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President's Message:

Dear SHA Members,

I hope this message finds you inspired and energized as we enjoy the final stretch of summer. August brings vibrant colors, golden afternoons, and quiet moments of reflection—just the kind of inspiration that fuels our creative spirits.

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many of us have spent the summer traveling, gardening, or simply soaking in the beauty of the season—experiences that often breathe new life and perspectives into our art. As we begin a new chapter together, I invite you to revisit your artistic intentions. What stories are you telling and what ideas are you exploring? With a full lineup of demos, workshops, and shared creativity ahead, I'm excited for the ideas, techniques, and connections we'll build - and now it's time to dive into another inspiring year together!

As always, I'm grateful for the passion and talent you all bring to this club. You make this group not just a collection of artists, but a true creative family. I want to thank you all for the vibrant energy you bring to our club. Keep creating, keep sharing, and most of all, enjoy the journey!

With appreciation and artistic spirit,
Doreen Koch Allen
SHA President – South Hill Artists

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."
~ Edgar Degas

September 4th, Demo

About Beverly Choltco-Devlin

Beverly Choltco-Devlin has been sketching, drawing and painting her whole life. She retired in 2021 as a professional librarian and now devotes her time to art with a special emphasis on urban sketching, nature sketching and journaling and watercolor painting. She joined Urban Sketchers Tacoma in 2014 after moving here from upstate New York in 2013, and is now co-administrator of the group. Her urban sketches are usually done in pencil, ink and watercolor. She also loves birding, hiking, and gardening (and reading, of course!). She has conducted workshops on urban sketching, nature journaling and sketching and watercolors at the North Cascades Institute, Tahoma Bird Alliance, The City of Covington, Tacoma Public Libraries and a variety of art groups in the region, as well as Village Artists and Craftsmen, and MADart, Inc. in Hamilton NY. She is also a certified Nature Journaling Educator through the Wild Wonder Foundation.

Description of Program

Urban Sketching was founded in 2007 by Seattle journalist and illustrator, Gabi Campanario for all sketchers out there who love to draw the cities where they live and visit, from the windows of their homes, from a cafe, at a park, standing by a street corner...always on

location, not from photos or memory." Now, an official non-profit organization, both here and internationally, is comprised of sketchers and artists, have organized to develop a practice, using a wide variety of mediums and expressions, to "show the world, one drawing at a time." Urban Sketchers-Tacoma is an official chapter and was chartered in 2014. There are no dues, just a desire to observe, document and express our environment around us. We have outings in the region 3 times a month and anyone is welcome to join us.

During this session, Beverly will introduce participants to the principles and practice of urban sketching, with a special emphasis on the fact that it is absolutely not necessary to be an accomplished draftsman or trained in architectural drawing to participate. All mediums are valid in urban "sketching." The most important quality is an interest in the world around us and a desire to document that world "in situ." She will bring her own travel sketching kit; work from local urban sketchers, teach a variety of approaches to an urban sketch and inform participants how to engage with local formal and informal urban sketching groups. Weather permitting, participants will go outside and sketch in the immediate vicinity of the church. Being a retired librarian, she will also bring examples of resources to learn more about urban sketching.

Materials list:

(NOTE: this list is not exhaustive nor prescriptive, bring whatever you have or would like to work with as long as it is portable. Even a simple piece of paper and pencil work just fine!) Beverly will also bring some sketching paper, pencil and a small clipboard if you'd just like to see what urban sketching is about.)

The KEY here is to have materials be PORTABLE.

Paper or Sketchbook or medium of choice (i.e., small canvases, panels, etc.)

Pencils (drawing, watercolor, pastel, charcoal, mechanical)

Pens, (water-soluble, waterproof, fountain, ball point)

Markers (water-soluble, waterproof)

Crayons

Watercolors (travel palettes are very helpful)

Pastels (portable, oil or dry)

Acrylic or oils (though keep in mind the length of the actual working session for this demo)

Collage materials (including adhering mediums)

Brushes (if painting)

Water container and water if using water-soluble materials

Small lapboard, clipboard or easel with clamps

Portable travel stool or a sit-upon

Sun protection: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen

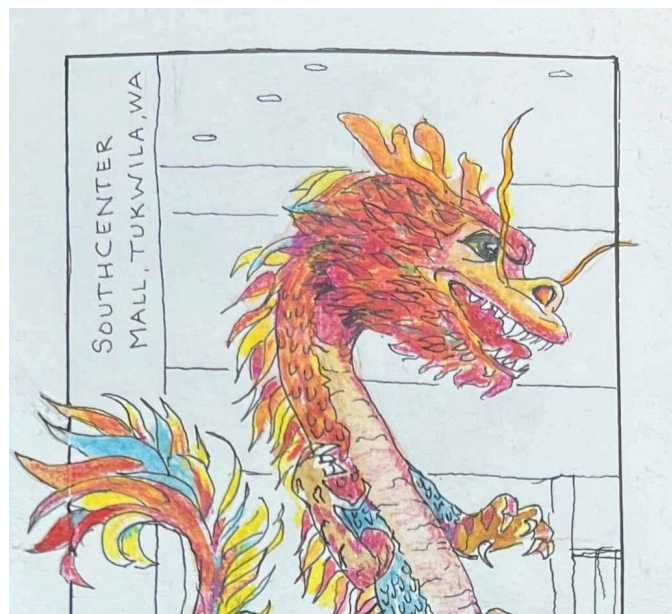
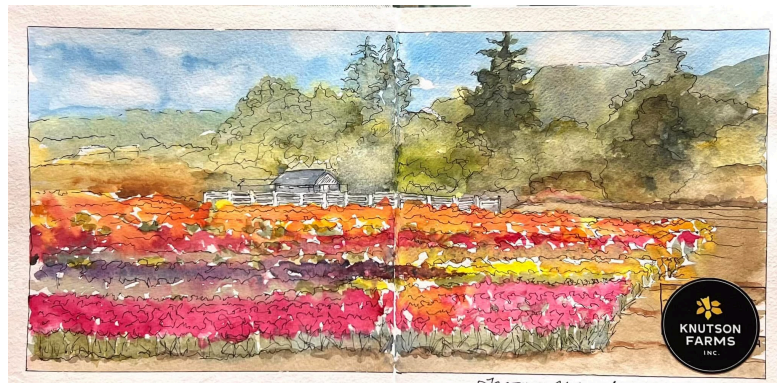
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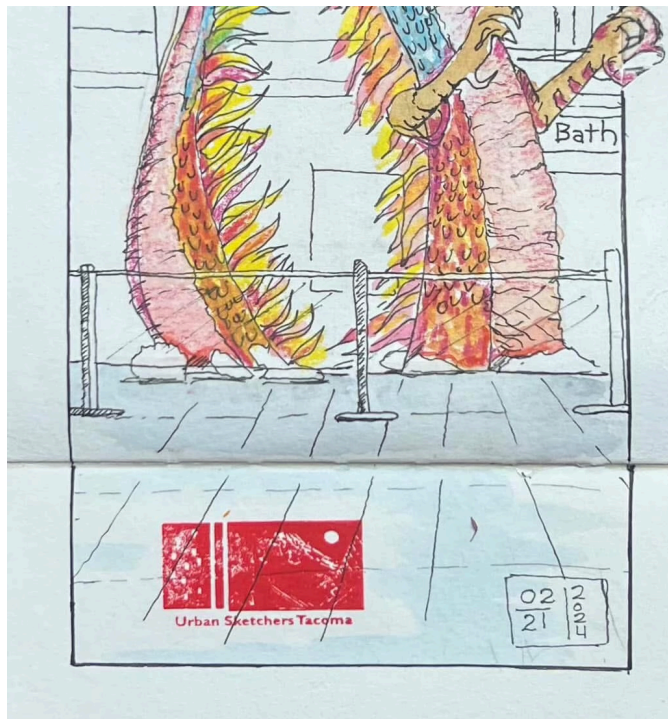
Backpack or portable bag (depending on size of kit)

—trip plan or portfolio bag (depending on size of bag)

For this session bring snacks or a bag lunch.

Examples of work below.





Camp Arnold Fall Registration

Camp dates: October 20 to 24, 2025

Registration: Starts May 1, 2025

Camp registration form is available on the southhillartists.com website.

Send registration form with your \$100 deposit by September 4, 2025 to *SHA PO Box 731762 Puyallup, WA 98373-0019*

Final payment is due by October 2nd, 2025

Notes regarding camp:

- **Check in time** is 9:00am. If you arrive earlier, please do not enter the building as final preparations are taking place.
- **Camp menus** are set in advance, no changes can be made. If you have special menu concerns you can bring food. There are refrigerators available to store your food and a microwave for heating your food.
- **Partial scholarship** will be available. More information coming.

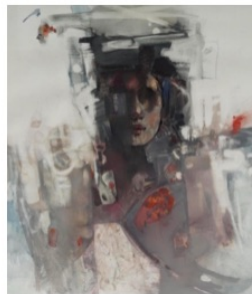
SHA Camp Arnold Scholarship Information:

Click on the link below to get all the information regarding Camp Arnold Scholarships and the registration form. Look for information under the latest news.

Southhillartists.com

Members' Corner:

Do You Know of an art show, competition, workshop, class, art exhibit, or have art supplies for sale that may interest other SHA Members? To include information in the newsletter, please email the information to : sha.southhillartists@gmail.com by the 1st of the month.



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SHA Membership Information:

Membership to South Hill Artists - SHA offers individuals numerous opportunities to create, learn and gather in a supportive and creative atmosphere. Throughout the year there are scheduled live demos, where one can paint and create alongside an experienced professional artist. Twice per year SHA holds a weeklong art camp workshop in Eatonville, at an affordable cost to its members. Membership also gives artists the opportunity to display and sell their artwork in SHA's annual art exhibit. Members will receive an email newsletter, announcements, an invitation to join the private SHA Facebook group, and participate in various social events. A paid SHA Membership entitles you to participate in all these activities, September through August. Payment of dues is required 30 days prior to participation in art exhibits and shows. SHA members are encouraged to volunteer and support SHA activities, events, and chartered objectives.

Membership dues are \$50.00 for the 2024-2025 SHA year. When joining SHA, please download and fill in the SHA Membership Form. Send the completed form with your check to the address below.

Membership dues can also be paid at the monthly demo meeting. Also, please update your contact information when joining or renewing your SHA membership.

Guests are welcome to attend and participate in an art demonstration for a \$30.00 fee. Invite a friend to join us!

Please send your payment to: SHA PO Box 731762 Puyallup, WA 98373-0019

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