

QuackyNews

Fall/Winter 2004

Camano Island's stoneware pottery, fiber art, oil painting, photography, and recording studio



Above: Vicki's prize-winning photograph, *The Principal and the Rooster*. **Below:** One of Mark's photos, *Mount Baker, Light and Fog*



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Another Photographer in the House; New Art Exhibits on Camano Island

Vicki Begins Publishing Her Photographs

You already know Vicki is an artist who is comfortable in multiple media (as opposed to "multimedia..." she's still working on the computer skills.) So, not content to just create

wonderful oil paintings,

ceramics, and wearable art, Vicki has begun publishing her excellent photographs. Her first foray into "competitive" photography was entering the Stanwood-Camano Arts Guild's Spring Invitational Show, held in April 2004. Her photograph, "The Principal and the Rooster" took first place in the photography division! Vicki took another First Place at the Shoreline Arts Festival with her photograph "Buddha and Sky." The same photo also won an Honorable Mention at the Kenmore Art Show. Vicki placed with yet another one of her photos, "Three in Sky," at the excellent Anacortes Arts Festival. She was the only photographer to place in the show, which does not have a separate category for photography. Meanwhile, Mark was awarded an Honorable Mention in the "Arts of the Terrace" juried art show in Moutlake Terrace with his photograph, "Coupeville Wharf," and took another Honorable Mention for his vertical panoramic "Into the Mist" at the Stanwood-Camano Arts Guild Spring Invitational. ■

Photography at Karen's Kitchen

Vicki and Mark have photographs on display (and for sale) at Karen's Kitchen gift and kitchen shop at the Camano Plaza. Say hi to Karen!

Art Exhibit at the new Camano Commons at Terry's Corner on Camano Island

The biggest news on Camano Island this fall is the debut of Camano Commons. Lovingly shepherded by Camano Island Coffee Roasters owner Jeff Ericson, the Commons project is still under construction, but there are several places that are now open or soon will be. Jeff's coffee roasting barn celebrated its grand opening on October 2, giving tours and samples to hundreds of friends and neighbors. The next big event is scheduled for

October 15, 16 and 17: the grand opening of Islander's Espresso and Eatery. This is what you might call a "high concept" cafe, serving coffee and espresso, made from beans roasted just a short walk away, and serving a menu of fun foods, including various types of "Stuffies," a type of hot

*Come to the
AAUW Art
Show Opening
Oct. 15, 6 to 9pm!*

pocket sandwich, as well as flash-frozen ice creams that are created to order while you watch. The cafe features a pleasant atmosphere in which to sit and visit with friends while you enjoy a nice breakfast or lunch. The beautifully-decorated cafe also displays works by local artists. The inaugural art opening includes photographs by Vicki and Mark Dodge, and paintings by John Ebner and Karla Matzke. The opening exhibit is scheduled to remain on display through December. ■



Into the Mist
Photo by Mark Dodge

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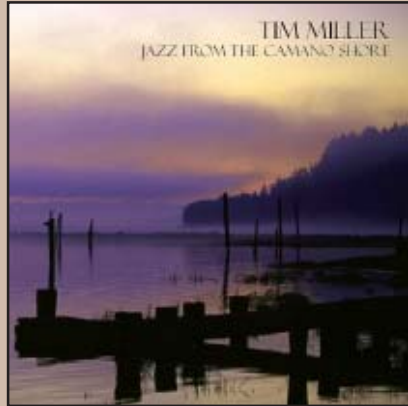


Three in Sky,
Photo by Vicki Dodge

The 2004 Stanwood-Camano Holiday Gift Shop at Camano Commons - Nov. 15th!

This new holiday tradition, started three years ago by Jeff Ericson, continues this year at the new Camano Commons at Terry's Corner. The 2004 Holiday Gift Shop will occupy the new Brindle's Building. This is a great opportunity for folks to check out the Commons, peruse some great gift ideas provided by select regional artists and craftspeople,

and enjoy the offerings at the new Islander's Espresso and Eatery. The Holiday Shop will also feature the Great Blue Heron Winery cellars and wine-tasting area, as well as a "Fine Arts Loft," featuring exceptional artworks by the cream of the local crop. The Holiday Gift Shop is scheduled to open by November 15th (but might open earlier, depending on construction issues). Vicki and Mark will have an extra-



Tim Miller's Jazz From the Camano Shore
The cover of the latest CD from Big Quack Records features Mark's photo, "English Boom Pre-Sunrise," a full-sized version of which is on display at Islander's Eatery through December.

large display featuring their photographs, Vicki's ceramic finials and coffee-dyed alpaca scarves, and Mark's CDs with a listening station. ■

Jazz From the Camano Shore

The title of Tim Miller's debut CD hints that it was recorded right here at Quacky Studios. Tim is a native of Stanwood who grew up playing soprano and tenor saxophones in the acclaimed Stanwood High School jazz band, and went on to

play with some of the best jazz musicians in the business while performing in Las Vegas and recording in Los Angeles. Tim's sophisticated original compositions are performed on this record by Tim with Mark Dodge on drums and guitar, Kevin O'Reilly on keyboards, and Aeden Hunter on bass. You can listen to and buy Big Quack Records CDs online at www.bigquack.com. Or, stop by the listening station at the Camano Commons Holiday Gift Shop (see Calendar d'Quacky, above) and put on the headphones for a serious listen. ■

Calendar d'Quacky

■ Oct. 15 & 16 - **The AAUW Invitational Art Show** - The annual AAUW Patron's Party is the art event of the season, and happens on Friday October 15th from 6-9pm, featuring live music, great art, and the legendary patron's potluck - all for for a nominal donation. The free public show starts on Saturday at 10am and closes at 3pm. Saint Cecilia's Church, 26900 78th Ave NE, Stanwood. These events dovetail nicely with the Islander's Opening (next item) on either Friday or Saturday - make it an artsy day!

■ Oct. 15, 16 & 17 - **Islander's Espresso and Eatery Grand Opening**, featuring local artwork. \$5 cover charge goes to benefit Coffee Kids charity. Noon to 9pm daily. Located at Camano Commons, the first traffic light on Camano Island.

■ October 23 - 24 - **Mill Creek Art's Alive** in the Cedar Room at the Mill Creek Country Club, 15500 Country Club Drive, Mill Creek, WA.

■ Nov 15 - Dec. 24 - **The Third Annual Stanwood-Camano Holiday Gift Shop** (a.k.a. the Christmas House), Wednesday through Sunday each week, 10am to 7pm (5pm on Sundays), at the Camano Commons, which is conveniently located at the first traffic light on Camano Island. ■



Available at the AAUW Art Show, the Mill Creek Art's Alive show, and the Camano Commons Holiday House: Vicki's **Ribbon Necklaces** are created with beads from around the world. Her **Fabulous Finials** are for fenceposts, bedposts, trellises, etc... you tell us!



Buddha & Sky
Photo by Vicki Dodge

The AAUW Art Show - October 15 & 16

The patron's party October 15th is a highlight in the Stanwood-Camano social calendar, with lots of gourmet food and great artwork. Call Beverly Maxwell at 360-387-9177 for an invite.



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