

“Clouds on a Boat” by Sharon Hansen on Display at the Tualatin Library Living Room Gallery

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As the calendar changes, so does the exhibition at the Living Room Gallery at the Tualatin Library where from April 1st through the end of May 2013 the artwork of Sharon Hansen will be on display.

A special treat in the art show is CLOUDS ON A BOAT, a superb watercolor which has just come off of the spring juried art show of the Oregon Society of Artists where it won “the People’s Choice Award.” This is a coveted award because, while a particular jurist may critique a show from a particular point of view making his or her awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place, the People’s Choice Award is voted on by hundreds of show attendees as their personal favorite. This award cuts across many view points and biases and is decided by lay people and artists alike. Most award winning artists who’ve had the honor of a People’s Choice Award will tell you it is among their favorite awards because of the breadth of the compliment. CLOUDS ON A BOAT is an atmospheric and serene painting which will make you dream.

Sharon is a Northwest artist who finds inspiration in the patterns and colors of the world around her. She immerses herself in nature with body, mind, and spirit by camping, hiking, and skiing (to name a few of her favorite outdoor activities.) Then she returns to her paints and brushes with a goal to capture the essence of the beauty



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that is Nature. She layers colors and patterns which some have said give her paintings the soft luxurious feel of pastels. Her watercolors present that excitement which is the unique

interplay of water and paint in this medium. She has spent a lifetime developing her art. At this stage of her career, she loves the unpredictability of the water and colors as they blend into surprises in front of her eyes. But she is an intentional artist and details that are true are important to her. So is the element of light and how it plays on her subjects.

Sharon Hansen’s paintings adorn walls from coast to coast and also in Europe, and her art has been featured at nonprofit benefits in Oregon. Her watercolors can be seen in shows in the Northwest, at local businesses, and by appointment. Learn more about Sharon and her work at this Library show.

If you are interested in learning more about art shows at the Living Room Gallery in the Tualatin Library, contact Angela Wrahtz, Volunteer Coordinator, at angela.wrahtz@comcast.net. This program is sponsored by the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee.

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