



August 2026 Newsletter

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The location for all Art workshops is:
The First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup
412 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA 98371

SHA Workshop Demo - September 3, 2026

"The Ebb & Flow of the Arctic Landscape"

As artists, we are always exploring — seeking new techniques and fresh ways to express our creative voice. Sometimes that inspiration comes from discovering the work of fellow artists whose vision resonates with our own.

That's exactly what happened to Doreen Koch Allen and Mary Schossow Schumaker. While exploring the Nordic Watercolor Society, they were captivated by a style of semi-abstracted landscapes that beautifully capture atmosphere, light and emotion. After watching videos and experimenting on their own, they couldn't wait to share what they discovered.

On September 3rd, at our regular SHA meeting, Doreen and Mary will guide you through some simple, playful techniques that let watercolor do what it does best — surprise you! You may find that stepping back and letting the paint have its own voice is one of the most freeing experiences you've had as an artist.

This is a fun project, a true learning experience, and open to all. Come join us — you might just discover a new direction for your own work.

We hope to see you there!



Doreen Koch Allen - "Icelandic Air" 2022 NWWWS International Open

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Doreen Koch Allen and Mary Schossow Schumaker are award-winning artists working in multiple mediums. Both have earned Signature Status in Northwest Watercolor Society (NWWWS), Women in Watercolor (WIW), and the Peninsula Art League (PAL) — a distinction that reflects years of dedication to their craft.

Passionate about sharing what they've learned, Doreen and Mary will walk you through one of their favorite approaches to starting a semi-abstract watercolor landscape. Come ready to be inspired!



Doreen Koch Allen

BIO - Doreen Koch Allen

Originally from British Columbia, Canada, award-winning artist Doreen Koch Allen is known for her vibrant, intuitive paintings that celebrate color, creativity, and imagination. Working primarily in watercolor and acrylic, while also exploring pastel and mixed media, she creates expressive works rich in texture, pattern and spontaneity.

Inspired by the beauty of nature and the emotional power of music, Doreen's artwork often reflects a sense of wonder, energy and joy. Her paintings range from whimsical and playful to evocative and contemplative, inviting viewers to discover their own stories within each piece.

Doreen's work has been exhibited in numerous regional, national, and international exhibitions, earning her a variety of awards and honors. Her distinctive artistic voice and passion for creative exploration continue to resonate with collectors and art enthusiasts alike.

Now residing in Edgewood, Washington, Doreen lives with her husband and son on a beautiful five-acre old-growth forest property. Surrounded by towering trees, gardens, a flock of chickens, and two beloved Maine Coon cats, she finds daily inspiration in the natural world that surrounds her. Gardening, caring for her animals, and spending time outdoors further nurture her creativity and connection to nature.

She is a Signature Member of the Northwest Watercolor Society, Peninsula Art League, Woman in Watercolor and is President of South Hill Artists.

Website: doreenkochallen.com

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/doreenkochallen/>

Etsy: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/aqualumenstudio>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DoreenKochAllenArt/>



Doreen Koch Allen - "Tempest Passing" 2023 NWWWS International Open

BIO - Mary Schossow Schumaker

Mary Schossow Schumaker is a watercolor and mixed media artist residing in the Pacific Northwest. Her art represents a formulation of several different stylistic approaches in water mediums and on varied substrates. She has achieved Signature status with Northwest Watercolor Society, Women in Watercolor and Peninsula Art League. She is also an active member of South Hill Artists. In recent years, she has exhibited in many national and international juried shows, and has received numerous awards including Best of Show and People's Choice. She continues to paint today with her work in continual transition.



STATEMENT

I enjoy the introspective aspect of painting. Sometimes I start with a preconceived idea and at other times, the mediums take on their own voice and I respond in return. The interplay of colors, values, shapes, lines and patterns or textures, are my voice to communicate to the viewer. From prehistoric days to now, painting has been a universal language of communication.

I apparently have a lot to tell the world!

Mary Schossow Schumaker



Mary Schossow Schumaker - "Where Storms Gather"



Mary Schossow Schumaker - "The Wild Edge"

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/schossowschumaker/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/schossow.schumaker>

WORKSHOP SUPPLY LIST:

- **Paper:** 2 pieces of 11" x 15" watercolor paper (quarter sheets). Either 140 lb. or 300 lb. Cold or hot pressed - your choice.
Note - Please tear the edges of the paper rather than cutting them if you plan to float-mount your finished masterpiece!
- **Brushes:** Large mop brush, 1-2" flat wash brush, medium round (#10-12), rigger brush, 1 old expired full sized credit card, options (stiff scraper or stiff medium sized palette knife)
- **Paint:** Watercolors, your regular palette PLUS tubes of fresh paint from the following suggested list. Please pick Paynes gray plus 2 blues (one must be a cool blue), 2 browns (ex: burnt sienna, sepia and two yellows (ex : raw sienna quinacridone gold).

SUGGESTED PAINT LIST:

- Cobalt Turquoise
- Cerulean Blue
- Ultramarine Blue
- Phthalo Blue (green shade)
- Indigo
- Paynes Grey
- Green Gold
- Raw sienna
- Quinacridone Gold
- Olive Green
- Lunar Black (this will granulate)
- Some optional considerations: Buff Titanium & Coastal Fog

OTHER MATERIALS:

- Water container
- 2 spray bottles of varied mists
- Painting board (a must have)
- Old used bath towel to catch paint (a must have)
- Apron or old painting shirt
- Artist's tape
- Drawing pencil (preferably water soluble)
- Paper towels
- **Optional:** Any water-soluble drawing tools you might like

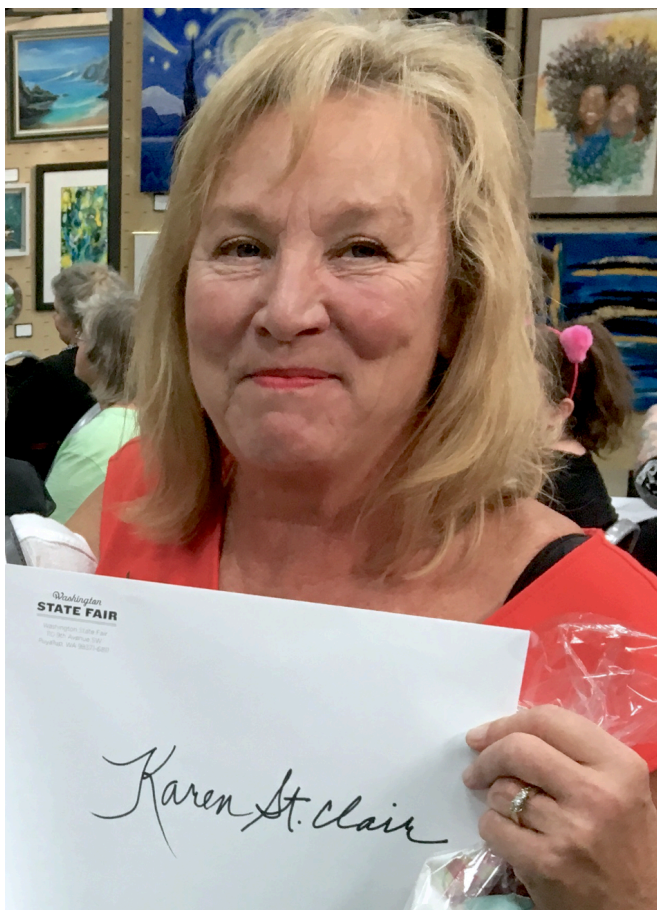
South Hill Artists - President's Message - September 2026

As we begin a new painting season this September, I'd like to take a moment to remember our dear friend, gifted artist, and former South Hill Artists President, Karen Hopkins St. Clair. Karen's passion, kindness, and dedication helped shape South Hill Artists into the welcoming and creative community it is today.

Although I have had the privilege of serving as President for the past several years, I continue to feel that I have big shoes to fill. Karen's leadership, generosity, and encouragement of fellow artists left a lasting impression on our club, myself and on everyone who knew her.

Karen will be deeply missed, and our heartfelt condolences go out to her family and friends. The following tribute, written by fellow SHA member Cole Adams, beautifully reflects on Karen's life and the lasting impact she had on our South Hill Artists family.

~ In Memory of Karen St. Clair ~



From the moment she joined our art group, Karen had a gift for making everyone feel seen. It didn't matter if you were a seasoned artist or someone who had never picked up a brush — she welcomed you with the same open heart, the same warm smile, and the quiet but powerful message that you belonged here.

As our former president, Karen led not with authority but with care. She showed up. She remembered your name, asked about your work, and celebrated your progress as if it were her own. Under her leadership this group became more than a collection of artists — it became a family.

Karen faced struggles in her life with a courage that many of us may never fully know. What we are left with is the warmth she created in every room she entered, the artists she encouraged, the friendships she built, and the example she set of what it means to truly welcome another person into your world.

Karen, our group is quieter without you. But the spirit you brought to this community — that open door, that generous heart — lives on in every one of us you touched. In loving memory of Karen, artist, wife, mother, and dear friend to all who knew her.

~ Cole Adams ~



South Hill Artists - 2026 - 2027 Workshops

As summer gives way to the beautiful colors of autumn, September marks the beginning of another exciting painting season. It's the perfect time for fresh inspiration, new ideas, and picking up our paintbrushes once again.

We're looking forward to an outstanding lineup of talented demonstration artists for the 2026–2027 season. Each demo offers an opportunity to learn new techniques, discover different styles, and perhaps even try a new

medium. No matter your experience level, there's always something new to inspire your creative journey.

One of the greatest strengths of South Hill Artists is the friendships and sense of community we share. Together, we encourage one another, learn from each other, and celebrate our love of art. I look forward to seeing familiar faces, welcoming new members, and sharing another wonderful season of creativity and painting together.

Happy painting!

Doreen Koch Allen

President, South Hill Artists - SHA

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls."

- Pablo Picasso -

Fall Art Escape at Camp Arnold

Dates: October 19 - 23, 2026

Fall Camp registration form due September 3, 2026 with \$100 deposit

Final payment due October 1, 2026

Cost-

double occupancy room \$465

Limited number of single rooms are \$535

Scholarships are available - check southhillartists.com for information and forms

SHA Membership

Membership dues for the 2026 - 2027 SHA year (September thru August)

Dues are \$50 for the year. Please fill out SHA membership form to go with your payment and either bring to the September 3, 2026 meeting or mail to this address-

SHA

902 16th Ave Ct SE

Puyallup, WA 98372-4800

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.

EXCITING MEMBER NEWS!

Join longtime South Hill Artists member Mary Schossow Schumaker for the reception celebrating her solo exhibition titled:



Mary Schossow Schumaker - "Olympic Landscape Series"

Reception: Sunday August 30, 2026 from 12:00 - 1:00pm
Location: The Mary Boze Gallery - Tacoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation
1115 South 56th Street, Tacoma, WA, 98408



This exhibition is an eclectic grouping of work, representing Mary's many faceted adventures in her art making career.

The Exhibition runs from August 9 - September 30, 2026.

Please see the TUUC website for available other viewing times.

<https://www.tahomauu.com/>

Mary Schossow Schumaker - "The Fourth Turn"

Art meetings for free

Free painting, arts, and crafts opportunities each Tuesday & Thursday,
10AM-2PM

Fife Community Center

2111 54TH Ave E

Fife, WA

(253)922-0900

(The center will be closed August 31-Sept 4 for maintenance)!

Bring your own supplies and table covering.

Additionally: Lunch is concurrently offered there Thursdays at noon for
\$3.50 for seniors through Catholic Food Services.

Here is another art meeting that is free-of-charge local art opportunity,
twice a month in Midland (Tacoma) at South East Tacoma Community Center.
It is organized and hosted by a SHA Member and award-winning artist:
Heather Dumas. She is also wonderful person:

ART & SOUL Midland

Aug 3 & 17 (1st & 3rd Mondays)

Southeast Tacoma Community Center

1614 99th St E

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Bring your art project, supplies and a table covering,

Heather Dumas 253 376-2949 for questions or more info.



REMINDER: TRAFFIC BOX ART WRAP APPLICATIONS DUE AUGUST 4

Just a reminder that the deadline to [apply for the Pierce County Traffic Box Art Wrap Project](#) is coming up fast! The deadline is **Tuesday, August 4 by 4:00 p.m.**

Brought to you by the Pierce County Arts Commission (PCAC), this program, gives local artists the chance to bring original artwork to traffic signal boxes

Quick details:

- Must be a Pierce County resident, 18 or older (Pierce County commissioners and their immediate family are ineligible to apply)
- Award: \$500 per selected box design (includes licensing rights for the County to reproduce the design on multiple boxes)
- You may submit 1 application with up to 3 designs
- No set theme - style and medium are up to you, but designs must work across the front, back, and sides of the box. Your design must be a final design and submitted in a digital and horizontal format.
- For full submission requirements (file formats, dimensions, resolution) and the official Call for Artists, visit the project page: www.PierceCountyWA.gov/ArtWrap

Whether you're a hobbyist or a seasoned professional, this program welcomes artists of all levels and styles. **To read all the guidelines and to access the application, please visit the traffic art wrap [website](#).**

To date, there are 100 traffic box art wrap locations throughout unincorporated Pierce County managed through this program. See where the art lives and get inspired by viewing the interactive map at www.PierceCountyWA.gov/ArtWrap.

Please note:

- Posts, information, or details for the website and newsletter need to be received by the 1st day of the month to be included that month.
- **Send email to:** SHA.SouthHillArtists@gmail.com

SHA Membership

Information:

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 be able to 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 2025-2026 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.

Note: The email address that generates the SHA newsletter is not monitored. Send email to: **SHA.SouthHillArtists@gmail.com**

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