

Simultaneous Solo Exhibitions at Lisa Harris

Beginning August 4, the Lisa Harris Gallery features solo exhibitions by Victoria Johnson and Irene Mahler.

Victoria Johnson is a noted abstractionist who employs lush colors and free-flowing forms to concoct a multi-dimensional space in her paintings. Johnson layers earthy and mineral-y oils to create transparent forms weaving and recycling imagery that seems simultaneously stationary and in flux.

Her work has shown locally since 1979 and is found in an array of international private and corporate collections.

Irene Mahler, making her solo debut, layers and experiments with acrylic and pollen-based paints that are polished away to reveal the history of earlier layers. Her intimate and abstract paintings offer visual clues about memory, associations, emotion and family history.

Mahler is well-known within the art community for her leadership and for her consulting work as founder of Mahler Fine Arts.

Come meet the artists at the opening, Thursday, August 4, 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through August 27.

Starlight Lounge

Chris Neimeyer, former Belltown Billiards bartender, is opening the Starlight Lounge at 1921 First Avenue. Neimeyer is reconditioning the former Fire & Ice/Avenue One/Café Sophie, in the historic Butterworth Building, into his own swank lounge, in 1950s/60s Las Vegas style.

The custom furniture, upholstered bar and tables, and red suede patterned walls in his posh space say "Sinatra" like a smooth song or a couple of fingers of good whiskey.

Behind the bar will be an 89-inch television-screen for viewing major sporting events, and Rat Pack films and hipster imagery the rest of the time. (No news yet if Neimeyer will install a pool table).

Watch this space for a grand opening announcement.

Caffé Lieto

Jennifer Krogstad is making 1909 First Avenue into a "happy" deli of her own. The Good Deal Deli is now her Caffé Lieto.

Caffé Lieto offers convenient espressos, fresh pastries, soup and salad, and is open from 7 a.m. into the evening. A few implements are still en route — artwork, delivery options, etc — but, opening a business is a process. Krogstad's smiling Norwegian face is there every morning, stop by and say hi.

Kerr, Gaddousi, Sherwood win Constituency Council seats

By MEGAN LEE

Patrick Kerr won the four-year Constituency Council position in voting last month, out-polling Ann Manano 136 to 68. David Gaddousi won the two-year position, out-polling Ernie Sherman 171 to 28, with one write-in for Miles Abram.

In the hotly contested race for the member-at-large position 2, Mary Kay Sherwood polled 124 votes to Ben Kirchner's 555, Geoff Logan's 52 and Teagan McDonald's 43. There was one write-in for Barry Kramer.

Voting for the 32nd annual Pike Place Constituency's representative was relatively serious this year. There were no votes for Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck or Elvis.

The Pike Place Constituency, established in the 1973 Market charter, is the body charged with keeping Market management accountable. They are the lobbying group to the Market's Preservation and Development Authority (PDA) and Seattle city government.

Anyone more than 16 years old and living in Washington state can join just by paying the \$1 annual dues. Sometimes constituency membership grows as large as 1000, sometimes as small as 200. As of May the membership was in the 420s.

(To learn more about the unique and interpretive governance of the Market, a result of the 1971 vote by the citizens of Seattle to save the Market as a public owned space. Check out one of the many books such as Pike Place Market: People, Produce and Politics, By Alice Shorette and Murray Morgan. Or talk to your new PDA Council Representative, David Gaddousi, at Lionheart Books. Or go to www.pikeplacemarket.org)

The election began after the July 19 constituency meeting and continued the following day, on Flower Row, from morning until 6 p.m. A total of 208 votes were slipped into the tattered, floral ballot box.

For those of you who like box scores: PDA Council Representative (Four-year position) — Ann Manano 68, Patrick Kerr 136

PDA Council Representative (Two-year position) — David Gaddousi 171, Ernie Sherman 28, Miles Abram 1 (write in)

Secretary — Mercedes Yaeger 152, Carol Binder 4 (write in), Michael Yaeger 1 (write in), Mairead Widby 1 (write in)

Member-At-Large Position (Two-year position) Ben Kirchner 55, Geof Logan 52, Teagan McDonald 43, Mary Kay Sherwood 124, Barry Kramer 1 (write in)

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