

West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association

October 18, 2017 Meeting Reminder



FALL WHDNA MEETING

**In the Fireplace Room at Clearwater Springs Assisted Living Center, 201 NW 78th Street—
Starts at 6:30, goes until 8:00 p.m.**

The autumnal season has befallen us. For many, myself included, it is greeted with a welcoming smile. It's good to smell the freshness in the air again—heck, it's good to see the sky again after the terrible forest fires in August that hit our area. October includes the annual **Make A Difference Day** as well—lots of activities for neighbors to participate in.

October is the **National Arts & Humanities Month** and we are able to really get involved right here in Clark County. Our own Laurel Whitehurst is the Coordinator for the **Arts of Clark County** whose project is outlined below.

How to volunteer with things and/or time—

Our NA treasurer Laurel Whitehurst has been a driving force in the Clark County Arts Commission since its inception, working alongside the late Senator Val Ogden. Her current work allows us all to participate to benefit less fortunate kids (and seniors, too) in our area. Here's what she does:

Laurel does this as a Volunteer for Arts of Clark County and she goes to the WHO program on Thursdays December through March, 5:30pm - 8 pm,. She sets up an art table in the hall or the back of the dinner room (depending on what else is happening). If the volunteers sit down and start doing things kids or adults come up and ask to join. She doesn't teach—she just supply and guide. Because she can't leave stuff there, she wheels it around in a suitcase.

When she gets more stuff than she can use or stuff that is more appropriate for another setting, she gives it to several other programs—all in Clark County— such as Independent Living at the YWCA. That program is for teens who have aged out of foster care, but are still not able to be on their own. She also donates supplies to the Children's Justice Center, mental health services provided through the Children's Center and Columbia River Mental Health Services. She has also given things to Friends of the Carpenters as they have a day-time shelter for homeless.

If you have time to give, call Laurel. If you have things to donate, you can drop a bag downtown at Angst Gallery. *(See next page for more details.)*

“Creativity is contagious, pass it on” – Albert Einstein



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Creativity ranks among top five skills sought by companies

Creative thinking focuses on possibilities

Creativity is a team sport creating social cohesion & sense of place or community

Join artist from around Clark County to contribute art supplies for low income children at Dengerink Art Supplies within Angst Art Gallery noon to 5pm Thursdays thru Saturdays at 1015 Main Street, Vancouver. If those times are not convenient, you can also drop off donations at the Niche Wine bar next door from 4pm to 10 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Members of Arts of Clark County and the Clark County Arts Commission understand the value of developing creativity in our community. We also understand the need for color and form to stimulate ideas and imagination in our children and help adults see the world in a new light.

For the past four years we have provided crayons, pencils, paint sets, rubber stamps, ink pads, paper and scissors for children in homeless shelters, schools, waiting rooms for mental health facilities and the Children's Justice Center. It provides calming and creative times for children and their parents. Your support would be warmly welcomed.

If you have questions call 360-901-0044.

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NATIONAL
arts&humanities
MONTH



Celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month!

#ShowYourArt2017 on  @Americans4Arts

Each day in October, share your photos on Instagram following these daily themes:

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| 1. Red | 11. Rainbows | 21. Love in art |
| 2. Dance | 12. Arts in schools | 22. Art & the environment |
| 3. Activism art | 13. Yellow | 23. Theatre |
| 4. The word "art" | 14. Edible art | 24. Rhymes with "art" |
| 5. Comics | 15. Vintage art | 25. Numbers in art |
| 6. Fashion | 16. Arts advocacy | 26. My first arts experience |
| 7. Poetry | 17. Literature | 27. Blue |
| 8. Arts & technology | 18. Hidden art | 28. Music |
| 9. Typography | 19. Tattoos | 29. Animals |
| 10. Public Art | 20. My favorite arts org | 30. Art in my hometown |
| | | 31. Artist's choice |



If you wish to contact me, I can be reached in the evenings at home at 360-573-7376 by phone or by e-mail at timeout29@comcast.net. I work during the day so I have to answer calls late at night or on weekends. E-mail is the faster method.

Please see my special message in this newsletter about "retiring" from the position. That means we need other volunteers to step up and be part of the West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association's board.

Ila Stanek, President

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Fireplace Room

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Assisted Living Center

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*We'd love to see you
there!*

***An ongoing message from your president: THE NEED REMAINS.
Please consider serving on our Neighborhood Association board.***

Our neighborhood association includes about 4,632 homes or over 11,500 individuals. Providing information to a diverse group that large is a difficult when working full-time. *That's no surprise to anyone.* Your board now consists of three individuals who generously give their time to the WHDNA.

I receive requests from some residents who would prefer more frequent neighborhood association meetings- maybe even during the day. I won't be quitting full time work any time soon, so the NA needs to secure a person with a more flexible schedule than mine to take over the reins of the association. It is a non-paid volunteer post. It is essential that the NA stays active, especially as the City of Vancouver's annexation plans will include portions of our southern boundary according to their 20-year plan.

Clark County prints and mails three newsletters a year for us at no cost and we send out notices about meetings and events through our e-mail list—those come from our NA secretary Teresa Street. I have asked for board volunteers in the past with no results, but thought if I got out of the way others might be more willing to step up.

The NACCC (Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County) meetings are held monthly and provide good information and contacts. I have materials and information to hand over and am willing to help when and if needed. More information can also be found at www.clark.wa.gov/neighborhoods. We have a small bank account. Currently, Laurel Whitehurst is our treasurer. It's all set up to hand over to anyone who can find a few hours a month (less once comfortable in the role). Please consider stepping into a position that will provide more smiles than frowns! My cell (for texts during day; calls after work) is (360) 609-1283 if you'd like to chat about it. *-Ila*