED NOTIONS BAG--A FIRST PROJECT
 Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25, 3-5 PM; \$15
 Instructor: Terri Franich
 So you know how to knit and you want to be able to read a pattern. Join Terri for a lesson on how to read patterns and beginning a knitted notions bag. Terri will provide the pattern. You need size US 7 or 8 knitting needles, approximately 115 yards of worsted weight yarn, yarn needle, and 1 yard ribbon or braided yarn for the drawstring. Terri will answer all your knitting questions, and if she can't give you the answer, she will find out. See sample bag at Create Arts Center office.



LOG CABIN SCRAP QUILT IN A DAY
 Thursday, March 12, 6-8 PM; and Sunday, March 22, 8 AM- 6 PM. \$35 includes both sessions.
 Instructor: Sherry Mays
 This is one of the most popular quilts to make and a great beginner project. Use all those odds and ends from other projects or better yet, RECYCLE your family's cast-off clothing. In the first class learn what fabrics to use and get quick, easy cutting instructions. Bring your sewing machine to the second class and have a great time putting it all together! There will be a follow-up class if needed. See a sample in Create Arts Center office.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
 Thursday, March 12 orientation meeting 1:30-2:30 PM; \$2
 Facilitator: John D. Sundburg
 All interested students are welcome at this workshop with John. The actual schedule for the workshop meetings will be determined in collaboration with John and the interested writers. Let Create Arts Center know that you are interested in the workshop so it can be scheduled at a different time if necessary.

LABYRINTH CIRCLE RUG
 Mondays, March 16 and 30; 6-9 PM, \$20 includes both sessions
 Instructor: Sue Weichman
 You can make this colorful round rug by either knitting it with size 11 needles or using a spool knitter. You will need size 11 straight needles or a spool knitter, 20 yards of washable worsted weight yarn either all wool or all synthetic, 20 yards of 1/2 inch piping filler cord, tapestry needle, sewing needle, and size .005 nylon transparent thread. All materials can be purchased locally. Some materials may be purchased from the instructor prior to the class. See a sample of this rug in the Create Arts Center office.

HOW TO REGISTER
 You must register in order to attend any of Create Arts Center'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.

WATERCOLOR WITH SHIRLEY
 Friday, March 20, 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 meets the third Friday of each month. 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 now a certified Terry Madden instructor. Pre-register or just drop in for this class!

PEN & INK WITH WATERCOLOR
 Saturday, March 28, 9AM-4PM; \$45
 Instructor: Shirley Bird Wright.
 Another of Shirley's great watercolor classes. Many of you already enjoy her third Friday of every month class Watercolor: Basic and Beyond. In this class, learn to define shapes with pen and ink and then paint with watercolors. An interesting way to create depth with value changes and learn a variety of brushwork. The class is part demo and lots of hands on painting. You will need brushes, paint, and Arches Watercolor 140 lb. paper, and a Micron .05 pen. Supplies are available for purchase at the class. You will need to register for this class before March 24.

April 2009

HATHA YOGA
 Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:15-6:45 PM; Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 9-10:30 AM; \$12 drop-in fee per class; \$55 for 5 classes, \$90 for 9 classes
 Instructor: Shannon Marie Johnson-Taylor.
 See class description in the March class list.

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 Instructor: Mary Ann O'Hara Burggraf
 See class description in the March class list. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

NEEDLE FELTED BUNNY
 Thursday, April 2, 5-8 PM; \$35
 Instructor: Diane Balbi
 Just in time for Easter (April 12) or just celebrating spring! Create a 5 inch sculpted wool Bunny. Check out the samples at www.webefelting.com or stop by and see the bunny in Create Arts Center's office. This class offers an introduction to the fabulous art of needle felting. You will receive one of Diane Balbi's kits which include instruction booklet, wool, foam pad, and custom felting needles. Additional kits and materials available for purchase at the class. Class is suitable for older children. All children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult also enrolled in the class.



EASTER/SPRING PYSANKY EGG
 Saturday, April 4, 10 AM - 1 PM, \$18
 Instructor: Chrisinda Bowlin
 Chrisinda will have patterns for inspiration, or bring your own. Quotes will be available to put on the back. Traditionally, Pysanky were given away at Easter to someone you liked, a girl would give one to a boy she liked a lot or vice versa. Chrisinda has been nationally recognized as a Pysanky artist. Visit her web site at www.dragonflytrail.com.



OIL PAINTING WITH JOE KRONENBERG
 Saturday, April 4, 9 AM - 4 PM with 1 hour lunch; \$65
 Instructor: Joe Kronenberg
 Joe is self-taught in pastels and oil, focusing his subject matter to wildlife and western art. "I tell people I am not so much self-taught as I am self-educated. I was born with the ability to draw, but as for the rest of it, color theory, values, edges, texture, composition and so on; I had to acquire additional knowledge... I am always learning and still get excited when I see great art. Not only about the art, but the approach the artist took to create it." Drawing his inspiration from his home in Northern Idaho, Joe's painstakingly realistic style captures the beauty of the world around him... Joe works tirelessly to share the world he sees every day. Joe is an award-winning artist. Visit his web site and gallery at www.kronenbergart.com. Joe paints with oil on masonite, and will have masonite available for sale at the class. Bring oil paints, brushes, an apron, etc. For more details, contact Joe at info@kronenbergart.com, call the Create Arts Center office. **PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MARCH 27.**

ANTLER OR CURVED DRIFTWOOD BASKET (FOR STUDENTS WITH BASKET MAKING EXPERIENCE)
 Saturday, April 11, 9 AM-5 PM; \$15
 Instructor: Olivia Giannasi
 Olivia is again offering this very popular class. 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 has a refrigerator and microwave) for lunch. See samples in the Create Arts Center office.

WATERCOLOR WITH SHIRLEY
 Friday, April 17, 10 AM-3 PM; \$35
 Instructor: Shirley Bird Wright
 Basics and Beyond. See full class description in March class listing.

MAKING PAPER FROM JUNK MAIL
 Saturday, April 18, 10 AM - 2 PM; \$20
 Instructor: Sherry Mays
 Most of us have felt guilty about throwing away all that junk mail. Wouldn't it be great to make something out of it? Wear an apron or old clothes and bring some junk mail!! This class will be held in the basement of the Create Arts Center. Feel free to bring lunch and/or snacks to share.

CALENDAR TOTE BAG
 Sunday, April 19, 2-6 PM; \$20
 Instructor: Sherry Mays
 Ever wonder what to do with last year's calendars? Recycle them into handy totes to hold groceries or yarn or use them to make beautiful reusable gift bags. Bring 1 or 2 calendars (large works best). Everything else is supplied. Feel free to bring snacks to share. See a sample bag in Create Arts Center's office.

GROW A VICTORY GARDEN
 Sunday, April 26, 3-6 PM; \$30
 Instructors: Sherry and Jesse Mays
 In 1943, America planted over 20 million Victory Gardens, and the harvest accounted for 1/3 of all vegetables consumed in the country that year. Our current economic situation is a good reason to revive this pastime. Learn how to start your own Victory garden. This is a great class for anyone who has never had a garden before. Class fee includes seed. (Any parent taking the class may include 1 child, 8yrs. or older, at no additional cost.)

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 Basics and Beyond. See full class description in March class listing.

GOURD BIRDHOUSE
 Sunday, May 17, 2-6 PM; \$25
 Instructor: Sherry Mays
 This class will transform a large dried gourd into a birdhouse you can hang in your garden. We will use leather dyes, acrylic paint and pyro-engraving to create a large sunflower design. All materials are supplied. Bring an apron or wear old clothes. See a sample in the Create Arts Center office.

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

President: **Bev Numbers**
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Create Arts Center is a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 organization. Board meetings are open to the public and, in March, will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month; 1:30-3 pm. Beginning in April the meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 3-5 pm.

Many of our neighboring artists have their own websites.

Please support them by shopping at their sites.

Name	Web Address	Specialties
Diane Balbi	www.webefelting.com	original art, needle felting instruction
Patricia A. Hicks Ruiz	www.lifepatterns.homestead.com	Paintings; Original Paper Dolls, Children's Books
Shop The Frontier	www.shopthefrontier.org	Unique handcrafted gifts from NW Washington
Pat Reno	www.renoswildernessart.com	Laser-cut metal art

HOWARDS FOLIES - 2009

"THE LAST LAUGH"

Saturday, Mar 7th at 7:00 pm
Sundays, Mar 1st and 8th at 3:00 pm



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www.createarts.org via Paypal

Tickets \$10.00 adults or \$8.00 for seniors over 65 and juniors under 16
RESERVATIONS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!
All tickets at the door, if available, are \$10.00

Board Member Opportunity

Create Arts Center has openings on its Board of Directors. The Board needs members who are interested in streamlining the organization, moving it forward and expanding its influence in the arts community while maintaining a healthy financial position. If you value a vibrant, community arts center in your area and can commit to two Board meetings monthly and have time to help with the special projects and committees that make Create Arts Center possible, please give us a call for a Board Member's packet at 447-9277.

Shout Out!!

- Floor Lamps - we need "enlightening"!
 - Do you have an interest in:
 - Writer's Monthly Workshop
 - Music Jam Session & Class -- all levels of ability
- Contact Create Arts Center!**



T. J. KEOGH SIGNS BOOKS AT CREATE ARTS CENTER

Newport author, T. J. Keogh, presented a reading from his new novel, *The City of the Sky* at Create Arts Center the evening of January 23. Keogh is a graduate of Cusick High School. The event was well-attended by Newport and Spokane area fans of the author. Refreshments were served and a book-signing followed the presentation. Keogh is currently at work on a sequel to his novel. He is interested in a monthly evening writers' workshop at Create Arts Center. If you would like to be included, give us a call.

WINNER ANNOUNCED

On February 5, 2009, a drawing was held for a piece of donated Garden Art. The cement rhubarb leaf was made and donated to Create Arts Center by local artist Lucy Bauer. All paid members of Create Arts Center were included in the drawing. The winner is Sue McDonald. Congratulations, Sue!
Drawings are planned on an irregular basis to coincide with Create Arts Center major events. The next drawing will be at the Read Across Pend Oreille One Book featuring Jess Walter on March 29 at 2:00 P.M. Several pieces of art have been contributed for future drawings. Any artist wishing to contribute a piece of art is welcome to do so. Please call Create Arts Center for further details at 447-9277.

AUTHOR VISIT

Spokane author, Jess Walter, winner of the 2005 Edgar Award, the 2007 Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award and a finalist for the 2006 National Book Award, will visit Create Arts Center on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 P.M. "Citizen Vince", the author's third book, is described as a "darkly comic crime novel".
Jess Walter's visit to Create Arts Center is a part of "Read Across Pend Oreille 2009" a program supported by the Washington State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Partners in the event are Pend Oreille County Library District, Diamond Lake Book Club, Cutter Theatre, Pend Oreille County Friends of the Library and Create Arts Center.
Create Arts Center Board of Directors is pleased to host this presentation by an award-winning area author. Please take this opportunity to read an entertaining and very enjoyable novel and to meet the author.
For further information, please call Create Arts Center at 447-9277.

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