

TWO RIVERS GALLERY

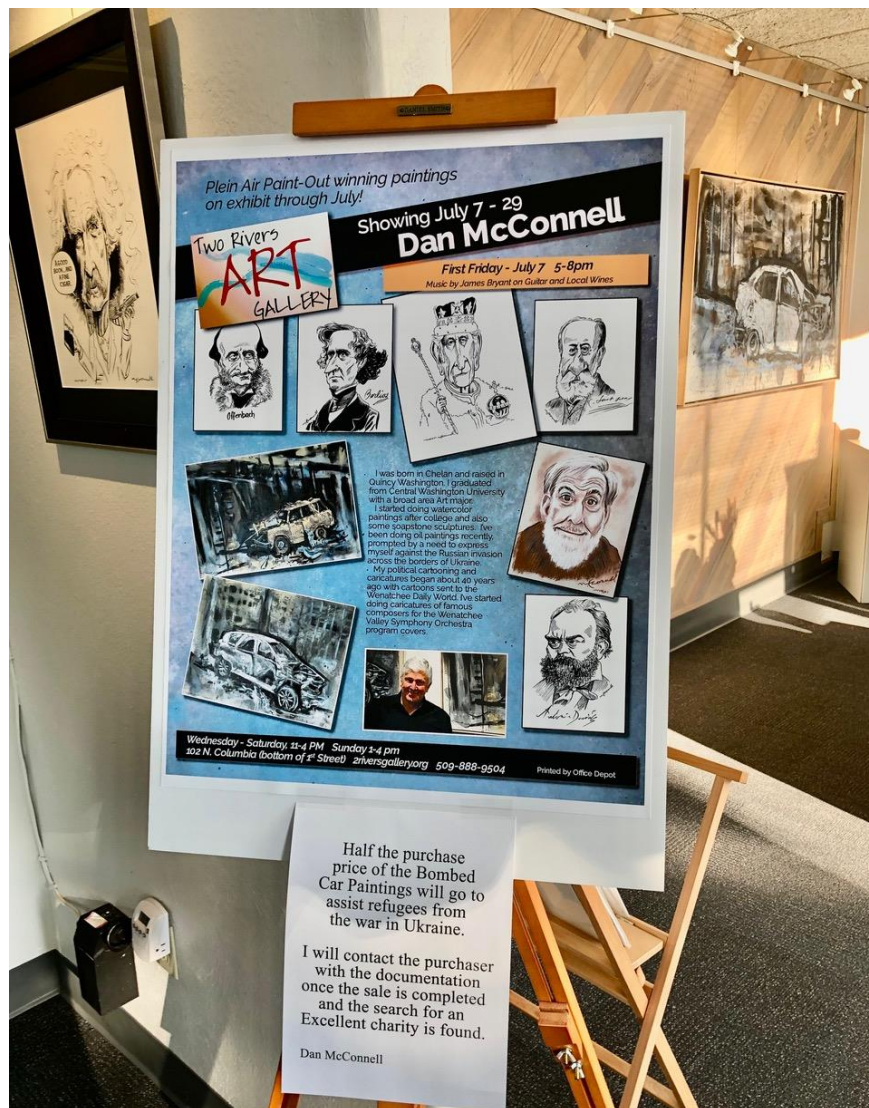
IN CASE YOU MISSED

# JULY FIRST FRIDAY

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## FEATURING Dan McConnell

Here is some of what happened at Two Rivers from 5pm - 8pm on Friday



Welcome to Dan McConnell's show

Dan is one of over 55 artists showing their art at Two Rivers Gallery



Some in the crowd were Russ Hepler's friends and family. Included were his granddaughter, her husband, and great-granddaughter, Ellie.



Friend, Kirk Dietrich, talks with Dan about his caricatures, some of which were requested by the Wenatchee Orchestra. They asked Dan to paint some of the composers of works they will play for a concert.



Dan is well known for his fun cartoons found in The Good Life Magazine and sometimes political cartoons in the World. His work was once accepted in Mad Magazine, sometimes in The Readers Digest and many other places. His latest paintings are more serious. Destroyed automobiles of the Ukraine war bombed out by Russia. Half of his bombed car paintings will be shared with a charity to help Ukrainian war refugees.



At 6pm the gallery presented the winning artists of our Plein Air Paint Out. Jen Evenhus came in First Place with her oil painting of the old boat barn at the bottom of Ninth Street. She received a check for \$300. Jen had 'good karma' as she won Best of Show 10 years ago painting the boat barn from a different vantage point.



Sasha Syssoeva Fair's painting of the boat barn received Second Place and a check for \$150. Last year, Sasha was the First Place winner of our Plein Air Paint Out, choosing an overlook at the Martin Scott Winery in East Wenatchee.



Brad Brisbine came in third place with his oil painting of a sand bar that emerged from the Columbia River along the Loop Trail. His prize garnered him \$75. The Paint-Out theme was recognizing the 30th Anniversary of the Apple Capital Loop Trail.

All artists were required to have a view of the trail evident in their artwork.

Brad told those present (about 25 people) about painting on site, the beginning of our Plein Air competition starting in 2011 and the importance of the challenge to an artist's accomplishments moving forward. We thank all fourteen artists who participated. Next year the Paint Out will be celebrating the 95th Anniversary of Ohme Gardens.



Our three winners - L-R: Jen Evenhus, First Place; Sasha Syssoeva Fair, Second Place; Brad Brisbane, Third Place. Their paintings will be on exhibit through July. First place was sold before the doors opened this morning. Jennifer McIntyre won Honorable Mention for her watercolor of the bronze turtle on the trail, bottom of Fifth Street. Ms. McIntyre won a year's membership in Two Rivers Gallery. She was unable to attend the ceremony. Congratulations to our winners.



Music this evening was presented by James Bryant. He and his partner are guitarists and played some good 'foot stomping' western music, well received by our guests. At one point our Featured Artist, Dan McConnell, joined in the singing!



SOLD! Terry Johnson's painting "Paradise" sold to Margaret and Mike Bryant. The Bryants have been friends of Terry's for years and appreciate his talent with a brush and with clay pots.



Dr. Marisa Moritz exhibits a watercolor.





Terri Meenach sold one of her paintings yesterday to a visitor from Bothell. Tana Wood sold "Calm Waters," a watercolor, to the same buyer. This alcohol ink by Terri replaced the one sold.



And out in the West Wing, Sunny Ramsey presents her painting of gondolas painted when she got home from attending the Florence Academy of Art where she received her Master's Degree in Fine Art.



Local wineries provide the wine we serve at our First Friday events. The gallery is a good place to be introduced to some of the Valley's finest wines.



Attending the show was Jessica Drake, editor of the Go Magazine, Wenatchee World. She was visiting with Dan and Sasha, and showed an interest in becoming a member, showing her photos.



Roberta Alley and her husband Lee are new to Wenatchee and would like to be a part of Wenatchee's art community. She is considering showing her creative glass at the gallery. She may also be interested in attending the Tuesday Water Media Group to meet other artists. They meet each Tuesday from 9am- Noon at the SaddleRock Presbyterian Church. She may also want to attend the 30-member Wenatchee Watercolor Society who meet once a month there.



Showing this month is Nena Howell's 18x24 oil.  
No, the frame isn't falling off – It's a unique framing style!



Steve Schwind wanted to know about Dan's painting "Pretentious Woman"



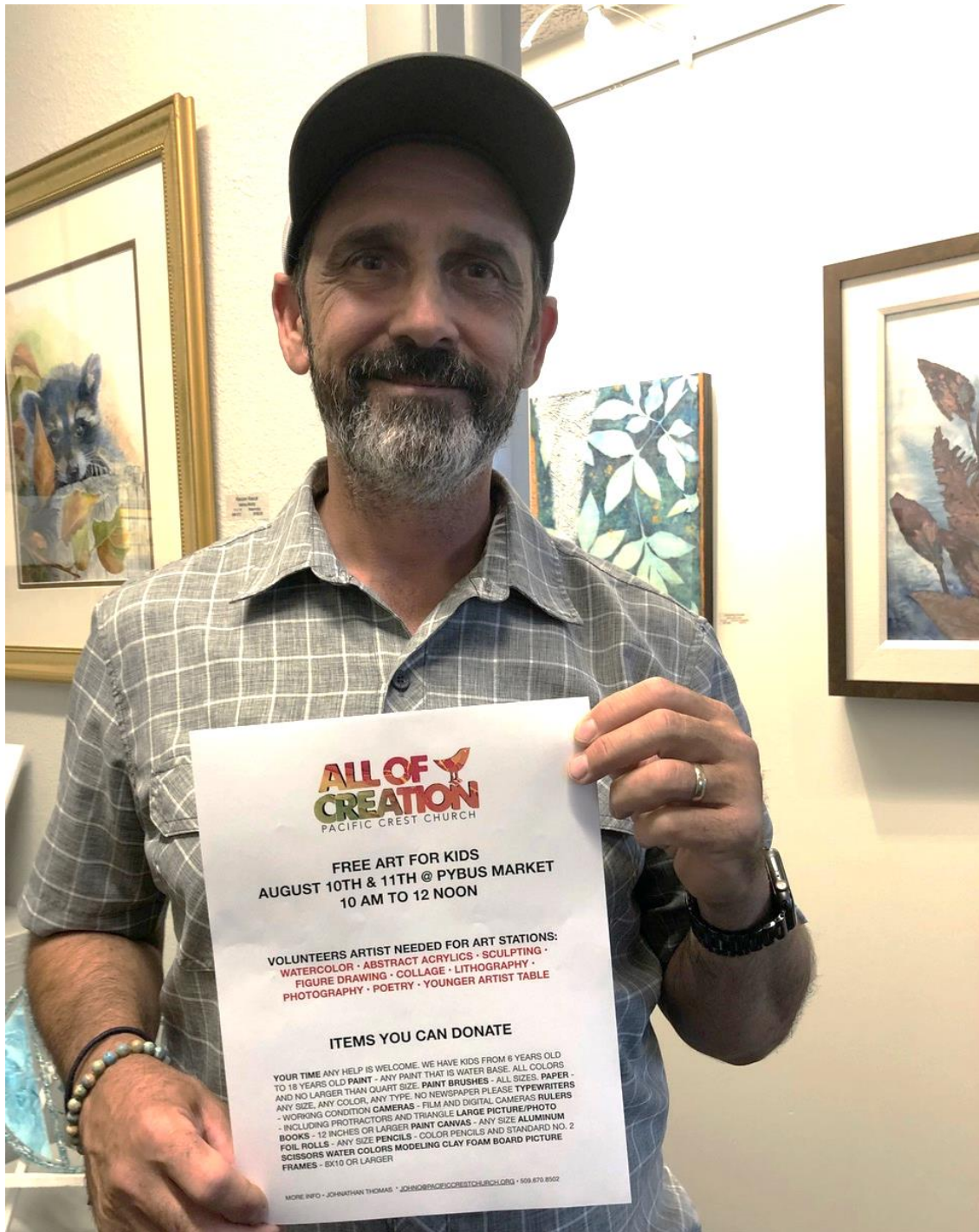
Pandora Lolos is interested in showing her fabric art. Her grandfather started the Cottage Inn Restaurant. Pandora (Pandy) had her own fabric store in Texas and has now returned to Wenatchee since her parents, Andrew and Joann, have passed.



Brent Petersen and Cheikh Diouf, both of Quincy, joined the gallery tonight. Brent is an accomplished painter and Cheikh is a former member and featured artist from several years back. His style is Picasso-esque and a former poster of his is on display in the West Wing. They both would like a two-man show next year.



Barry Benbow has two more new paintings of elephants having fun. The husband and wife elephant at bottom, is called "You are not wearing that hat..."



**Johnathan Thomas came to let us know about a "Free Art for Kids" class at the Pybus Market, August 11 & 12. Magnify this page or read the poster at the gallery.**



"Angus King" is the latest colored pencil artwork by Jeff Justice now on exhibit.

Dan McConnell's show will continue until July 29.

Our August featured artist will be Annie Jones, and Mike Bills, guitarist, will perform.

# Two Rivers Art Gallery



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