

Take the road less traveled

River GALLERY

from Folk Art to Fine Art



September — October 2023

Located on the historic Independence riverfront, River Gallery has been a destination for art lovers since 1998. A partnership of 13 artists, our focus has always been to provide a venue for the incredible number of talented Oregon artists we have encountered.

September show “Interbeing: Weave of Influence”

We are excited to bring you an outstanding group of abstract Oregon artists in September! They have worked together since 2020 and have developed a close, creative relationship that shows in their work. This exhibit is comprised of a traveling art exhibit involving five artists. The group of abstract artists was created in August 2020 amongst uncertainty and isolation in the early phase of Covid-19. Oregon artists [Jan Lintz](#), [Susan Thomas](#), [Donna Henderson](#), [Teresa Myrmo](#) and [Mary Garrard](#) attended the first online weekly “Open Studio” offered by Eugene abstract artist Zoë Cohen. The group immediately formed a strong connection, becoming an important source of support for each other as they weathered not only the fears, grief and isolation of the pandemic, but also the catastrophic wildfire season of 2020.



Mary Garrard

“ We each have found freedom and new directions in our art practice. While our individual artistic aesthetics are distinct and specific, we influence each other’s work in sometimes subtle, sometimes surprising ways, for example, by related color palettes or compositional elements. This is an organic process that may happen indirectly without conscious intention. An intentional way we do this is by trading “starts” (work in early

Focus Show - in August/September — Richard Bunse

Richard Bunse’s ink, watercolors and acrylic paintings are influenced by his intimate knowledge of the rivers, forests and beautiful pastoral valleys of Western Oregon. His watercolors and drawings celebrate his life-long passion for fishing and art. River Gallery is displaying his pen and ink drawings made from the memory of some of these places. Bunse’s illustrations have accompanied stories in national sporting magazines as well as the fine press limited edition of *The Diaries of Rodrick Haig-Brown*.



Bunse studied art at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, where he lives with his wife Carol.

Interbeing — continued

stages) for another artist to continue and complete. These collaborative pieces have enabled us to look at our own art with fresh ideas as well as being a lot of fun. While the “warp” of our individual work remains distinct, the “weft” reflects the conversation of the collective as well as the times in which we make our art.”

Come and see the results of this unique artistic process beginning in September and concluding October 1st. There will be a reception on September 9th from 2:00pm — 5:00pm.

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/





Coming in October! Gallery Associate Members Show

River Galley's Associates members produce outstanding artwork to exhibit in the gallery. Each fall we show our gratitude by featuring more of their work for a month.

This year their show will be in October with a reception on October 7th from 2-5pm.

River Gallery Associate artists

Bill Shumway

Dan Wenger

Jim and Jo Hockenhull

Rich Bergeman

Dean Hansen

Nathelle Norfleet

Patricia Cochran

Morgen Brodie

Marla Brummer

Tinhorn



Jim Hockenhull



Dan Wenger



Marla Brummer

Window Exhibit — September/October

Our window exhibit will include a variety of garden art in ceramic, wood, glass or metal. Be sure to pop in and enjoy the art inside!



Sheryl Thompson
and Richard Staats



Gerry Brehm

***Creative people
don't have a
mess, they
have ideas lying
around every
where!***

Sunday Drawing at the Gallery

Sunday Drawing at the Gallery will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Bring your pencil or pen or crayon and paper or sketch book and enthusiasm and join in!

Hope to see you there.

