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Contact: Mary Cote, Customer Service Specialist
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Re: First Friday Art Walk at the Sequim Branch Library

Finnish guitar and vocal duo Vellamo will share their vibrant Finnish folksong heritage at 6:30pm on Friday, October 6 during the First Friday Art Walk at the Sequim Branch of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS). An artist reception will take place at 6pm, immediately preceding the live tunes. The new *Art in the Library* exhibit will feature the silk batik art and oil paintings of Carolyn Doe.

About the Band

Vellamo is the performing and songwriting team of Pia Leinonen and Joni Tiala. Their music is characterized by haunting melodies, Pia's ethereal lead vocals, and Joni's virtuosic guitar stylings. They write instantly memorable songs in English as well as their native Finnish, and also perform traditional ballads from the Celtic and Scandinavian folk traditions.

In Finnish mythology, Vellamo is the goddess of the sea. Based in Kokkola, on the western coast of Finland, Vellamo combines the rich tradition of Finnish folksong with an appealing “retro” sensibility, creating a modern folk music experience.

In addition to shows in their homeland, Vellamo spends half of each year touring abroad; their adventures have led them throughout the United States and Scandinavia.

About *Art in the Library*

The new *Art in the Library* exhibit features the silk batik art and oil paintings of Carolyn Doe, and will be on display at the Sequim Branch Library from October 6 through January 29.

Carolyn Doe, a self-taught artist, has been working in batik on silk for over twenty five years. Silk batik is technique of hand-dyeing fabrics using a wax resist. More recently, Doe has expanded her creative process to include oil painting utilizing the palette knife. She derives her inspiration from the natural landscape, working directly from personal observation.

More information

Limited library services will be available during this special after-hours reception. The *Art in the Library* program is made free to the public with generous support from the Friends of Sequim Library. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue. For more information about this and other upcoming events, visit www.nols.org and select “Events” and “Sequim,” or contact the library at 360.683.1161.



Vellamo, photo by Sami Koskivähälä



“Contemplation” by Carolyn Doe

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