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Re: *Art in the Library* at the Sequim Branch Library

On Friday, December 2, the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System will be part of Sequim's First Friday Art Walk when it features painter Jeanne Engesath at an after-hours reception from 5pm until 8pm. The artist's work will be on display, light refreshments will be available, and live music will be performed. Limited library services will be available during the after-hours reception.

Jeanne's artwork has won numerous awards in Alaska and Washington and is in collections throughout the country. She is an associate member of Women Artists of the West and Plein Air Washington. "The pursuit of art is an endless one for me," says Engesath. "I am continuously striving for the next 'best' painting. I paint in a realistic style, yet I want my work to look painterly, not too photographic."

Fifteen years of living in Alaska have given Jeanne a real love for the wildlife and landscapes of the far north. However, since joining the Port Angeles community in 2001, she has found an interest in the local wildlife of the Olympic Peninsula, as well as the farm animals and scenery of the area. The vibrant lavender farms of Sequim are another popular subject.

Ms. Engesath currently lives and works from her studio outside of Port Angeles. She and her husband Vern, a retired fireman, enjoy trail riding their horse and mules in the mountains, and raising German Shepherd dogs on their 4 ½ acres. Jeanne specializes in painting wildlife and landscape scenes and enjoys the challenge of trying new subjects and gathering information for paintings.

Music for the *Art in the Library* reception will be provided by *The Tune Drifters* from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Barbara Priebe and Wayne Shields play a wide variety of “happy music” including bluegrass, country, and boogie-woogie. Barb is queen of the washtub bass and vocals, and Wayne covers fiddle and piano. The two are well-known locally, having been a part of other groups such as “Old Time Fiddlers,” “We Three,” “Luck of the Draw,” and a Mariachi band. A life-long professional musician, Wayne has played for high school dances, horse show arenas and veterans’ hospitals as well as introducing bluegrass music to the elementary schools.

Art in the Library is a collaborative library/community art project featuring rotating exhibits by local artists. The program has been made possible by generous contributions from the Friends of Sequim Library, and also by the efforts of featured artist and volunteer art coordinator Randy Radock, who schedules the artists and designs the displays. Jeanne Engesath’s paintings will remain on display at the Sequim Branch Library through the end of January.

The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 N. Sequim Ave in Sequim. For more information, contact Sequim Library Manager Lauren Dahlgren at 683.1161 or ldahlgren@nols.org, or go to www.nols.org.

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