



“KINTSUGI SELF PORTRAIT” OIL PAINT

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**ARTIST
FEATURE**

HOW DID YOU GET INTERESTED IN ART?

I was always interested in art as a child, but my biggest inspiration was my older sister, Ashley. I admired her throughout college, where she studied illustration, and she encouraged me to continue improving. With her help I learned new techniques, new mediums, and was excited to grow as an artist.

IS THIS A HOBBY OR A CAREER GOAL? IF IT IS A CAREER GOAL, WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

I plan to pursue art as a career in the future. After studying fine art in college, I hope to find a career as a freelance illustrator, creative director, storyboard artist, or an entrepreneur.

WHAT WORD OF ADVICE OR ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD YOU GIVE A FELLOW ARTIST?

Don't be afraid to try new things. Personally, I would try something different once, would not succeed, then get discouraged and give up. Getting good at something takes time and practice, so continue to work and improve. Practice makes improvement!

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE ARTIST AND WHY?

Gustav Klimt is one of my favorite artists of all time. I love his use of patterns and colors, like his signature gold paint. I mostly create portraits of women, and his portraits of beautiful women are a huge inspiration to me.

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WHAT IS ARTBEAT?

A quarterly newsletter that highlights a variety of arts and culture events featuring news and a comprehensive listing of events, workshops, and exhibitions at The Joe Center for the Arts.

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Hello
Summer

HERE COMES THE SUMMER AT THE JOE

The Joe Center for the Arts has a super-hot line up this summer with a new exhibit and a new Art Educator in Residence (AER). What does that mean? It means we have 35+ art classes available for all ages this summer and some great art to view in the gallery. Free and open to the public.

Our Here Comes the Sun exhibit run through August 5th and features a variety of mediums with the Best of Show going to Kathryn Stivers for Oak Garden Misty Autumn Evening. Kathryn is an award-winning architect, fine art photographer, and fused glass artist, living, working, and playing in the panhandle of North Florida. First place went to Deborah McCoy for Peacock at

Dawn, second place went to Cheryl Ploegstra for Sunlight on Water which is a quilt hanging. Third went to Ed Nickerson for Serenity for the Day. Honorable Mentions included Melina Elum for Sunfish and Linda Matela for Sunny Days.

The Student Gallery portion of the exhibit features the work of six students from Port St. Joe High School including Avery Pharr – Grade 11, Lucy Neill – Grade 11, Sha’Necia Sims – Grade 11, Carson Henricks – Grade 10, and Eileen Madrid – Grade 9.



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THE JOE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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MEET OUR ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



Kelly Deal is the Art Educator in Residence at The Joe Center for The Arts. She and her family moved to Port St. Joe from a small town in Georgia. Kelly has always had a passion for many different types of art media and teaching youth and adults allows her to explore right along with the students. She says, "I like to make things and I want other people to like to make things too."

In kindergarten, Kelly's teacher, Ms. Pinson, said, "Kelly is very artistic and always pays attention to detail." Kelly went on to say that "art is about perspective and is doable." She wants to share her passion and love of art with others.

Kelly said she likes "the critical thinking and problem solving" aspect of creating things. One of the things that Kelly likes to do is to weave brooms and rugs. She said that she used to "shear her own sheep and then dyed the wool." She also likes to make soap along with drawing and painting.

Kelly strives to encourage and inspire her students to feel confident in their abilities. She is teaching drawing and painting classes this summer at The Joe for students of all ages along with other fun and interactive classes. Kelly would love to see The Joe Center for the Arts grow into show place of the community. She is looking forward to igniting sparks of creativity in the future generations of PSJ!

Spaces are still available for Kelly's summer classes. You can see all the classes that are available this summer by visiting The Joe website at www.thejoecenter.org

Painting with acrylics is one of Kelly's favorite ways to express herself. She likes to create scenes and paint the "natural world in a fantasy view. She went on to say that she is **"INSPIRED BY LANDSCAPE AND COLORS EVERY DAY"**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE REMAINDER OF 2022 PROMISES TO BE FULL OF EXCITING EVENTS AT THE JOE CENTER FOR THE ARTS. YOU CAN FIND MORE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.THEJOECENTER.ORG AND OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED, EMAIL LAURA AT THEJOECENTER@GMAIL.COM

HERE COMES THE SUN:
Summer exhibit runs through August 5th featuring works from over 20 artists.

CLASSES:
For all the latest art classes happening at the Joe go to www.thejoecenter.org where you can register & pay online.

FIRST FRIDAY:
The Joe kicks off their First Friday on July 1st. Enjoy our exhibit, the gift shop, & special surprises!

MEMBERS' ART MARKET:
Artist Call for Entries due July 30th. Market starts with our opening reception August 12th.

5TH ANNIVERSARY:
Join us at The Joe on September 10th, 2022 from 5-7:30 PM ET. Live music from Chris Godber, hors d'oeuvres, art demos, kids activities.

ILLUMINATED MESSIAH:
Tim Gagnon Exhibit October 7th – 28th

COMMUNITY RECEPTION:
Date to be determined. Check website and social media.

BUSINESS RECEPTION:
Networking with our local business partners during the Festival of Trees. DTBD.

FESTIVAL OF TREES:
Opening reception is November 18th and runs through December 10th. Santa, live music, kids activities, trees, silent auction, raffles, etc.

FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10

COME CELEBRATE 5 YEARS WITH US

The Joe will be celebrating its **5th Anniversary on September 10th, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM ET.**

The event kicks off with remarks from the **Chair and our special guests.** We'll then enjoy the evening with the smooth sounds of **Jazz Saxophonist Chris Godber**, light hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy the Members' Art Market. There will be some special recognitions and surprises along with a few kids' activities. Join us to celebrate a special evening in the Joe. Mark your calendars!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Cheryl Ploegstra has been a permanent resident on the Forgotten Coast for the last six years. She moved from Alaska to Houston finally settling in Beacon Hill. Cheryl became involved with The Joe when she and a fellow Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition Board member, Leslie Wentzell, were assigned to get The Joe Center up and running. She states that, "I always feel a relationship with The Joe and volunteering lets me help and stay in touch."

Volunteering at The Joe is meaningful for Cheryl because "I am able to help with a venue that I am proud of and where I can display my work." She also loves talking with visitors. One of Cheryl's most memorable experiences since volunteering at The Joe was the first exhibit that highlighted the history of North Port St. Joe and how proud the members of the neighborhoods were of their history.

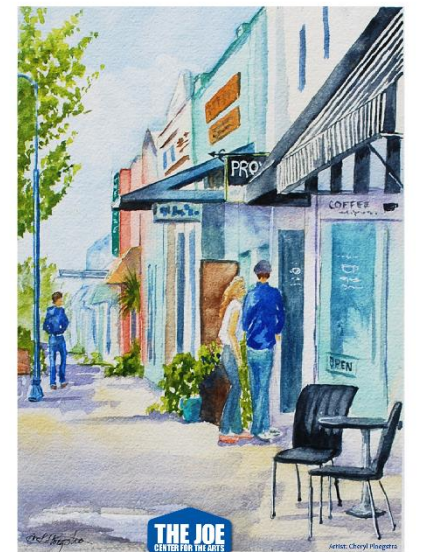
When asked what she would tell someone who is not a volunteer on why they should consider becoming a docent, she said,

"The Joe has the potential to be the arts and cultural center of Port St. Joe, and it is important and a privilege to be a part of that goal."

Cheryl has been involved with the Forgotten Coast en Plein Air event ever since she moved here. In fact, she got back into painting because of this festival. She said that "creativity always kept me sane in a very left-brain job and now that I am retired, I love painting (watercolor & oil) outdoors." Cheryl mostly exhibits her work at The Joe. She also coordinates a Tuesday Plein Air group called Gulf Plein Air and welcomes other artists to join the group at [Facebook.com/gulfpleinair](https://www.facebook.com/gulfpleinair)



MEMBERS' ART MARKET RETURNS WITH THE ARTIST CALL TO ENTRY



2022 **Members' Art Market**
August 12 - September 23, 2022 201 Reid Avenue Port St. Joe

ART BY CHERYL PLOEGSTRA

Artist call for entry is due July 30th, 2022, with the Opening Reception held on August 12th from 6-8 PM ET

