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>> Director's Notes

I attended a funeral for one of Lincoln City's business leaders last week. He was the owner of the construction company that built the new cottages at Sitka last year. One of the speakers at his memorial service spoke of Neil Quade as someone who "lived life large enough to shelter others." It made me ask the question of my own life. Am I living large enough to shelter others? How can I do better?

It's been satisfying to see the success of our first few workshops this season, as students and instructors work together to expand each other's creativity, searching for those soul-enriching discoveries of expression.



So far, the summer is off to a delicious start. I hope you can live your life large enough to shelter others.

See you soon,
Eric

>> Workshop Openings



Art by: Rebecca Wild

Please take a look at the workshops below with space available.

Lines, Layers and Paul Klee

with Rebecca Wild 6/20 - 6/22

The work that emerges from this workshop is an uninhibited combination of marks, akin to letters, along with shapes, textures, and colors. Rebecca Wild has a way of turning the alphabet on its head, spinning it around, and making it come out as exotic marks of art.

Cedar Bark Weaving in the Tradition of North West Coast Native American Haida

with Nancy Olson 6/23 - 6/26

Weaving strips of cedar together to form baskets as the Haida Indians did years ago feels simple and complex, ancient and new, tactile and beautiful. Nancy has a passion for teaching this form of weaving and makes everyone feel comfortable and successful.

Telamadera Fusion: Bringing Together Wood, Fabric and Paint

with Alma de la Melana Cox 7/2 - 7/3

This fascinating process combines fabric & paint together on wood for a colorful, almost quilt-like, final art piece. Check out the photos of Alma's work [here](#).

Book Arts for Kids & Adults: Creative Fun & Exploration

with Inga Dubay and Andie Thrans 7/2 - 7/3

Have you been looking for a fun, interesting, creative way to spend time with the children in your life? This is a real treat! It's the **only** workshop we offer that is tailored for kids and adults. It's guaranteed to bring out the child-like creativity in everyone by playing with a variety of materials while exploring book arts.

You can see [all the workshops here](#).

Please consider becoming a [member](#) of the Sitka Center to provide ongoing support for nourishing people who love to make art!

>> Mingle, Muse and Munch

[Mingle, Muse and Munch](#)

June 10th, Friday 4:30 to 7 pm

Located in Edelman Studio at the Sitka Center

Featured Artist: [Patricia Wheeler](#)

July 15th, Friday 4:30 to 7 pm

Located in Edelman Studio at the Sitka Center

Featured Writers: [Jennifer Boyden](#) and Heather Swan

Writers'/Artists' talk and potluck series – join us for a free series of presentations by visiting artists and writers, followed by a community potluck. A wildly different topic each month - don't miss them! Potluck starts at 4:30pm - and Presentation begins at 5:30 pm.



>> Big Summer Fun Event



[Purchase Tickets now](#) for Big Summer Fun!

Sept. 3rd, Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

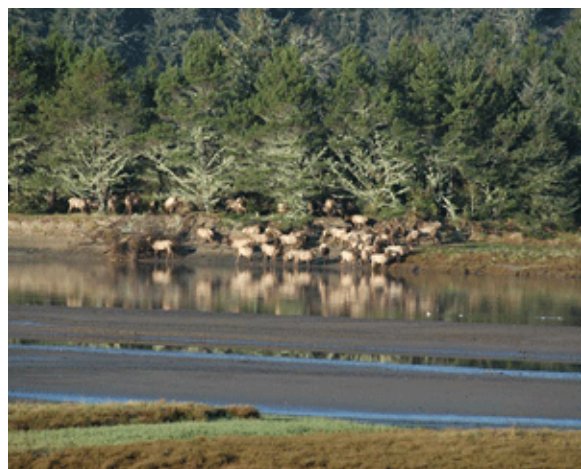
An enjoyable day of food, music, friends and a good-sized portion of camaraderie. Guest speaker, Oregon Poet Laureate [Paulann Petersen](#), will talk about the importance of place, surrounded by the unique environment of Cascade Head. \$45 Includes: catered lunch, speaker, afternoon activities, and potluck dinner with music.

More details about [all the events](#) happening at Sitka this year!

>> Sitka Community News

Good News

In March we did a special fundraiser. We asked you in 14 days to help us raise \$20,000 so that we might qualify for a \$175,000 grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust to [remodel the Boyden Studio](#) and our oldest artist residence. We found out....drum roll please.... that thanks directly to your efforts, we have qualified for that \$175,000 grant, contingent only on the fact that we have to raise an additional \$175,000 by next year. We have a plan in place to raise this money from other Oregon Foundations, but I wanted to let you know that you made this possible. So pat yourself on the back and feel good about the fact that you are supporting an organization that truly supports artists and the work they do. And if you haven't donated to this project yet, there is still time to do so. Every dollar counts toward that match.



There is a second piece of good news. Inspired by a grant from the William T Colville Foundation, we wrote a couple of additional grant requests to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and Trust Management of Waldport. Between these three organizations we raised \$10,000 to be used exclusively for scholarships to bring local high school students to Sitka Workshops. Taft High

School (Lincoln City), Career Tech High School (Lincoln City), Newport High School, Siletz High School and Nestucca High School were all invited to select 5 students each who would benefit from taking Sitka workshops to further their art education. Our first group of students is starting this week with the "Etching for Everyone" workshop taught by Diane Archer. This is an excellent opportunity to mentor and train young artists in a professional art-making environment. I hope you will be lucky enough to meet them this summer.

>> 2011 Art Invitational Updates



Progress on the [2011 Sitka Art Invitational](#)

Planning for the Sitka Art Invitational is underway. Invitations to artists went out in April and May and so far we have 96 confirmed artists. Our theme this year (our 18th) is collaboration, which means participating artists will be asked to work with a partner to create something reflective of their shared vision. Along with work by each individual artist will be exciting examples of the harmony between 2 diverse voices, expressed through visual art, writing or science.

Mark your calendars for the special opportunity to attend "Dining with the Art" on November 4, followed by the public presentation of the art on November 5 and 6.

If joining forces with Sitka Center inspires you, consider becoming a sponsor of the Invitational and we can create an electrifying event that will showcase your business and delight your friends. We're looking for enthusiastic allies in support of this spirited art adventure.

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