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The Island Gallery
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EVENT:



All Gallery Artists' Holiday Show

December 7 – 30, 2018

Featuring:

*Greenland Inuit Style Kayak by Dr. Mark Braun
to benefit Bainbridge Island-based international NGO Educational Empowerment*

New Work:

Studio Furniture and Sculpture, Textiles and Wearable Art, Paintings and Prints, Ceramics and Jewelry

Opening Reception:

First Friday Artwalk, December 7th, 6-8 pm

A Special Gallery DJ will Spin Holiday Melodies



IMAGE SHOWN ABOVE:

Dr. Mark Braun, *Greenland Inuit Style Kayak*

About the Show:

For our holiday show this year, we feature a Greenland Inuit Style Kayak by Dr. Mark Braun to benefit local Bainbridge Island-based international NGO Educational Empowerment. In addition, we will feature new work from a number of artists represented by the Gallery, including studio furniture and sculpture, textiles and wearable art, paintings and prints, ceramics and jewelry. The Gallery represents more than 100 artists both locally and internationally.

Greenland Inuit Style Kayak to Benefit Educational Empowerment

This lovely example of an ocean-going kayak, developed in Greenland over 4000 years ago, was constructed by Dr. Mark Braun on Bainbridge Island. Dr. Braun devoted more than 60 hours to construction, using straight-grain premium woods and hand-stitching the covering with many yards of waxed dental floss. In lieu of historic seal skins, nylon was used and then carefully covered with eight coats of varnish. Dr. Braun's interest in native culture influenced the kayak's aesthetics. Assisted by a local artist, Dr. Braun completed a number of iconic Northwest native designs and hand-carved four soapstone "toggles" for the bow. A "Raven compass" watches over the paddler while two eyes, one on each side of the bow, guide the vessel. Total weight of the kayak is 35 pounds. A professional hoist is included. Kayak has been water tested, and is basically unused. Dr. Braun gifted the kayak to local 501©3 non-profit Educational Empowerment, to which proceeds from the sale of the kayak will be donated.

(See <https://www.educationalempowerment.org/>)

Mark Braun, retired physician, college professor and part-time anthropologist, lives during the year in Indiana, and has spent summers on Bainbridge for the past 20 years. He has had a life-long interest in Native American water craft and was particularly taken with the elegance and simplicity of construction of Eskimo-style kayaks. Experimental study has always held his interest, so Mark set about studying and building a center-seam Greenland Eskimo style kayak. Power tools were used for a few steps of preparation of materials for the boat, but otherwise the kayak was constructed by hand. All materials come from local sources. Its first launch was in Eagle Harbor. He carved the hood ornaments and the paintings were inspired by friend and local Bainbridge artist, James Bender.

Educational Empowerment is a local Bainbridge Island-based international NGO which empowers women and girls in Myanmar (formerly Burma) through education and equal opportunity, with a vision of improving socio-economic well-being and creating general parity. By partnering with local community organizations in Myanmar, EE accomplishes its mission through the publication of books, development of schools and libraries, and provision of microfinance loans to enable women to become self-sufficient and their daughters to complete



their education. The kayak, built and donated by Mark Braun, is being sold to benefit EE. The purchase is tax-free. EE Board chair and Founder Melody Mociulki lives on Bainbridge Island.

About the Artists:

Textile & Wearable Art: Maggy Pavlou, Carol Lee Shanks, Agnieszka Kulon, Alexis Abrams, Bobbie Sumberg, Betsy Giberson, Ana Lisa Hedstrom, Mary Jaeger, Carter Smith, David, Isnia, Carlo Scanagatta; Jacki Moseley, Carol Fiedler Kawaguchi, Laura Hunter. **Jewelry:** Christine Sundt, Michal Lando, Bev Sokol, Robin Hominiuk, Begona Rentero, Bryan and Maria Chapin-Cao, Julie Powell, Janet Essa Elia. **Ceramics:** Delores Fortuna, Shiho Kanzaki, Sarah Kate, Robin Hominiuk, Mitch Iburg, Joe O'Brien, Dave Berfield, Anthony Gaudino, Eva Funderburgh. **Paintings & Prints:** Kathryn Lesh, Pam Galvani, Jan Branham, Gerardo Aguayo, Jen Till, Warren Pollock, Jeffrey Hummel, Dawn Endean. **Wood/Sculpture:** Carl Yurdin, Marcel DeLacy, Bill Galvani, Sean Carleton, John Spivey, Scott Trumbo, Chris Thompson, Pete Nawrot, Tiplin Taylor, Jeff Harmes.

Edible Art

Where does one go to find Edible Art on Bainbridge Island and the Northwest? To L'Atelier TR in Three Tree Lane, where owner Chef Tamas Ronyai and Pastry Chef Tae Tran create chocolates and European pastries. Tamas is an 11-year resident of Bainbridge and this "Atelier" is a dream come true. Having worked as a chef around the world and competed on the international culinary stage his passion has always been chocolate and pastry. Tamas has trained with some of the world's best chocolatiers and pastry chefs in France, Belgium, Montreal and Chicago. "I will never stop learning as long as I am on this planet." Tamas and Tae are well known to Gallery patrons as they do specialties for our Artwalks.



Chef Tamas Ronyai and Pastry Chef Tae Tran

Music: Special Gallery DJ for the evening will spin Holiday melodies to welcome everyone!



LINKS:

Visit for images, biographical or other artist information. Alternately, please contact the Gallery for required information.


Web Site Artists' Page (complete roster of Gallery artists, bios and more images):

<http://www.theislandgallery.net/artists.php>

To Contact the Gallery:

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CURRENT ONLINE ONLY EXHIBITION



Mind Puzzles:
Experimenting with Colors,
Shapes & Patterns

New Work By
Irene Yesley

Exclusive Online Exhibition
Opening September 14, 2018



About The Island Gallery

Established in 2002, **The Island Gallery** features internationally recognized artists whose work takes traditional art forms in exciting new directions: studio furniture and sculpture; museum quality textile art and wearables; wood fired ceramics from the finest potters in America; paintings and prints; and unique jewelry creations. Monthly exhibitions include live musical concerts, featuring such genres as jazz, rock, folk, chamber music and performance art. This, along with its reputation for excellence, makes The Island Gallery a destination spot on beautiful Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, and steps from the new Bainbridge Island Museum of Art. In 2017 we celebrated 15 years of collaboration with unique and talented artists from near and far.

Event Location/Contacts/Visit:

The Island Gallery, 400 Winslow Way E, #120, Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Underground parking is available at The Winslow off Ericksen Avenue.

Web site: www.theislandgallery.net

Shop: www.theislandgallery.net/shop

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2018 HOLIDAY GALLERY HOURS

December 1-24:

Monday-Saturday 11-6pm

Sunday Noon-5pm

Closed December 25-26 for Christmas and Boxing Day