

Take the road less traveled

River GALLERY

from Folk Art to Fine Art



November — December 2025

Located on the historic Independence riverfront, River Gallery has been a destination for art lovers since 1998. A partnership of artists, our focus has always been to provide a venue for the incredible number of talented Oregon artists we have encountered.

January – February 2026

Small Wonders Show

In January 2026 River Gallery will exhibit the

“Small Wonders

Show.” This exhibit will consist of art pieces of no larger than 12”x12.” This is a non-juried show and each artist is invited to show either 1 or 2 pieces. There will be such a wide variety of work in this show! Various subjects, styles and mediums will make for a very interesting exhibit.



There will also be a Kid’s Corner where fun small art will be exhibited. We like to support our young artists whenever we can.

Small Wonders will be on exhibit from January 15th — February 28th, 2026.

For artists — what you need to know:

- Artworks must be 12x12 inches or smaller.
- Any medium.
- No jurying for entry.
- Two pieces maximum.
- Entry fee of \$30 for one or two pieces. No entry fee for kids.
- Drop off Thursday, 1/8/2026 through Sunday, 1/11/2026 from 11:00am - 4:00pm.
- Exhibit runs from Thursday, 1/15/2026 through Saturday, 2/28/2026 from 11:00am - 4:00pm.
- Art pick up dates are Saturday, 2/28/2026 through Sunday, 3/1/2026 from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

***Reception: Saturday, January 17,
3pm to 6pm.***

Check our website for updates and/or additional information.

It is the new year!

We hope 2026 will be good to all!

Focus Artist — Pam Serra-Wenz

Pam has been painting abstracts for several years with a “Dream Theme.” Her paintings embody movement and color intensity. Sometimes she dreams about her art. The results of her dreams are reflected in some of her abstract paintings.

Artist Statement

“Being an artist provides me with the ability to immerse myself in hours of play and creativity. It allows me to share my dreams with others.”



Painting by Pam Serra-Wenz

Stop by the gallery and see Pam’s latest work in January and February.

River Gallery, 184 S. Main Street, Independence, Oregon 97351 — 503-838-6171
Current gallery hours — Thursday through Sunday, 11noon – 4pm. Find us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/River—Gallery and Instagram at www.instagram.com/rivergalleryart/

In the Window — Gerry Brehm

We all love our animals and Gerry's animal kingdom will delight you! You will definitely be enchanted with his eclectic designs.



*Ceramic Buffalo
by Gerry Brehm*

Art about Agriculture 2026 Open Call for Art

Art About Agriculture Touring Exhibition

2026: Field Report invites submissions of fine art and craft that explores visual storytelling inspired by food, fiber and natural resources.

All narrative approaches are welcome, including personal experience, research, data, heritage, mythology and story.

Submission Deadline: January 11, 2026 at 11:59pm.

- Open to artists and craftspersons living in AK, BC, HI, ID, MT, OR and WA.
- No submission fees and all fine art and craft mediums considered.
- Student submissions accepted from OSU, Joseph Center for Art and Culture and Blue Mountain Community College.
- Opportunities for purchase awards, honorariums and scholarships!

<https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/art/2026-open-call-art>

Artist Opportunity in Monmouth

Call for Art 2026

in the Monmouth City Hall Rotating Gallery

Theme "Anything Goes"

Landscape, Still Life, Abstract, Portrait, Photos, etc



Applications and guidelines can be found on line at <https://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/pview.aspx?id=4906&catid=551> or by scanning the QR codes below

Application
QR Code



Guidelines
QR Code



<https://www.ci.monmouth.or.us/pview.aspx?id=4906&catid=0>

See City of Monmouth Arts & Culture Commission
Rotating Art Display Call for Art.

Inspiring Quotes

"It is important to express oneself...provided the feelings are real and are taken from you own experience." **Berthe Morisot**

"To be an artist is to believe in life." **Henry Moore**

"Every good painter paints what he is."

Jackson Pollock

"The object of art is not to reproduce reality, but to create a reality of the same intensity."

Alberto Giacometti

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

"What moves men of genius, or rather what inspires their work, is not new ideas, but their obsession with the idea that what has already been said is still not enough." **Eugene Delacroix**
