

Photography Where You Want It, How You Want It

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Tacoma Has a New Muse

Along the ever growing and always changing street we call 6th Ave, there is a new Café. The Muse Café opened in October serving up food, coffee and good music. They host an open mic Tuesdays and Thursdays and have live music Fridays and Saturdays. Through the month of December they will also be hosting an exhibition of Sarah McTernan photography. Thirteen photographic art pieces hang on their walls for your viewing and purchasing pleasure.



Bee on Russian Sage

So if you're in the neighborhood or can be, please stop by, have a cup of coffee and a sandwich or a piece of cake, enjoy some music and take in the scenery.

The Muse Café is open from 10am to 10pm Monday thru Wednesday and until midnight Thursday through Friday.

WinterFest 2008

The Foss Waterway Seaport is putting on a holiday festival this year. Winterfest will feature food, 70 vendors including me, Captain Claus, a beer den and more.. Admission is \$5 per person and children under 12 are free. This event is indoors. So come on down to 705 Dock Street and experience the holiday spirit.

Please check out their website for more information.

Snippets

- Visit CafePress.com for great gift ideas.
- Looking for something unique? Look no further than [Etsy](http://Etsy.com). Check out the [Ardent](http://Ardent.com) store for an easy way to purchase my art online.
- Are you a solo professional or small business owner? Check out [Biznik](http://Biznik.com) for local networking connections.

***“Fear is the
darkroom
where
negatives
are
developed.”***

***~Seen in a
Fortune
Cookie***

Project Photography



The Stark Violin

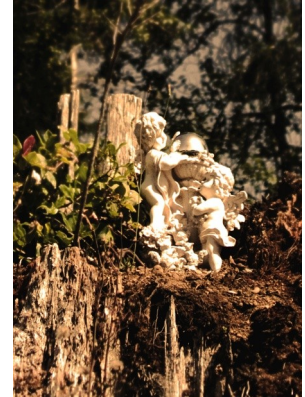
I love taking the almost mundane objects in life and showing their spectacular side. One of the first pictures I took that showcases this idea is The Violin. It is not the most beautiful violin. It is not old or filled with character, but it was mine, and at the time of this picture, I had been playing it for seven years. It was meaningful to me, and in turn has become an important picture to other people.



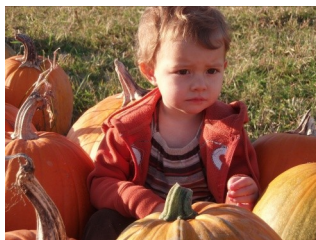
Red Pick Up

Project Photography is taking the things in your life that you love, and through my eye and camera, turning them into photographic art for you. It is your chance to make the art on your walls personal and full of meaning. Project photography blends the idea of art and portraiture, moving beyond just human subjects.

Check out the [Project Photography](#) page for more.



“Cherubs on a Rotting stump”



Happy Thanksgiving!

Pecan Pumpkin Cheesecake

Crust

1 ½ cups Ginger Snap Crumbs
1/3 cup Melted butter
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans
1/4 cup Light Brown Sugar

Filling

24 ounces Cream Cheese
1/2 cup sugar

2 tablespoons heavy cream
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 teaspoon Vanilla
1½ cup solid pumpkin
3 Eggs
2 teaspoons cinnamon
2½ teaspoons ginger

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon Salt
1/2 cup light brown sugar
1/3 cup bourbon

Topping

2 cups Sour Cream
2 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon Bourbon

Directions:

- 1 Crust: Combine all ingredients and press into the bottom of a 10in spring form pan and up about quarter in. on side. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees F.
- 2 In a bowl cream together the cream cheese and sugar. Beat in cream, cornstarch, vanilla, and bourbon.
- 3 In another bowl combine pumpkin, eggs, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, salt and brown sugar.
- 4 Combine pumpkin into cream cheese mixture.
- 5 Pour into crust and bake for 50 to 60 minutes, or until center is set
- 6 Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes.
- 7 To Top: Combine sour cream, sugar and bourbon and spread over the top.
- 9 Bake for 5 minutes and then remove and cool for 15 minutes
- 10 Then chill for 2-3 hours, Decorate top with Pecan halves.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26	27 Thanks-giving	28	29
30	Decem-ber 1	2	3	4	5	6 Meet the Artist
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Win-terfest
14 Win-terfest	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24Christ-mas Eve	25 Christ-mas	26	27
28	29	30	31New Years Eve	January 1 2009	Happy New Year	

Holiday Spirit Abounds

- ♦ The Muse will be hosting a meet the artist Saturday December 6th. I will update you when I have more details.
- ♦ Winterfest is at Dock Street 12-8pm December 13th-14th
- ♦ UP is having an Arts and Craft Fair December 6th from 10am to 6pm. Check the UP Website for more information.



Special Offer

Any unframed art print purchased in December.*

Promotional Code: AP\$10OFF

*Excludes items sold at Winterfest



Family Portrait Appointment Request

Name _____

Date _____

Location _____

Notes _____

Phone _____

Qty. (by 1/2 hour) _____

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Making the everyday unique.

In 2004, I made the decision to create Ardent Photography; an on-site studio that would cater to individuals who wanted portraits that reflected their unique personality. I wanted to give people an opportunity to have quality portraits taken at affordable prices without the stuffy nature of a studio. I remember sitting through seemingly eternal evenings at portrait studios trying to get the "perfect family photo." Of course, by the time we got to the studio, someone had found a new stain or torn a shirt or fouled up the precisely done hair. Then we would get into the small room where the camera was, and be positioned as mannequins for the ideal portrait. The pictures were always "nice" but never an accurate representation of my family. I had the same experience when having my senior pictures taken years later. Most of the pictures I hated, because they were very fake and did not display my true self. Ardent is here to offer the opportunity to have portraits that capture the real you.

Beyond portraiture, I am an artist. When I first started shooting with those disposable cameras, I was taking mostly pictures of my friends. As the years went on I moved away from the mantra that I had heard so much in my youth, "A picture is no good if it does not have a person standing in it." I began taking photographs of the things in my life I thought were beautiful. Some of these pictures were still of people, but a greater amount were of the sky, trees and full ashtrays at local hangouts. With these images I began to hone my skill for lighting and set up. I would love to share my unique vision of the world with people and local businesses whether through stock images that I already have on hand or specific projects for businesses and individuals.

Happy Thanksgiving

I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Holiday Season. Beyond the hillocks in life, there is much for which to be thankful. Take a moment this holiday season, amidst the bustling family members, and mountains of food, to pull out your camera and snap a few pictures while no one is looking, or maybe when they are, and capture the warmth and joy that surrounds a family gathering. Remember, a candid photograph can capture the true essence of a moment. I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and may the holiday spirit grip you and hold on tight.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

Sarah McTernan



*My Husband and three kids,
Darien, Sunshine and Rhegan at
the pumpkin patch in October.*