

Take the road less traveled

# River GALLERY

from Folk Art to Fine Art



March — April 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.

## Focus Artists

*Celebrate the Art of Crafts: painted gourds and cut paper creations*

We have two Focus Artists for March and April, Anna Mallard and Cindy Stinson-Chennel.

*Cindy Stinson-Chennel — Cut Paper Creations*

“After 30 years of teaching, I am retired in Oregon. My background in art education and educational media (both studied at Oregon College of Education, now Western Oregon University) led me to teaching in Europe and South America. When traveling in Switzerland, I discovered paper cutting.



While teaching and raising a family, I found cleaning up the snippings of paper much faster than all the materials of printmaking, which was my favored media. Yet the refining of the images was very similar. For over 35 years I have been snipping paper. It never fails to challenge and relax me at the same time.”

*Anna Mallard — Folk Art Gourds*

Anna is sharing her whimsical gourds with you in her Focus Show. She is inspired by the organic nature of gourds and by the long history of their use as both functional and artistic vessels. She has been influenced by historical designs across the world.



“While attending a conference in San Antonio, I discovered and fell in love with decorated gourds. Gourds spanned the globe in prehistoric times and became important for their usefulness and

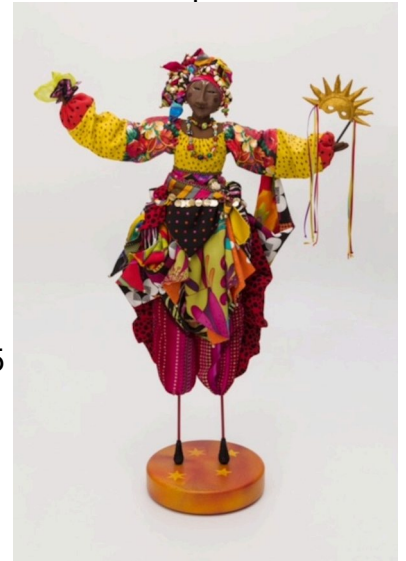
## In the window

In March and April River Gallery will display the art of Louis Gizyn in our front windows. Her whimsical figurines made of cloth and clay will delight and entice you.

*Louie Gizyn*

“I majored in art since kindergarten and received my Bachelor of Art degree in 1976. For the past 50 years, have been working in clay and cloth. The nature of my work is whimsical. Clay faces are hand pinched out of stoneware and painted. The figurines I build vary in size and complexions. Color is the breath of my work. When choosing fabrics, I try to maintain a balance between deliberation and spontaneity. Enjoy!”

Join us to celebrate Louie Gizyn for a birthday reception on Sunday, April 6th, 2025 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.



*Focus — continued*

versatility as cultures developed. I have also been intrigued by the universality of ancient images and enjoy combining this interest into gourd art.”

*We have art in order not to die of the truth. —Friedrich Nietzsche*

**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](http://www.facebook.com/River-Gallery) and Instagram at [www.instagram.com/rivergalleryart/](http://www.instagram.com/rivergalleryart/)



## Wild Women 2025 — Celebrating Women

Time to start planning your work for Wild Women 2025 coming this June. The show will run June 5 through June 29. Again this year there is no specific theme — Celebrate! Here are the details.

### Submissions

- Each artist may submit one piece of art in any medium.
- There will be a \$25.00 entry/hanging fee due when artwork is dropped off.
- The entries will not be juried in or out. All accepted art will be hung.
- The gallery reserves the right to not show submitted work. If a piece is not shown and is returned to the artist the \$25.00 entry fee will be refunded.

### Dropping off your artwork:

- Drop off dates will be May 29 — June 1 from 11 am to 4 pm.
- Each artist will complete a label for their artwork at the gallery.
- Each artist will complete a show agreement form and sign in their work in an inventory book. Gallery partners will be on hand to help and we will have more details coming soon.
- We will hang the show on June 2 and it will open June 5.

### Reception

The reception will be held Saturday, June 21 from 4—8 pm.

*Always a fun gathering and we look forward to celebrating with you!*

Watch for more information on our website at <https://www.rivergalleryart.com>, and on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

*The Wild Woman archetype embodies the untamed spirit of feminine power, characterized by intuitive, primal instincts and unbridled authenticity. Wild woman represents your ability to express yourself freely. She is wild, free-spirited, and fiercely independent.*

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## What's new at the gallery?

As you may know we recently had a roofing situation at the gallery. All the artwork was undamaged and we have changed out the layout of the gallery. The roof is currently being repaired. As a result we have rearranged some elements of the gallery.

Our third room has been converted to a “sit a spell” space. You are invited to come in, sit down, visit, peruse the books and see the art on the walls.

We are looking forward to finding many uses for this space. Chatting, classes, participatory mural, drawing...? Do you have ideas? Please share.

The next time you are in the gallery take a look in there and let us know what you think.



## Sunday Drawing at the Gallery

**Reminder...** Every third Sunday of each month from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm, River Gallery offers an opportunity to gather around the table and draw. No rules. No grades. No pressure. Just bring paper or a sketchbook and something to draw with. Everyone is welcome. The next two drawing sessions will be on Sunday, March 16 from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm and Sunday, April 20 from 1:00 pm—2:00 pm. Join us for some fun! Hope to see you then.

