

# Newsletter

CRESCENT HARBOR ART GALLERY

## The Whale

March 2026

# March Artist Of The Month

Leslie Ann Robins:  
Watercolor Paintings



In 1978, I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Printmaking from Edinboro University in Northwestern Pennsylvania. I have a minor in drawing and art history.

In 1975, I took my first class in watercolor. I love to work out of doors and this is the perfect medium because it is so easy to transport. At first, my paintings reflected the more traditional schooling I received. However, the more I paint, the more my feelings have begun to take over my paintings. I look at nature and paint what I feel from the environment rather than what I see. I observe the positive and negative spaces in nature that surround us and try to capture this on paper. As a result, my paintings have a dream-like quality which has become my style of painting.

## **WELCOME New 2026 Board Members!**

**At our February Board Meeting, ballots were passed out and votes taken. The votes were counted and the current board members are as follows:**

Jim "Doc" Belardi, Michael Harder, Jacques Kepner, Beverly Kukuk, Terance Lusich, Steven Mowles, Hank Northrip, Criss Raintree, David Saile, Steve Schlesener, Liza Skeeter, Patricia Thorpe, Jeanette Treiber, Philip Wadsworth and Stephen Washburn.

### **Elected Officers are:**

Philip Wadsworth, President

Jacques Kepner, Vice President

Hank Northrip, Vice President

Beverly Kukuk, Treasurer

Sharon Sheets, Secretary

*The Crescent Harbor Art Gallery*

Presents

### **Beginning Watercolor Class with Deborah Dawson**

**Saturday, March 14th  
& Saturday, March 28th  
10am - 12pm**

**\$35 per class**

at the Crescent Harbor Art Gallery,  
140 Marine Way, Crescent City

*All materials will be  
provided for your first 2 classes.  
After that, a \$5 charge will be  
added to cover materials unless  
students bring their own.*

**Space is limited, so please call  
Mary at 707-999-8707 to  
reserve a seat.**

Gallery: 707-464-9133  
[www.CrescentHarborGallery.com](http://www.CrescentHarborGallery.com)



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### **Advanced Beginning to Intermediate**

### **Watercolor Class with Deborah Dawson**

**Saturday, March 14th  
& Saturday, March 28th  
1:00 - 4:00pm**

**\$40 per class**

at the Crescent Harbor Art Gallery,  
140 Marine Way, Crescent City

**Please bring your own paper, palette, paint and brushes.  
If you do not have your own materials, a \$5.00 fee will be  
added to cover expenses.**

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**The Crescent Harbor Art Gallery**  
Presents  
**A Family Art Experience**

Free Class for Children  
and Family

**Acrylic "Picasso" Painting  
with Aileen Roark**

**Saturday, March 21st, 1 - 3pm**

at the Crescent Harbor Art Gallery,  
140 Marine Way, Crescent City, CA

*This class is recommended for children aged 5 to 13.  
Parents are required to attend.  
All materials will be provided.*

Space is limited, so please call Aileen  
at 315 273-8323 to reserve a seat.



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**The Crescent Harbor Art Gallery**  
Presents

**Acrylic Demo & Potluck  
with Sheila Mason**

**Thursday, March 26th  
11:00am**

at the Crescent Harbor Art Gallery,  
140 Marine Way, Crescent City

**Bring a dish! Demonstration begins at  
11:00, followed by the pot luck.**



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**LIFE DRAWING GROUP**  
at  
**Crescent Harbor  
Art Gallery**



Are you interested in joining a small group of artists and art lovers to practice figure drawing? We meet for one hour or more on Mondays at 10 am at Crescent Harbor Art Gallery (140 Marine Way) to improve our drawing skills by sketching from live models: each other (fully clothed).

Bring your own art supplies and your choice of art media (paper and pencil is fine).

We also welcome you to come in and practice your craft or art-related activity: embroidery, knitting, clay or musical instrument in a positive community environment.

**No cost and no need for gallery membership.**

*Call to Artists*  
Digital/ Photography category & 3D category  
**Innovative Art**

*Reception held  
4/4 @ 6:00*

**Entries  
Due**

March 28th  
2026

**1st each wins \$300  
2nd place each wins \$200  
3rd place each wins \$100  
Best in show wins \$100**

**First 50 entries  
\$20 each  
3 entries  
per artist**

**Size limit of 48 in.  
on its longest side**

**Show**

www.crescentharborigallery.com  
Coast Redwoods Arts Association  
Crescent Harbor Art Gallery 140 Marine Way Crescent City  
**707.464.9133**

## March Classes and Activities

Reminder: Gallery Members receive a 10% discount on classes!\*

**Sat. March 14 & Sat. 28 - Beginning Watercolor Class** with **Deborah Dawson, 10am -12pm. (2 Hour Class for \$35)**; and **Advanced Beginning to Intermediate Watercolor Class, 1-4pm (3 Hour Class for \$40)** Call Mary, (707) 999-8707 for more info & reservations to get your name on the list, as classes are limited and fill up quickly. **See flyers in this newsletter.**

**Sat. March 21, 1-3pm - A Family Art Experience, with AILEEN ROARK, Picasso inspired acrylic painting. Free Class for Children & Family.** All materials will be provided, parents are required to attend. Space is limited, please call Aileen, (315) 273-8323 to reserve a seat. **See flyer in this newsletter.**

**Thursday, March 26, 11am - ACRYLIC DEMO & POTLUCK with SHEILA MASON. See flyer in this newsletter.**

**Online Watercolor Course - A WATERCOLOR JOURNEY, comprehensive course for beginning and intermediate watercolor artists** by renowned watercolorist Deborah Dawson; **Entire 17 Lesson Course: \$75; Individual Lessons: \$10. All purchased courses remain available indefinitely.** Call or stop by the gallery for more details, or find & purchase the courses at [crescentharborgallery.com/online-classes/](http://crescentharborgallery.com/online-classes/)

**Life Drawing Group every Monday at 10 am, with Criss Raintree & Stephen Washburn.** Free; just show up and bring your own art supplies and your choice of media (paper & pencil is fine). **See flyer in this newsletter.**

\*Reminder to please send in your membership dues.

## Friendly Reminder Membership Dues

*Everyone, please stop by or mail in your membership dues to the gallery for 2026 if you have not done so yet. About half of the membership body have not renewed for this year and it's already March. Please make sure your dues are up to date and you fill out a membership form when renewing; be sure to update any information that has changed on the form or just write "same" for your personal information; or just please let us know if renewing by mail or over the phone if any information has changed. If you are having troubles paying your dues and need assistance, please reach out to the gallery at any time about it. We care about you. To those of you who have paid their dues on time we are very grateful!*

- Liza Skeeter  
Gallery Membership Committee

### OUR GALLERY CLASSROOM

*We're proud of our classroom, where the various activities posted on this page happen! This includes the watercolor classes with Deborah Dawson, the Family Art Experience, the Demos by member artists, and the Life Drawing Group.*

*Photo provided by Sharon Sheets*



*May The Luck  
of The Irish  
Be With You*

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## Editor's Corner

**This month of March 2026, we have a lot of things going on for our members to participate in!** There's our **Life Drawing Group** every Monday; the ongoing **Watercolor Classes with Deborah Dawson** at the gallery; as well as **our first online course** offering of **A Watercolor Journey with Deborah Dawson**, which you can purchase on our website. Our **Family Art Experience with Aileen Roark** will be acrylic Picasso inspired painting, and we also have a **Demo Potluck with Sheila Mason from Cave Junction**. Also take note of the Call To Artists flyer for the **Innovative Art Show in April**, with entries due March 28. **Details for all of these happenings are in this newsletter, or you can call or stop by the gallery for more information.**

**If you're an upcoming Artist of the Month**, get started on your bio for the newsletter! Please keep it around a 150-word limit so that I can place it on the front page of this newsletter. You can also choose to have a photo of yourself along with your bio. Some things to tell about yourself? A little background, where you're from, what types of art mediums you like to engage in, your influences, etc.

If you have any submissions for the newsletter, you can get in touch with me by email, [kitschtikis@yahoo.com](mailto:kitschtikis@yahoo.com), or by phone, (707) 951-0307. - Marcia Morgan

