

A Unique Vision of Everyday

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It is Not Complete Until You Frame It!

Typically, photographs are matted and framed in black wood as seen on many a gallery wall, but I believe the frame is the finishing touch that deserves just as much consideration as the elements of the photograph itself. The type of wood, the construction, the embellishments, whether or not to use matte: these all create a piece of art beyond the photograph. When I frame, I want to create a piece that will look wonderful in a living room, dining room or even a bathroom. I am not designing for the stark museum landscape. I am designing for the warmth of a home.



The Camo Violin

When I am looking for frames, whether it is pawing through antiques, perusing frame shops, or finding handmade items on the internet, I have a particular photograph in mind. I see the nuances in the frame that will bring out elements of the photograph and vice versa; it needs to pop. Most of the time, that is. Sometimes, I find a frame that I think would be wonderful, but I am not sure what piece to put it with, such as the piece above. I set the empty green frame over the packaged print of the Camo Violin while I was framing something else, looked over, and that was it.

Portrait Drawing—You Still Have Time!

I will be holding a drawing for a free mother and child portrait session. If you are a mother, and have a child, and would like to have portraits taken of the two of you, please send me an E-mail with your name and phone number. I will put all the names in a hat and have my daughter pull out the winning name on Sunday, May 9th. You will receive one FREE 1/2 hour portrait session in the location of your choosing within the Puget Sound Region. Portrait session can happen anytime in 2010.

To enter, send an E-mail to sarah@ardentphotography.com.

Snippets

- Are you missing a calendar for 2010? Find what you are looking for on Zazzle.com
- Like one of the photographs you see? Don't forget you can order online anytime through [e-mail](mailto:etsy) or my Etsy.com shop.
- I write books too! [One Cream, Two Sugars](http://OneCreamTwoSugars.com)—Poetry combined with photography and [Painting Life](http://PaintingLife.com)—an artistic children's book are available through Blurb.com.

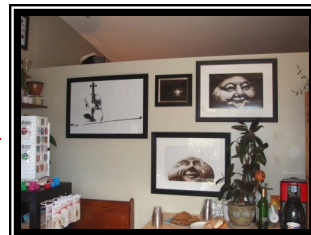
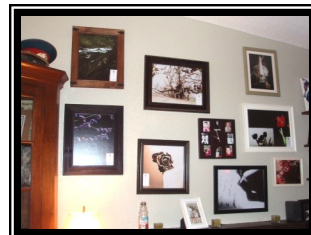
“The art lies in the man, not in the medium, and the photographer who loves the poetical, dreamy, sometimes melancholy...moods of nature, will show these qualities in his work.”

~Rudolf Eickemeyer, Jr.

Lots of New Framed Work and Private Tours



The May Open House was this past weekend. My walls are still copiously covered in art and most of my furniture has been rearranged. I created over fifteen new framed pieces for the exhibit as well as printed up most of my new work. I filled a basket full of nifty 4x6 and 5x7 blank photo cards. Jeananne Sizemore of [Artwhims](#) and Carolyn Osborne of [Creative](#)



[Forces](#) joined me for the day. I would like to extend an offer to my readers. If you are interested in seeing my art in person, please contact me via phone at 253-566-6175 or E-mail sarah@ardentphotography.com to schedule a private tour of the gallery. I would love to tell you about the photographs, where they were taken, why I chose to frame them the way I did and answer any other questions you have.



These are my daughter's favorite breakfast treat. She loves to help make them too. Try them out for Mother's Day!

Chocolate Banana Nut Muffins

2 cups whole wheat pastry flour
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1/2 tsp salt
 1/2 cup cocoa powder
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 4 bananas mashed
 1/4 cup butter, softened
 1/2 cup brown sugar
 1/4 cup honey
 1/3 cup low fat yoghurt
 1/2 cup buttermilk
 1 egg
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 3/4 cup mini chocolate chips

Blend dry ingredients together in one bowl, and wet ingredients together in another bowl. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Scoop batter into greased or lined muffin tins and bake at 350 F for 12-15min. Yield: 12 big muffins or 16 small muffins

MAY 2010

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The Art of May

- ♦ May 5th—Cinco De Mayo
- ♦ May 8th—Art Walk Olympia at Childhood's End Gallery
- ♦ May 9th—Mother's Day
- ♦ May 15th—Armed Forces Day at Joint Base Lewis McCord, 10am until 6pm.
- ♦ May 22nd-23rd—Carolyn Osborne's Jewelry Sale
- ♦ May 31st—Memorial Day

Portrait Price Break

Book your portrait session before

June 1st and receive \$15 off your sitting fee!

Use Coupon Code: **APFifteen-Free2010**



Portrait Appointment Request

Name _____

Date _____

Location _____

Qty. (by 1/2 hour) _____

Phone _____

Notes _____

Please Mail Request Form to
Sarah McTernan
c/o Ardent Photography
6620 48th Street Ct W
University Place, WA 98467

Call 253-566-6175

Or 253-376-6141

E-mail requests to
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Photograph of the Month



Making the everyday unique.

A Request...

Carolyn Osborne's Spring Sale

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253-566-8871

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noon - 5pm
both days

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Thank you,

Sarah McTernan