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PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT OPENS WITH OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

Coupeville, WA-Oktoberfest arrived in grand fashion Tuesday, October 6, at the Pacific NorthWest Art School with bratwurst, music, vintage cars and great photography. This event marked the opening of the current exhibition, "Plein Air Photography: The Essence of Coupeville." This show is the culmination of a PNW Art School workshop led by well-known landscape photographer Ray Pfortner. Shots of beaches, bluffs and familiar landscapes are featured. In the workshop, student photographers were challenged to capture the essence of Coupeville in just three days. Juror Marcia Van Dyke awarded "Best of Show" to Friday Harbor resident Jayne Hemmerich and "Honorable Mention" to Iona Berzups of West Seattle. Attendees bestowed the "People's Choice Award" to Don Wagoner of Puyallup.

In addition to enjoying the great photographic show, guests viewed the other "art" on display—classic cars belonging to members of the "Whidbey Cruzers". Coupe's Last Stand provided refreshments, serving the last bratwursts of the season while local musician George Konopik played Oktoberfest music on his antique Bohemian accordion.

Though the vintage cars have motored off home, the works of "Plein Air Photography: The Essence of Coupeville" are on display and for sale until November 1, 2009 at the Pacific NorthWest Art School, open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (15 N W Birch St, Coupeville). The PNW Art School provides visual arts education taught by professional artists for artists who aspire to improve their talents and skills.

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Photo 68-four of the students-left to right: Jayne Hemmerich (Best of Show), Larry Weakly, Ilona Berzups (Honorable Mention), and Don Wagoner (People's Choice)

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