



July 20, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For information: David Wyatt, Branch Manager
Stevenson and North Bonneville Community Libraries
509-427-5471 – dwyatt@fvrl.org

Tak Kendrick, Communications and Marketing Director
360-906-5021 – tkendrick@fvrl.org

41st Annual Artists of the Gorge submissions now open

***New entry procedures this year stress safety for artists, patrons,
and library staff***

STEVENSON, Wash. – Stevenson Community Library invites artists from Washougal to the Dalles to submit their work to the long-running Artists of the Gorge juried art exhibition by September 9 at 120 NW Vancouver Avenue, Stevenson, WA 98648.

In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment for our artists, patrons, and staff there have been some changes to this year's Call for Artists. First, as persons other than library staff are not currently allowed in the library building under Washington's "Safe Start" plan, *please call 360-906-4828 prior to coming to the library on the day you plan on delivering your work*; staff will meet you at the Gallery entrance on Columbia Street. They will have hand sanitizer and masks available for use during the intake process.

1007 E MILL PLAIN BLVD. VANCOUVER WASHINGTON 98663 • 360-906-5000 • www.fvrl.org

Library locations: Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Goldendale, La Center, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Three Creeks, Vancouver, Vancouver Mall, Washougal, White Salmon Valley, Woodland, Yacolt, Yale



To continue this community event in uncertain times, the library is moving to an online exhibit format this year. The exhibit and traditional people's choice vote will be hosted on fvrl.org.

Supported by the Friends of Stevenson and North Bonneville Community Libraries, entry is free as always. The exhibition is open to all artists in the Gorge, Oregon and Washington residents from The Dalles to Washougal; artists must be 18 years or older. This event is open-themed. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, wood pieces, fabric art and other media will be considered. Entries must be recent (completed in 2019/2020) and original works. Copies, patterns, commercial art or class work is not accepted. Each artist may submit a maximum of two entries.

Jurors this year include:

- **Lisa Conway (Ceramics):** Chairperson of Art Department, Professor of Art and Ceramics Area Head, Clark College, Vancouver WA, 2003–Present
- **Joy Kloman (Oils):** Former University of Mississippi, Oxford, tenured associate professor, solely supervised painting and drawing, graduate and undergraduate programs. Also taught drawing in London, England. MFA University of Florida, BFA Kansas City Art Institute
- **Warren Morgan (Photography):** Retired editorial and commercial photographer. Landscape photographer

Prizes and jurors' honoraria will continue and are underwritten by Friends of Stevenson and North Bonneville Community Libraries.

- **Jurors Choice awards:** 1st Prize \$200; 2nd Prize \$150; 3rd Prize \$100



FVRLibraries
FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARIES

Serving Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and
Woodland and Yale Precinct in Cowlitz County

- **People's Choice award: \$50**

More information about this year's Artists of the Gorge exhibition and submission guidelines are available at: <https://www.fvrl.org/artists-gorge>

###

About Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

Established in 1950, Fort Vancouver Regional Library District (FVRL) provides a vast range of information and cultural services to more than 464,000 Southwest and South Central Washington citizens in Clark, Skamania and Klickitat Counties, and the city of Woodland and Yale Valley Library District in Cowlitz County. FVRL provides a collection of more than 750,000 items, online library services at www.fvrl.org, two bookmobiles, telephone information services, 24/7 online help, outreach programs, and 15 public library locations: Community Libraries in Battle Ground, Cascade Park, Goldendale, La Center, North Bonneville, Ridgefield, Stevenson, Three Creeks, Vancouver, Washougal, White Salmon Valley and Woodland; The Mall Library Connection at Vancouver Mall; and Library Express facilities at Yacolt and Yale.