



SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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We meet at the **Westminster Chapel**

13646 NE 24th St - Bellevue, WA

Thursday,

September 20th -- 1:30 pm

Demonstrator for the September 20th Meeting

Charlene Collins Freeman, NWS charlenecollinsfreeman.com

Artist Statement

I am both enthralled and comforted by the richness of every day scenes and moments. I am drawn to subjects which, through their ordinary and familiar qualities, take on a sense of beauty.

Something catches my eye, something common, and in that moment it strikes me as extraordinary. There is great beauty in what surrounds us. In particular, nature continues to inspire me.

My work focuses on the pauses between our words and the scenes between our actions, as these represent the threads that connect us.

Artist Biography

Born in San Francisco, California with an American father and Italian mother, Charlene was raised in Italy and in the U.S., between the new world and the old. She attended Mills College and the University of Utah, where she received her BFA in 1987. Her artwork and photography have been exhibited in national and international shows and received top awards, including several Best in Show honors. In 2011 Charlene was awarded signature membership in the Northwest Watercolor Society and an Individual Artist Project Grant by 4Culture for her

photography work. In 2013 she had two watercolors selected for inclusion in *Splash 15*, an annual compilation of the year's best American watercolors published by North Light Books. In the same year she was also invited to join Women Painters of Washington. In 2014 she was chosen as a finalist in the Landscape category of *The Artist's Magazine* 31st Annual Art Competition, which appeared in the issue of December 2014. In 2015 her work was again selected for inclusion in the annual compilation of the year's best American watercolors, *Splash 17*. She was the speaker at the Kenmore Art Show in 2015, presenting "Traveling with a Sketchbook." Charlene was honored by the City of Kenmore in 2010 and again in 2013 when the City purchased her watercolors for the City's Art Collection. Her works hang in private collections, corporate collections and public buildings. Charlene has been a juror for several exhibits and she teaches drawing, painting, and the joy of sketchbooking at numerous art schools and colleges. In 2016 she became the U.S. partner for World Tours Studio (<http://www.worldtoursstudio.com>), which organizes workshops around the world. In 2017 she fulfilled a long time dream by opening her own art school, Cloud 9 Art School, located in downtown Bothell (cloud9artschool.com).

New Meeting Room

I am so excited to tell you all that we have a new, larger meeting room. This room is large enough for everyone and every thing. Refreshments, sharing table, critique group, etc... When you walk into the church, turn right and the room is just to the left of the Fireside Room. Come one and all and bring a friend!

Sharing Table

Don't forget to bring a painting to share, we love seeing our members work. At the May meeting I challenged our members that normally don't share to bring something, and guess what, I am bringing a painting for the very FIRST time. Looking forward to having the table covered with artwork.

May Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated unused art supplies and special thanks to everyone who helped in so many different ways, our Art Rummage Sale was a great success.

We had total sales of \$662.17 which was deposited in our Signature Art Fund.

Open Invitation

I want to introduce the EAFA members to a great opportunity to paint in the neighborhood. At the meeting, I would like to announce the Art Studio, post it on the website and place the article in the newsletter.

The art community is invited to this gathering, no fee or membership is required.

OPEN ART AT ST. LOUISE

Come this September to the initial art group meeting at St. Louise and paint away! If you consider yourself a beginner or professional, you are welcomed. Whatever your chosen media is - watercolor, acrylic, oil or mix media, or work small or large, you will have fun. Bring your brushes, paints, paper, canvas; or if you prefer an IPAD or Surface, either way, you will enjoy meeting with other artists and learning new techniques. We will have plenty of room to paint and the room will be filled with conversation. Do you find painting at home has too many disruptions, or can't find time to paint? Make your painting time weekly at St. Louise every Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sign up by contacting: Dolores Marquez, email dmarquez1@live.com or cell 425-283-2909

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Signature Art Fund

Thanks to Cheryl Hoople for finding a wonderful non-profit organization, Jubilee Reacher School Art Studio to receive our award of \$1,000 this year. That award will provide many art supplies for their special program. Congratulations!

Critique Group

One of the biggest success stories for our meetings has been the Critique Group led by our Vice-President, Jean Beouy. So bring your paintings for comments and suggestions or just sit in and learn from others.

Kudos Corner

Linda Harris won second place in the Parklane Gallery "All Creatures" show.

Phyllis McDaniel won the President's Award at the Kenmore Art Show.

Molly Murrah had her painting selected for the 2018 Puget Sound Bird Fest Poster.

The following members sold artwork this summer:

Kathy Berg - Overlake Hospital 5th Floor

Camea Davidson - Overlake Hospital

Charles Fawcett - North Bellevue Community Center

Valentina Vorenkova - Overlake Hospital South 4

Bev Birmele - Overlake Hospital Oncology

Elissa Adelson - Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

Sheila Dufford - Overlake Hospital South Floor

Plein Air

Our wonderful Plein Air Leader, Betty Rollefson, has 19 different locations planned from May 22 to September 25, 2018.

Look for the entire schedule at our EAFA Website, eafa.org.

We look forward to seeing many of your works this coming year.

Public Art Program

Thanks to Laura Grover, our fabulous Public Art Leader and to all of the venue managers, our program is wonderful and growing. We now have twelve venues:

Overlake Hospital PACCAR Conference/Education

Overlake Hospital Medicine/Oncology W4

Overlake Hospital South Tower

Overlake Hospital Neonatal W2

Overlake Hospital Cardiology

Bellevue Regional Library

New Castle Library

Department of Ecology

Mercer Slough Environmental Center

North Bellevue Community Center

Cafe Cesura

East Side Unitarian Church

From Our President

It has been a wonderful and exciting summer and I am ready to join all of you at our next meeting. Come early, have a cup of coffee, enjoy the sharing table and help make the 2018 - 2019 year the best one EAFA has ever had.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions to make EAFA better or ideas that would help you in any way, please feel free to give us a call or an email.

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