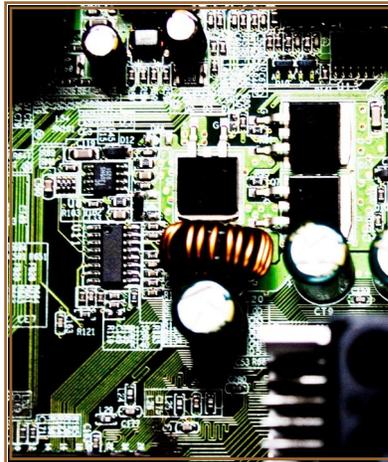


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March is full of Movement

I struggled with this month's newsletter because everything seems to be in the works rather than finished. I am doing a lot of business networking and education this month and a lot less art (has to happen every once in a while.) I am preparing for this summer's festivals and hoping to get applications out as soon as they are available. On the art side of things, I am currently expanding my listings on [Etsy](#) and [Zazzle](#) with work to come on [CafePress](#) and [ImageKind](#).



Circuit Board

The website is continuing to be updated, though the new pages I had hoped to get up fell behind due to technical updates that were necessary. On that note, if anyone is experiencing technical problems with the site, like overlapping text for example, please let me know so that I can correct the issue.

Please check out the calendar this month. There are a lot of networking opportunities.

A Gallery-Free Art Exhibit

This spring I will be holding an Art Exhibit for me, and possibly other artists if there is interest. This exhibit will not be in a gallery but in a public meeting place and will be open to all who wish to attend. Though this project is still in the planning stages, I wanted to give my loyal readers a heads up.

In addition, if anyone has suggestions on venues or fellow artists who would be interested please pass along the information.

Snippets

- Check out [Etsy.com](#) for all your handmade item needs, from blankets to unique cards. While you're there swing by [my shop](#).
- Have you started a small business, but need some help with your logo or website design? I can help you find the right look to satisfy your creative nature and draw in those elusive customers. [E-mail me](#) for more information.
- Happy St. Patrick's Day!

“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.”

-Buckminster Fuller

Art Contests



“Flaming Silhouette”

This year I plan on entering at least two art contests. One of them is the 2009 Kent Summer Art Exhibit. There is a \$5,000 purchase award, but the biggest draw to this contest is the prolonged exposure at the Centennial Center Gallery coinciding with Kent Cornucopia Days Festival in July. If you would like more information on the juried exhibit please visit the Kent city webpage or [here](#).

The other contest is The Art of Photography Show 2009. This is an international contest exhibiting in San Diego at the Lyceum Theater Gallery. There are \$10,000 in prizes and a possible 20,000+ people viewing the exhibit. For more information please visit their [website](#).

Now all I have to do is figure out which of my photographs to enter!



Last years St. Patty's Day
Spread:
Colcannon
Irish Brownies
Cabbage and Bacon
Irish Soda Bread
Corned Beef and Carrots
And
Braised Root Vegetables

Colcannon

3 pounds waxy potatoes quartered
2 1/2 cups coarsely chopped Kale
6 garlic cloves, peeled
1 cup chicken broth (or non-chicken stock)
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350°.

Combine first 4 ingredients in a large stockpot; cover with water. Bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes. Drain.

Return potato mixture to pan. Add cream, salt and pepper then mash with a potato masher. Spoon potato mixture into a 1 1/2-quart casserole coated with cooking spray. Cover and bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until thoroughly heated.

Note: This can be made a day ahead; just cool, cover, and refrigerate. Reheat in oven or microwave.

Yield: 6 servings (serving size: 1 cup)

MARCH 2009

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Faust is at the Pantages -	7 Theater in Tacoma from the -
8 6th until the 8th	9	10 SD Open House	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 5-Min Networking	20	21
22	23	24	25 100th Monkey	26	27	28 MMW Tea and Auction
29	30	31				

The Art of March

- ♦ Faust is playing at the Pantages Theater in Tacoma from the 6th - 8th.
- ♦ Spiral Dragonfly is having an open house.
- ♦ For those of you in business, WinCourage, LLC is sponsoring 5-Minutes Networking at Lakewold Gardens.
- ♦ Tacoma's 100th Monkey Artists meet up will be at TLT from 7:30-9:30pm.
- ♦ Money Wise Women is having a fundraiser from 10am-2pm.

Portrait Price Break

During the month of March, receive a 10% off your portrait session.

Promotional Code:
APMar2009



Portrait Appointment Request

Name _____
 Date _____
 Location _____
 Qty. (by 1/2 hour) _____
 Phone _____
 Notes _____

Please Mail Request Form to
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Call 253-566-6175
 Or 253-376-6141

E-mail requests to
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Ardent Photography Facts

Ardent Photography is based out of University Place, WA and serves greater Western Washington including Tacoma, Federal Way, Puyallup and Seattle.

I am an on-site photographer, which means I come to you and let the backdrop of your photograph be the important elements in your life. I have found that people let their true personalities shine through when they are in a comfortable setting. This is the idea behind Ardent Photography. I specialize in natural lighting and finding that right moment where "you" shines through. Portrait sessions start at \$60 for a half hour session. Please visit the [portraiture](#) page for more information and print prices. You can contact me via E-mail at Sarah@ardentphotography.com or by phone at (253) 566-6175 to make an appointment for portraits.

Beyond portraiture, I enjoy creating [unique photographic art pieces](#) and am available for [commissioned art assignments](#). When people think of commissioned photography they think of magazines or portraits, but there is another aspect, personal project photography. This is the area of photography that takes the objects in your life, the guitar you've had since high school, the heirloom brooch from Grandma Lorraine, and turns them into personal artistic photographs that can be gladly showcased in any room. I love being presented with a challenge and hope you will give me the opportunity to make the art on your walls unique and personal.

A Request...

The internet is where people go to find information and services. A lot of people are relying on community review sites such as [Yelp](#) to help them make decisions.

"Yelp is the fun and easy way to find, review and talk about what's great (and not so great) in your world. You already know that asking friends is the best way to find restaurants, dentists, hairstylists, and anything local. Yelp makes it fast and easy by collecting and organizing your friends' recommendations in one convenient place."

[Read More.](#)

If you have a free minute and the inclination, I would appreciate it if any customers would review Ardent Photography for this site and help get the word out.

Thank you,

Sarah McTernan

