Anacortes Arts Festival
August 3 – 5

Stage hours extended Friday & Saturday & Arts at the Port open until 8:30 on Friday for First Friday Gallery Walk

Website: AnacortesArtsFestival.com

It’s nearly time for the 57th Anacortes Arts Festival, August 3 - 5. It’s our opportunity to provide a creative and positive experience for tens of thousands of visitors and locals who roll into town for the biggest weekend of the year.

Here’s a breakdown of things to see and do - 250 booth artists, 40 musical acts on 3 stages, 75 regional fine artists at the Port, 24 food vendors scattered throughout, 3 unique bars offering dozens of drinks, 9 working artist demonstrations, 7 local partners providing kids activities, 1 half marathon (plus 10k & 5k) AND 250 awesome local volunteers ...

AND here are some things you might not know about the Festival (even if you’re a local)...

The Festival kicks off on Saturday, July 28, with the Opening of our Fine Art Exhibition at the Port Transit Shed, starting at 6pm. This is a free event that showcases the work of 75 talented artists. This year’s Juror is Michael Monroe, who worked with the Clintons at the White House to curate a show of contemporary American craft. Arts at the Port is part of the First Friday Gallery walk and is open during the week leading up to the Festival. You don’t have to leave Anacortes to get a museum-like art experience. (continued on next page)
Michele Decarlo and her husband, Robert Shaw moved to Anacortes in 2016. She left a career in dental management and Robert left his career in the concrete business to retire and move to the PNW. They have a beautiful family of two daughters, a son, their spouses and five grandchildren.

Quickly realizing they weren’t quite ready to completely retire, she and her husband decided that opening a baby boutique was a great idea and in six months time, the Lil’ Tugs Children’s Boutique became a reality and a family affair. Once the name was decided, the logo was done by her nephew, then the store cabinets were designed and completed by her brother in CA.

The tugboat was a definite item and Robert ordered boat plans and began building the “tugboat.” With the help and support of family, they have created a beautiful boutique and are happy to be a part of the Anacortes retail community.

Lil’ Tugs Children’s Boutique opened its doors to the families of Anacortes in July 2016. They opened the boutique in historic downtown to create a place that moms, dads, grandparents, family and friends could come to find that special gift and to share those special milestone moments.

Since then, they have become a favorite stop for the perfect baby gift, birthday gift, first day of school outfit and just plain fun everyday wear. They are inspired by you, your styles and your stories. They welcome suggestions for lines, in addition to attending shows to see the newest and most fun, functional and quality lines for your little ones. They bring in local artists lines to help you choose that unique gift specific to Anacortes. They welcome guests from all over the US and the world and are happy when you find the “perfect gift” for that special li’ one. They are thankful to each and every person who has come to visit and wouldn’t be able to do it without your love and support.

Michele joined and celebrated the 4th of July this year as a Twisted Pixie. She is so happy to be a part of this group that celebrates fun, life and the creativity that is in each of us. Robert was her support, photographer and security as he says, “he didn’t know his wife was a celebrity.”
Dan Worra

Dan Worra is a native of Rantoul, Illinois, and is currently the Executive Director at the Port of Anacortes. The Port is a municipal corporation with four major operating areas: Cap Sante Marina, the Anacortes Airport, the Marine Terminal, and Properties. He holds a degree in Economics, and an MS in Financial Management, and is a retired veteran of the Navy. Dan is on the Board of Directors for the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County (EDASC), and the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as Chairman on his church’s Stewardship Committee. He is married to the former Carrie Grant of San Mateo, California. They reside in Anacortes and have two children, William and Carmen.

Dan loves working at the Port because he believes in the Port’s mission (create and maintain jobs, and make the community a better place) and because the Port helps keep Anacortes a desirable place to live. He strongly supports the Chamber of Commerce as well for similar reasons. He has been on the Chamber board for three years, and focuses on being fair and equitable. You can count on Dan to vote with his conscience, not with emotion.

A growing concern within the community is affordable housing. While Dan agrees the demand is high and supply is low, continuing to add family-wage jobs within the community should be a large part of the discussion. As a Chamber Board member, Dan thinks we should continue to focus on promoting Anacortes as a business-friendly community. Look no further than the shoulder-season events that our Chamber produces to help extend our robust summer season by a month on either side. Dan believes we should support our local businesses and continue to prioritize undeveloped property by evaluating its highest and best use.

Lastly, Dan appreciates what Anacortes has to offer and works hard to promote a positive work-place environment. His mantra is “mission, family, work hard, have fun.” He believes in strength through diversity – work place diversity, community diversity, national diversity. He states quite simply, “we all have different strengths, and through communication and understanding, we can accomplish great things.”

On Tuesday, June 26th, the Anacortes Visitor Center Volunteers gathered at Seafarers Park to celebrate. This is a favorite event for the volunteers and the chamber every year. The staff provide the chicken and the volunteers bring their favorite side dish, appetizer or dessert. It’s always fun to see who brings what and who get the last piece of the key lime pie!

The VIC volunteers are instrumental in greeting guests to our island as well as providing information for our locals. Anacortes wouldn’t be what it is without these smiling faces helping people everyday. Please stop in and say hello. They would love to get to know more about you and your business.

Thank you also to the Port of Anacortes for the usage of Seafarers Memorial Park building.
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SAVE THE DATE:
OCTOBER 5 & 6

30 BREWERIES
10 CIDERIES

Bier on the Pier returns to Anacortes October 5th & 6th. Now in its 8th year, this popular festival brings beer lovers from across Washington, Oregon and British Columbia to our coastal community for a weekend of great beer, music, and food. 2,800 guests will sample the best from 30 Northwest breweries and 10 cideries.

Become a Sponsor!
With attendance split evenly between local attendees and visitors from across the state, Bier on the Pier is a great opportunity to promote your business to an enthusiastic crowd. Sponsorships for this event can include Facebook mentions, a banner at the festival, a sponsorship listing in the program, tickets to the festival, and/or your logo on the informational poster or etched on the beer glasses! We are also working to create more interactive sponsorship to promote festival supporters. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Heather Miller at the chamber, 360-293-7911 or hmiller@anacortes.org. She would love to work with your business to find the best way for you to be a part of this popular event!

Volunteer!
This two-day festival takes many hands to make light work. Volunteering is great way to get involved with Bier on the Pier and comes with a great perk – a free ticket to the festival! From ticket sales to brewery assistants, this festival has lots of ways that you can help. Volunteer on a Friday and enjoy the festival on Saturday, or vice versa. Come meet great people in the Anacortes community and have fun while greeting guests to our town and celebrating the best of Washington beer. You can sign up to volunteer online, go to anacortes.org/beer and click on the “volunteer” button or call 360-293-7911.

Congratulations to the team at John L. Scott Real Estate Anacortes - we hope you are settling in well to your new location at 715 Seafarers Way, Suite 100A!

Thank you for opening your doors to the community at the ribbon cutting, and for providing food and beverages for us all.
Shell Puget Sound Refinery Celebrates 60th Anniversary

We are celebrating our refinery’s 60th anniversary this year! This is a significant milestone for our site, and we want to honor and recognize it by celebrating with our community inside and outside of the fence line.

We will host a fun-filled event on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the refinery. Employees, contractors, their families and community members are all welcome to join us! We’ll have free food, kid-friendly games, a photo booth, face painting, educational booths, a DJ, music, giveaways and more. No reservation needed – we hope to see you there!
Thank you to SignDog Northwest for hosting an exciting Business After Hours! Thanks also to the following businesses and individual members for bringing a giveaway prize.

- Ace Hardware of Anacortes
- Anacortes Oil and Vinegar Bar
- Steve Wilhoit
- SignDog
- Fidalgo Artisan Yarn and Clothing
- Lil' Tugs Childrens Boutique
- Lovric's Sea-Craft, Inc
- Scott Richards Insurance
- Unique Romance Travel & Destination Weddings
- Jennings Chiropractic

**Dancing Camel Yoga Studio, The**
1415 Commercial Avenue #162
(360) 421-4655
Health & Wellness
Danelle McGee
danellmcgee3@icloud.com

**Aspire Wellness**
909 Commercial Avenue
Anacortes, WA 98221
(360) 899-8526
Weight Loss
Pauline Johnson
info@aspirewellness.info
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**2018 ambassadors**

- **Chair:** Dan Maul - Fidalgo Artisan Yarn and Clothing
- **Stephanie Bayless** - Sherwin-Williams Paint Store
- **Brandon Carter** - Robert W Baird
- **Crystal Eddy** - Skagit Bank
- **Megan Goldstein** - Cap Sante Court Retirement Community
- **Barry Harter** - Central Payment Corporation
- **Rich Heidecker** - Chamber Member
- **Mindy Holland** - Interpreting Technology
- **Shona Martin** - Fidalgo Financial Planning LLC
- **Jessica Nguyen** - Peoples Bank
- **Meagan Schwab** - Peoples Bank
- **Carol Van Iterson** - Bank of the Pacific

**vic volunteer profile**

**Liz Huseby**

Seattle born, but raised in south sound on Mud Bay and Gravelly Beach. Life was an adventure. Whether it was hunting morels or phantom orchids with Packaw (grandfather), listening to him recite the 101 verses of the Rubiat, laughing at Mr. Ticklefeather or playing cribbage with poetry, there was always a proper English tea at 4pm with Gaw (grandmother). Saturdays were flying with Daddy after he taught flight school or exploring his office, smelling of Mylar, India ink, pencil lead and eraser bits.

There was always the beach, swimming, water skiing, sailing, mud schooners and the Leaky Teaky or in winter, ballet, violin/viola lessons and snow skiing.

A new adventure - the UW with the quad, art classes, new friends, a freshman Drumheller Fountain dunk, a steady boy and then marriage to his roommate. Time to discover the USA, living in Pensacola, Brunswick and Durham. A great place to learn, watch basketball - Go Duke!

A son was born, a new adventure! Return west to Coeur d’Alene, teach a 5 year old to snow ski and backpack in the wilderness. A Japanese exchange student came for a year and Darin got an older sister. Then to Everett, designing homes for families, a high school graduation, JC and then a move to Dallas without our grown son. First retirement!

Second retirement, this time, Anacortes to be close to Wayne’s aging parents. Putting down roots and joining the community as volunteers. First to the VIC - then onward. The adventure continues.

**Dr. Lynne M. Lang, Broker/Owner**
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Visitor’s Map & Guide: Vital Aid To Tourism

The 2018-19 Anacortes Visitor’s Map & Guide is here and better than ever, thanks to the efforts of Woodinville publisher Larry Morris and local artist, Bill Mitchell.

Bill’s Mural Project is the map’s centerpiece, and this 10th edition features a cover photo of local free-spirit, Marcie North, whose friend Peter Coyote (the actor) gave her a dog and a tattoo. She is posing with a mural of Steve Rydberg (AHS ’65) in his Afghan coat. “When Steve returned from Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and India, no one here had seen anybody like him,” Bill explains. “Steve’s image was cobbled together from three pictures taken at the first hippie pad in 1967.”

The mural is located south of Strawberry Bay Coffee, within feet of “Hippie Hollow’s” front door. Look close—the story is told on the “God’s Eye” in a rainbow of colors. Each year, Bill renumbers the Mural Tour due to new murals coming on line and others moving around. For example, Zora Lux, who used to dance on a car on 6th street, now kicks it at Zap Lube. The red Model T is now mounted on Bill’s old Dodge pickup. It and the two train murals are currently difficult to spot, though they appear on the map along with 30 other mural photos, if you count three on the Anacortes Museum sign and four in his studio.

Bill and his buddy, Terry Van Dyk, repair and repaint several murals annually; most recently, the 1913 steamroller at Diamond Rentals, Dorseys Grocery truck at the Anchor, and the big bird at Penguin Coffee.

Larry and his team at Town Graphics keep the street maps and beautifully drawn aerial views of Commercial Ave. and downtown current, with its near 60 sponsors located and their ads cleverly placed. The Port is the largest sponsor, with its impressive back-cover display.

The map provides a powerful promotional punch, with over 36,000 copies produced, and broad distribution via the advertisers and the Visitor’s Center. The Port and all major hotels consider it an indispensable tool for guests, and hand out thousands annually.

“Glossy, colorful and durable, the maps fold accordion-style, and like our town, they are hard not to like,” Bill says. “I think they are about the best free souvenir Anacortes has to offer.”

-- Bill Mitchell, Anacortes Mural Project

On Tuesday, July 24th we held the Candidates’ Forum for State Representative, District 40, Position 1, at City Hall. Thank you to all the volunteers who lent their time and expertise with facilitating the forum. Did you miss the forum? Visit our YouTube or Facebook page for a two hour video of the event!
Thank you, volunteers!

Visit us on the web at www.anacortes.org

vic (visitor information center) statistics

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Anacortes Open Streets is back for a fifth year!

Commercial Avenue from 1st to 10th Street will be closed to cars, and open to bicyclists, walkers, strollers, skaters, and non-motorized transport of all sorts.

Activities include:
- Street Performers competing in Buskerfest
- Bike Activities
- Live Music
- Planocortes, with decorated pianos to play throughout downtown Information and Demonstration booths

Anacortes BUSKER FEST
Let's all meet on the street
Sunday, August 26th
11:00am to 3:00pm