The Ferndale Arts Commission is established to provide leadership for the cultural enrichment of our community.

A Big Thank You to FAC Commissioners Robin, Doug, and Oz!

Three Ferndale Arts Commissioners have completed their tenure as passionate supporters of the arts in our community. Mosaic and graphic artist Robin Peters, professional photographer Doug Bascom, and civic leader Rick LaFave (AKA “Oz”) were immeasurable assets to the Commission. Each was an ideal volunteer, giving extraordinary amounts of time, talent, integrity, and wisdom to our community. Thank you, Robin, Doug, and Oz for all you did to promote the arts in Ferndale.

New Ferndale Arts Commissioner

Kathleen Pate has been selected by Mayor Gary Jensen and the City Council to serve as a Ferndale Arts Commissioner. Kathleen is a professional photographer who brings fresh and thoughtful perspectives to the Commission. She will also be participating as a visual artist at Art in the Park 2014. Welcome, Kathleen!

NOTE: There are three positions available on the Ferndale Arts Commission. Please contact City Clerk, Sam Taylor, if you’re interested in applying: samtaylor@cityofferndale.org

FAC Artist Of The Quarter

Hailey Pavitt has been selected as Ferndale Arts Commission Artist of the Quarter. Hailey’s recipe for Crunchy Kale Turkey Wraps was the regional winner of the “Future Chefs” Culinary Competition, hosted by Sodexo and the Ferndale School District. The Ferndale School District also served her wraps as a meal choice at local schools. “Artists often use their art works to inspire needed societal change,” said Marla Morrow, FAC Chair. “Hailey, at six-years-young, has highlighted the culinary arts and has addressed the social concern of America’s obesity epidemic by creating a healthy, delicious recipe as an alternative to unhealthy food choices.” Congratulations, culinary artist, Chef Hailey!

Ferndale Downtown Association Welcome Banners Project

The Ferndale Downtown Association (FDA) is raising money to help purchase “Welcome to Ferndale” banners. The initial banners, designed by the FDA, will be displayed on selected light poles in downtown Ferndale.

To raise funds, the FDA is selling raffle tickets to win an original watercolor painting by Ferndale Arts Commissioner Barbara Ingram. Barbara is well known for her winning entries to the Ferndale Street Festival poster competition and her stunning detailed art works of Ferndale historical sites. Nine tickets will also be drawn for prints of the original painting.

Tickets are $10 each and monetary donations are gladly accepted. Individuals and local businesses are encouraged to sponsor a banner. Tickets may be purchased at the Ferndale Street Festival, Art in the Park 2014, and other locations to be announced.
SAVE THE DATES!

Saturday, Aug. 23: Ferndale Street Festival
Saturday, Sept. 13: Art in the Park, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 14: Art in the Park, noon – 5 p.m.

Ferndale Street Festival

Look for the Ferndale Arts Commission and the Ferndale Downtown Association at their shared booth at the Ferndale Street Festival on Saturday, August 23. Join us for children’s art activities and learn how the Ferndale Arts Commission and the Ferndale Downtown Association work for you, and with you, to better our quality of life.

Art In The Park 2014

The Ferndale Arts Commission is hosting its third annual Art in the Park event from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13 and noon – 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 in beautiful Pioneer Park, 2007 Cherry St.

An exhilarating combination of local visual artists’ demonstrations and sales, a wealth of culturally diverse performing artists, children’s art activities, and rich savories in which to indulge is certain to offer an unforgettable cultural experience to all guests. The event is free and open to the public.

Visual artists include Linda Scoboria (Collage Greeting Cards), Janet Ballard (Heartfired Glass), Christine Verkist (Pen and Ink), Michelle Jefferson (Vibrant Land and Seascapes), Beth Buckland (Fabric Art), Jamie Jedinak (Fiber Art), Jim Dixon (Coastal Theme Prints), Megan and Wendy Bloom (Rainbow Orca Designs – Sculptural Paper Design), Candace Buethorn (Watercolor), and Kathleen Pate (Photography).

http://www.cityofferndale.org/3rd-annual-art-park-sept-13-14/

NOTE: Art in the Park 2014 is supported, in part, by a grant from the Washington State Arts Commission (now also known as “ArtsWA”) and the National Endowment for the Arts. The FAC is also grateful to WECU, the Lummi Indian Business Council, and the Ferndale Downtown Association for their generous sponsorship of this event.
Art in the Park 2014 Events Schedule
Saturday, September 13

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Heliotrope
Guitar, flute/concertina, and fiddle, playing energizing Celtic and French-Canadian dances.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Nathan Matson Drumming Circle
Bring a drum or other percussive instrument and join in the magnetic beat!

1 – 2 p.m. Welcome Marionettes “Peter and the Wolf”
Puppetry is for everyone! A captivating introduction to classical music and an unmatched opportunity to learn to identify orchestral Instruments and how they create emotive characters in Prokofiev’s classic piece for children of all ages! A must-see!

2:15 – 3 p.m. Frank Goes Behind Nooksack Storyteller
Mesmerizing local Native oral traditions!

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Kungana Marimba Band
A guaranteed afternoon pick-you-up!

Art in the Park 2014 Events Schedule
Sunday, September 14

Noon – 12:45 p.m. Larry Johnson Saxophone
Familiar tunes to make you smile!

1 – 1:30 p.m. Ferndale Alliance Dance
Enjoy the talents of these amazing local dancers!

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Michelle Jefferson FREE Water World Painting Class
Elementary age and up; class size limit of 8.

2 – 3:15 p.m. Millie and the Mentshn
Whatcom County’s fabulous Klezmer Band! Classically trained musicians playing world music.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Kathie Hardy Celtic Harpist
Soothing!