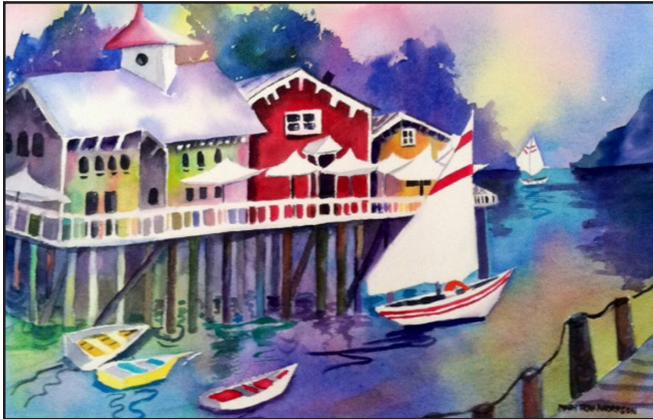


# Northwest Inspirations in the Paintings of Mary Fran Anderson at Tualatin Library

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Award of Distinction Winner from the Watercolor Society of Oregon, Mary Fran Anderson is showing her watercolor artwork at the Tualatin Public Library, and you will be delighted by the subject matter which includes landscapes inspired by the Northwest and other paintings which capture beauty in the world around us. Water and the play of light and reflections on it are a recurring favorite theme in Mary Fran's



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paintings, and her artwork makes you think of your own favorite memories of boaty and otherwise splashy places. A spirit of joyfulness floods her works, and if a human form is part of the composition, it inhabits the space with a quiet reflection all its own.

Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Mary Fran moved to Oregon a long time ago... long enough to fully absorb the Northwest landscape. She has had a notable career in special education for the vision impaired. Her art background includes many classes and workshops with artists of renown, including a memorable 5-day workshop with Frank Webb in Bend, Oregon, who intrigued his students with the study of colorful and interconnected positive and negative shapes.

If you ask her why she paints, she will tell you that "Making art fills some need in me that isn't fulfilled in any other way. It has been like this since childhood."

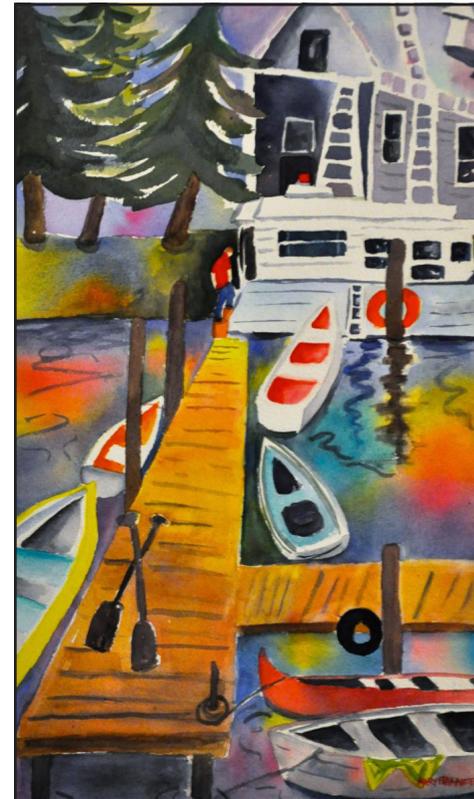
Mary Fran is an active member of numerous local art organizations including OSA, WSO, and Women of Watercolor where she volunteers as webmaster and is helping to build an online presence for the art guild. She also gives demonstrations and sees herself doing more teaching of art in the future. Soon you will be able to view more of her art online at [www.watercolorbymaryfran.com](http://www.watercolorbymaryfran.com) as she works to complete her website. You may admire her artwork in person at the Living Room Gallery in the Tualatin Public Library through to June 2nd.

If you are interested in learning more about art shows at the Living Room

Gallery in the Tualatin Public Library, contact Angela Wrahtz, Volunteer Coordinator, at [angela.wrahtz@comcast.net](mailto:angela.wrahtz@comcast.net). This program is sponsored by the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee.



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