

The UUCWI Gallery of Art *presents*

## First Exposures: A New Photo Exhibit

For the months of May and June, the UUCWI gallery will feature the works of photo artists Sarah Richards and Wesa Anderson. Sarah has reignited her passion for photography, focusing on vibrant color and imagination to capture the breadth and essence of a scene. In counterpoint, Wesa's intimate and effective black and white collection of images from her visits to Whidbey highlight small sections of texture, light, and pattern. Together, they share a talent for transforming the ordinary into something new. This is the first gallery showing for each of them.

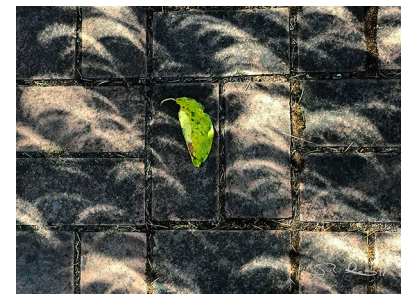


*Sarah Richards*

Sarah is the founder and owner of Coupeville's Lavender Wind Farm and Shop. Her photography started when she was a kid with a brownie camera. She followed that with an art minor at the University of Denver in which she studied photography as well as painting, sculpture, and ceramics. She

never stopped taking pictures, but her confidence was ramped up after taking a couple of classes at the Pacific Northwest Art School with Keron Psillas.

"As much as I like people, I find real beauty is in the natural landscapes I encounter through working the fields, wandering around on pathways with friends, or just suddenly seeing something that is very ordinary in my own life in a new way. The question is: How do we convey as much of the breadth of the scene as we experience it? Color and light are invitations! Come play! Tell me a story!"



*Wesa Anderson*

Wesa lives in Kirkland with her husband, 2 children, 2 dogs, 5 fish, and too many chickens!

"Photography is an indulgence for me. I'm always running around from one project/task/responsibility to the next and rarely get a moment to pick

up a real camera. I love focusing in on a small section of a larger scene, framing just the parts that really stand out to me. This series comes from a responsibility-free weekend on Whidbey Island (talk about indulgence!). Fort Casey has some amazing mixed textures, light, and patterns that work quite well in black and white. I added a few photos from Coupeville to soften up the harsh features of the other photos."



Meet Sarah and Wesa at an opening  
reception Sunday, May 6, 11:30am - 12:30pm.

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Located in the UUCWI entrance foyer, the gallery has no regular hours but artwork can be viewed at events and meetings in the building. Phone 360-321-8656.