

In September 2009, Annetta Cunningham, a member of the Columbia Art Guild, was contacted by Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher. He proposed that various local artists display their art work in the courthouse with rotations occurring every three months. After approximately a year of preparation and art collection, the first display was unveiled in October 2010. In January 2011, the second group took their places, allowing the public to take in and view the vast talent that spreads through Columbia County. At this time, one wall is dedicated to displaying the art, with room for five to eight pieces of art work, depending on their size. The display is not limited to paintings or pictures, as shelves are also included for sculptures to be presented as well. Currently on display is a salmon sculpture created by Robert Tidwell.

Some of the Columbia County artists who have had the privilege of displaying their artwork at the courthouse include Maeona Urban, Susan Jensen, Loretta Sampson, Carolyn Hensley, Autumn Pendergrass and Carolyn Curtis. At this time, the courthouse has only displayed art work of county residents, although artists from around the state are encouraged to contact Annetta to allow a more widespread representation of art styles to be put on display. Annetta can be contacted via email at [cunningham@colcenter.org](mailto:cunningham@colcenter.org)



Annetta Cunningham stands in front of her colored pencil drawing. This picture won her the People's Choice Ribbon at the 2009 Columbia Art Guild's annual show held at the Scappoose Sauerkraut Festival.

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