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For those observant people who check ardentphotography.com regularly, this may be old news, but the tag line has been changed from *Photography Where You Want It, How You Want It,* to *A Unique Vision of Everyday*. I believe the new tag line represents the different levels of photography that I create beyond just the portraiture but yet still applied to portraiture.

Once again, a New Work area is up on the Arts page. These are both new pictures and revised pictures. I have gone back to a few favorites and fine tuned the photographs for an all around better experience. With this New Work page Land



experience. With this New Work page, I am also focusing on the art of editing. I was never one to believe that once a piece of art is created, it should never be altered. That was Jack Kerouac's mind set. I believe the brilliance in art, and in life, is variation.

Art versus Virtue

The city of Lakewood is having a juried art exhibit this month at Lakewold Gardens. I wanted to participate, but when their prospectus was released, the event was for Lakewood residence only. I was encouraged to mislead the governing body but this did not sit well. In this age of rampant business failures that are most often due to mischievous goings on and human iniquity, let us take a moment to remember that though it is a burden to bear, virtue and self respect will take us all a long way in this life; even if this means turning down an opportunity.

Snippets

- Check out <u>Etsy.com</u> for all your handmade item needs, from blankets to unique cards. While you're there swing by <u>my.shop</u>.
- 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 illusive customers. <u>E-mail me</u> for more information.
- · Happy Mother's Day!

"Virtue
is
its
own
punishment"

~Aneurin Bevan Page 2 The Keen Observer

Ardent Photography Gallery Open House



"The Forgotten Barrel"

Like all business people, I have an office. It is a small corner of my house and cluttered most of the time, but it serves its purpose. In this office, I have a gallery where my framed art hangs. For the

most part this is a private collection, except during festival season, but on Saturday, May 16th from 5:30 to 8pm it will be open to the public. I am opening my office and my house to the

supporters of Ardent Photography and anyone who they think would enjoy my art. I have over three dozen framed photographs hanging in my small house and I would like to invited you all to come and see the art in person.

Light refreshments will be served and conversation with be plentiful.



"Puddle Bike"



Don't forget to wish all the mother's in your life a very Happy Mother's Day!

Hash Brown Quiche

3 cups potatoes shredded (fresh or frozen)

1/4 cup melted butter

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup Vegetables (tomatoes, cooked mushrooms, spinach, etc)

4 Eggs

1/2 cup milk

1/2 tsp salt

Additional Options: Meat may be added to this dish as well. Just use your favorites - ground beef, sausage, etc.

To Prepare the Crust: Preheat oven to 425. Thaw potatoes if necessary. Line the bottom and sides of an un-greased pie plate or quiche baking dish with potatoes. Drizzle melted butter over the potatoes. Bake crust for 30 minutes or until lightly browned. This may be done the night before.

To Prepare the Filling:

Preheat oven to 350. Layer shredded cheese on top of baked crust. Top with veggies. In mixing bowl, beat together eggs, milk, and salt. Pour egg mixture evenly over cheese and veggies. Bake for 30 minutes.

Yield: 6 Servings

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The Art of May

- May 2nd-3rd from Noon -5pm, Creative Forces and Carolyn Osborne will be hosting an Open House in Fircrest.
- Mother's Day is May 10th, it is not too late to give her a gift that lasts longer than flowers.
- May 16th I will be hosting a Gallery Open House.
- Memorial Day is Monday May 25th.

Portrait Price Break

Show Mom you care with a family portrait session in May and receive a free 8x10 from my family to yours.

Promotional Code: APMay8x10



Portrait Appointment Request

Name	
Date	
Location	
Qty. (by 1/2 hour)	
Phone	
Notes	
Please Mail Request Form to	Call 253-566-6175
Sarah McTernen	Or 253-376-6141
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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 <u>portraiture</u> page for more information and print prices. You can contact me via E-mail at <u>Sarah@ardentphotography.com</u> 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...

On Saturday May 2nd and Sunday May 3rd, Carolyn Osborne will be having an Open House from noon to 5pm. Carolyn is the owner of Creative Forces and a very talented artist. She creates unique jewelry, inspiring watercolors, and one of a kind gift baskets. All of these would make magnificent Mother's Day gifts.

Please come and support a wonderful local artist as well as St. Anthony's Oncology Center in Gig

Harbor. In honor of her brother, David Osborne, 35% of all sales will be donated.

www.creativeforcesbycarolyn.com

www.carolynosborne.blogspot.com/

Thank you,

Sarah McTernen

