



## Press Release

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The City of Enumclaw's **Gallery 2018** presents:

Artist, Janet Berthon

### *Exploring Art and Media*

*June 7, 2018 through July 3, 2018*



The City of Enumclaw and 4Culture of King County are pleased to share Janet Berthon's artwork with the community. Janet has experimented with painting, drawing, sculpture, fabric art, and more. She explores new media and techniques on a regular basis. Some of Janet's earlier works include beautiful stone carved birds and watercolor florals, all done with great skill. Janet Berthon is a house artist and volunteer at the local Arts Alive Gallery on Enumclaw's Cole Street. As vice-chair of the Enumclaw Arts Commission Janet is involved in the city's art interests. We celebrate her dedication and involvement in the arts in Enumclaw. Janet is hosting a community reception on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the gallery from 3 to 4:30 P.M.

#### Janet Berthon Artist Statement

I have had a life-long fascination with the arts. During my teaching career, I realized my favorite subject to teach my elementary students was art. I studied at the University of Washington, earning a Master's Degree in Elementary Education, with an emphasis in art. This allowed me to explore a wide range of arts and crafts mediums, techniques and methods. From 1996 to 1999, I taught art at Rainier Middle School. My philosophy was, busy hands are happy hands. Much of my curriculum was craft-based. We explored all mediums, collage, wire sculpture, ceramics, batik, weaving, and we used plaster of Paris strips to make face masks, and of course, we did some drawing and painting in watercolor and acrylic. I have continued to take art classes, keeping my hands busy and my mind occupied in creative processes. Following my retirement from teaching in 1999, I joined classes offered by the Frye Art Museum, learning to draw and paint with oils and watercolor, slump glass and carve stone. I also studied stone carving with Sabah Al-Dhaher at the Pratt Fine Arts Center in Seattle. And I have continued exploring and creating in whatever medium interests me. I have exhibited sculpture and painting at Art in the Garden, Enumclaw Art Walks, Arts Alive, the City of Enumclaw Exhibit Space, and at the King County Fair BaseCamp Exhibit from 2003 through 2009.

Gallery 2018 is located in the Council Chambers at Enumclaw City Hall. 1339 Griffin Ave. Enumclaw, WA 98022. Hours for the exhibition space are 9:30 a. m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enumclaw City Hall is closed on national holidays. Gallery 2018 is closed to the public on Tuesday of each week for municipal court proceedings.