



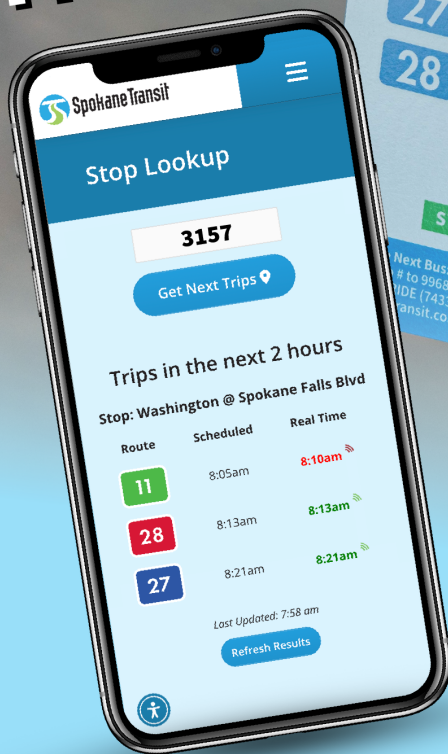
# 2025 SPOKANE Lilac Festival

May 10 - 17



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

#### ASSOCIATED GARDEN CLUB'S LILAC LUNCHEON

11:00 am | DoubleTree Hotel

Creators of the original Spokane Lilac Festival, the Associated Garden Clubs of Spokane invite you to their annual Lilac Luncheon! Enjoy a silent auction, lunch, and hear from 2025 SLFA president Jamie Dedmon, and Margeaux Fox - 2007 Lilac Princess and current Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

#### ALL CITY CIVIC & MILITARY LUNCHEON

11:30 am | Centennial Hotel

Presented by Global Credit Union, join us in celebrating the local heroes who live, work, and serve in the Lilac City. Hosted by 2025 'To Spokane, With Love' Festival president, Jamie Dedmon, enjoy a delicious lunch, hear from President Dedmon, as well as Spokane Police Department Sergeant David Stone, and help us honor those who serve our community and country.

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

#### QUEENS LUNCHEON

11:30 am | Centennial Hotel

Join Queen Raegan and the 2025 'To Spokane, With Love' Lilac Festival Royal Court for a luncheon hosting visiting royalty and regional youth representatives. The event includes inspiring messages from Queen Raegan and 1999 princess and 2024 'Dare to Dream' co-president Elisabeth Hooker, and recognition of the GESA Credit Union Teachers of the Year.

#### PRESIDENT'S GALA

5:30 pm | Centennial Hotel

Celebrate Spokane at the President's Gala, hosted by 2025 'To Spokane, With Love' Lilac Festival president Jamie Dedmon. Enjoy entertainment, a silent auction and raffle, and hear from 2025 Parade Grand Marshal Spokane native, Navy RADM Jeffrey Kilian, followed by dancing with Spokane's DJ Drywall.

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

#### CRUZIN' THE FALLS CAR SHOW

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Presented by TDS Fiber. Before the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade on Saturday May 17, join us in downtown Spokane on Spokane Falls Blvd west of Stevens for the Cruzin' the Falls Car Show. Vehicle entry is a \$20 donation. Registration opens at 9am and closes when full or at 11am. Awards presentation at 4pm.

#### LILAC CITY MARKETPLACE

11:00 am

Presented by Heritage Funeral & Cremation. The Lilac City Marketplace is a chance to support local artisans and find something uniquely Spokane. Located on Howard Street next to the Cruzin' the Falls Car Show, explore local handmade goods and more on parade day.

#### LILAC FESTIVAL BREWFEST

1:00 to 5:00 pm | Riverfront Park Pavillion

Presented by Washington's Lottery. \$40 day-of, VIP Ticket \$50 Brewfest is back for a third year and it's growing! Showcasing over 30 of the Pacific Northwest's many award-winning and innovative breweries. Tickets include a commemorative glass and tokens for 5-ounce pours at the participating breweries.

#### ARMED FORCES TORCHLIGHT PARADE

7:30 pm | Downtown Spokane

Don't miss the nation's largest Armed Forces Torchlight Parade! City streets close at 4pm taking over 16 square blocks in the heart of downtown to celebrate the Lilac City, Spokane and the 87th Annual "To Spokane, With Love" Festival. Enjoy the best view of the parade when you purchase a pass for bleacher viewing located at Main Ave and Washington. Purchase a bleacher seat for \$20 each at our Merchandise trailer located on Howard and Spokane Falls Blvd on Parade Day.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**W**elcome to the 87th Spokane Lilac Festival!

Since 1938, the Spokane Lilac Festival Association has reached the heart of our community by honoring our military, empowering our youth, and showcasing our region. What once was a modest tradition has blossomed into a week-long extravaganza, where spring, youth, and community spirit converge in a jubilant celebration.

This year's theme, "To Spokane, With Love" is dedicated to every community member who gives of their time, talent, and treasures to make Spokane a great place to live, work, and play. Our own SLFA

directors, sustaining members, and past presidents have collectively volunteered more than 665 years for Lilac; that is an average of 15 years per volunteer. While we don't have the same passions at Lilac, we all have the same love for Lilac and our great community.

Join me in celebrating our Spokane, not only in May but year-round, as we immerse ourselves in the diverse communities and traditions that define the Pacific Northwest. Let's embrace the opportunity to learn from new cultures, participate in fresh celebrations, and strengthen our bonds to this remarkable region.

To our patrons, sponsors, and supporters, I extend heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering generosity and encouragement. Your support fuels our mission, enabling us to create enduring memories and experiences that enrich lives and build connections for generations to come.

Thank you to our extraordinary community!

*To Spokane, With Love*

**JAMIE DEDMON**  
2025 FESTIVAL PRESIDENT



## TORCHLIGHT PARADE GRAND MARSHAL



**PARADE GRAND MARSHAL**  
**RADM JEFFERY KILIAN (US NAVY)**

**B**orn and raised in Spokane, Washington, Admiral Kilian attended North Central High School until he moved to San Diego when he was 16. Kilian's mother, Gloria, and late father, George, both attended University High School, and his mother still lives in Spokane. His sisters, Christine and Angela, and brother Andrew were all born in Spokane. Kilian enjoys running, history, and gardening.

He attended North Central High School in Spokane from 1981 to 1983 and graduated from Mission Bay

High School in San Diego, CA. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University in 1994. He earned his Master of Science in Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 2003.

Kilian's operational tours include assignments with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 3 and 74; Construction Battalion Unit 427; and the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment (NCR). His contingency tours include deployments in support of the United Nations Transitional Authority in East Timor; Expeditionary Strike Group ONE/Commander, Joint Task Force Disaster Assistance; Operation Iraqi Freedom; Operation Enduring Freedom; and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

His facilities and staff tours include Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka; Civil Engineer Corps Junior Officer Detailer; Engineer Planner, U.S. Support Group East Timor; Public Works Officer, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove; Gulf Coast Integrated Product Team Leader, NAVFAC Southeast; Executive Assistant to the Director of Navy Energy and Environmental Readiness Division and Branch Head for Facilities Investments; Executive Officer, NAVFAC Engineering and Expeditionary Warfare Center; and Chief of Staff, NAVFAC Headquarters.

Kilian has previously commanded NMCB 4, the 30th NCR, and NAVFAC Europe Africa Central, and is currently serving as the Commander of NAVFAC Pacific and the Fleet Civil Engineer for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

## MAYORS WELCOME



**A**s Mayor of Spokane, it is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to the 87th annual Spokane Lilac Festival!

I am thrilled to have you join us for one of Spokane's most beloved traditions. This year's theme, "To Spokane, With Love," is a tribute to the people, places, and stories that make our city truly special.

As we celebrate together in community, we honor the heart of Spokane: its vibrant neighborhoods, devoted citizens, and deep-rooted history. At the heart of this celebration is our deep appreciation for the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. For 87 years,

the Spokane Lilac Festival has proudly honored those who serve and have served, and as we come together this year, we continue that tradition with gratitude and respect.

Whether you are a lifelong Spokaneite or visiting for the first time, I invite you to join me in sharing the love – for our city, for each other, and for those who serve.

*To Spokane, With Love,*

**LISA BROWN**  
MAYOR, CITY OF SPOKANE





from left to right: Princess Abby (Mead), Princess Savanna (Lewis & Clark), Princess Bethany (Ridgeline), Queen Raegan (University), Princess Charlize (Central Valley), Princess Paige (North Central), Princess Addy (Northwest Christian)



It is an honor to welcome you to the 87th Annual Spokane Lilac Festival Armed Forces Torchlight Parade! I am excited to share my love for the SLFA and the entire Spokane community. I can't think of a better phrase to capture this year's theme than "To Spokane, With Love". They are perfect words to describe the appreciation we have for our volunteers and their commitment to service. It is through their hard work and dedication that our community thrives.

It's also a privilege to be a part of this year's Royal Court, represented by six amazing young women who join me in cherishing our community and holding deep admiration for our volunteers. I am

inspired by Abby, Savanna, Bethany, Charli, Paige, and Addy. Each who has dedicated a significant amount of time and energy to making our community a better place. The poise, care, and friendship these girls have granted me have shown me that there is no better way to spend the last few months of my senior year. I will always cherish the memories we have made and can't wait for many more to come.

Showing love to the town I call home, spending time giving back to our military, and inspiring the youth of our community is not only a monumental part of my senior year but really is living out my childhood dreams. I am beyond excited to give some lilac love to the community

that never fails to share its love with us.

Thank you to Co-VPs of Royalty Jasmin Davis and Jill Ham, for their unconditional love and support of the Royal Court. I also want to recognize our exquisite president, Jamie Dedmon, for using her time, talents, and treasures to make SLFA and Spokane a better place!

Lilac love,

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2025 SPOKANE LILAC FESTIVAL QUEEN





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## 2025 ALL CITY CIVIC & MILITARY LUNCHEON HONOREES

**P**resented by Global Credit Union, the Spokane Lilac Festival All City Civic & Military Luncheon is a cherished annual event that brings together community members, military personnel, and civic leaders to honor and celebrate their collective contributions.

Hosted as part of the Lilac Festival, this luncheon serves as a platform to recognize the dedication and service of individuals who have made a difference in Spokane and beyond. Attendees enjoy a delightful meal while sharing stories, fostering camaraderie, and paying tribute to the bravery and commitment of those who serve our nation and community.

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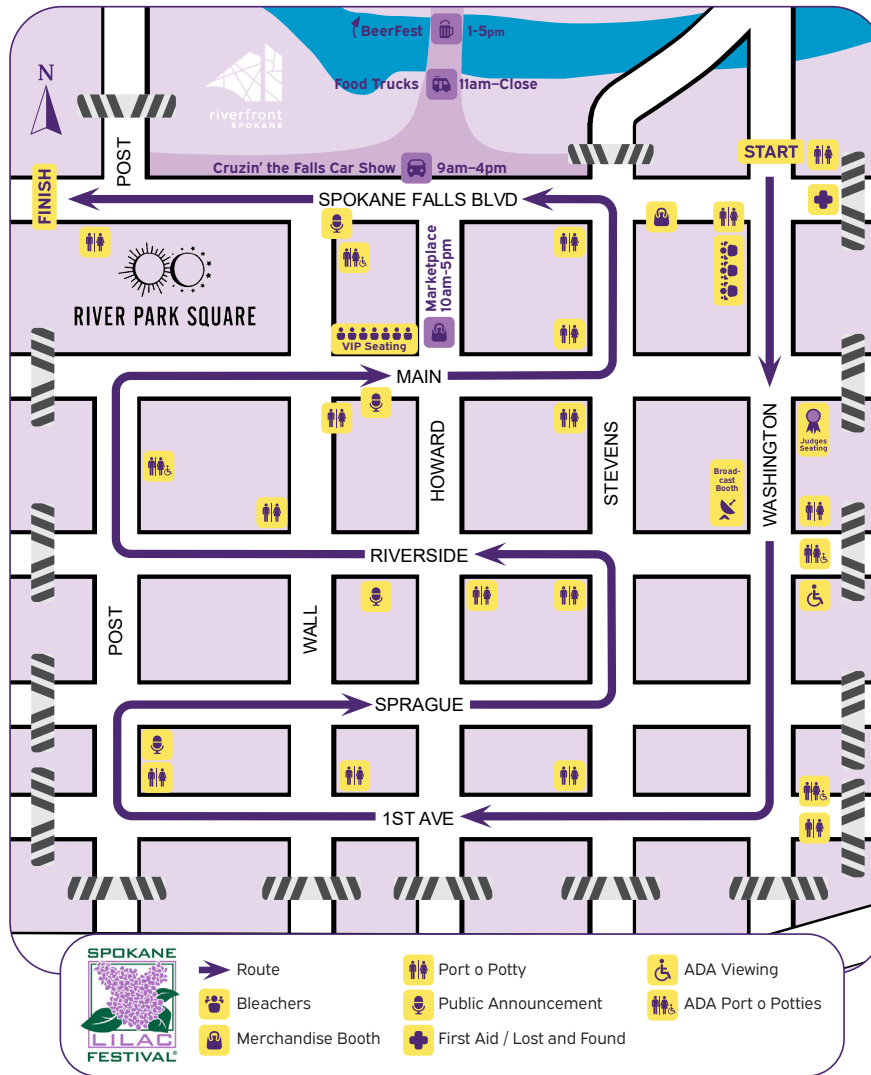
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# 2025 SPOKANE LILAC FESTIVAL ARMED FORCES TORCHLIGHT PARADE

## Armed Forces Torchlight Parade

Third Saturday in May ♣ 7:30pm ♣ Downtown Spokane



1. Law Enforcement Joint Motor Units
2. Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club
3. American Legion Riders Post 9
4. Joint Services Honor Guard
5. Ferris High School
6. Spokane Lilac Festival Association Banner
7. Spokane Lilac Festival President - Jamie Dedmon
8. Nick Fogle - SLFA Pin Designer
9. Spokane Lilac Festival "To Spokane, With Love" Float
10. Spokane Lilac Festival Royalty Van
11. Spokane Lilac Festival Past Presidents Float
12. Spokane Limousine
13. Banner - Grand Marshall
14. Grand Marshall - RDMR Kilian
15. Band Sponsor - MARCON Commercial & Residential Renovations
16. North Central Marching Band
17. Honorary Grand Marshall Banner
18. Honorary Grand Marshall - 92 ARW Commander-Colonel Chad Cisewski
19. 92 ARW Float
20. Spokane Motor Pool
21. Medical Lake High School AFJROTC
22. Medical Lake High School
23. Pearl Harbor Survivors
24. Ellensburg Rodeo Queen
25. Ellensburg Rodeo Posse
26. 141st Air Refueling Wing Washington Air National Guard
27. 2025 Miss Cheney Rodeo
28. Miss Omak Stampede, Kayden Coffey
29. Spokane Veterans Home
30. BECU
31. The American Legion
32. Central Valley High School
33. Inland Northwest Honor Flight
34. Vietnam Veterans
35. The Salvation Army
36. Ephrata High School Jazz Band
37. Navy Reserve Center Spokane
38. Marine Corps League - Spokane
39. Pendleton Round-Up Royalty
40. Happy Canyon Princesses
41. Miss Sunnyside Ambassador Scholarship Program
42. Sunnyside High School Band
43. Honormobile
44. Honor Point Museum
45. Seabee Veterans of America Island 6
46. Miss Spokane Interstate Rodeo
47. Miss Moses Lake Roundup
48. Gem State Stampede
49. 336th Training Group
50. Bing Crosby Advocates (BCA)
51. Capital Lakefair
52. Lind/Ritzville Cooperative Schools
53. Washington Autumn Leaf Festival



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## SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 7:30 P.M. DOWNTOWN SPOKANE

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| 54. City of Spokane Valley Mayor Pam Haley             | 79. Celebrate Davenport  | 107. Spokane Tribe   | 136. Downtown Spokane Partnership                  |
| 55. Spokane Valley Police Dept                         | 80. Davenport High School Band                                 | 108. Shadle Park High School Marching Band, Cheer, and Dance | 137.   |
| 56. 1-161 Infantry                                     | 81. Filipino-American Association of the Inland Empire         | 109. Quadrant Sponsor - SRS Distribution                     | 138. Spokane Corvette Club                         |
| 57. Washington State Fallen Heroes Project             | 82. Rotary   | 110. SRS DISTRIBUTION  | 139. Spokane Entertainment Guild                   |
| 58. Associated Garden Clubs of Spokane                 | 83. University and West Valley Combined Parade Band            | 111. Marysville Strawberry Festival                          | 140. Rogers High School Marching Band              |
| 59. Mercer Island High School Marching Band            | 84. Gates Security   | 112. Southeast Washington Marching Band                      | 141. Sons of Norway-Tordenskjold Lodge             |
| 60. Washington State Apple Blossom Festival            | 85. Redmond High School  | 113. 1953 Korean War Willys jeep                             | 142. Whitefish Winter Carnival                     |
| 61. Marilyn - 1956 Cadillac Series 62 convertible      | 86. Miss Spokane Scholarship Organization                      | 114. Greater Spokane, Inc                                    | 143. Chelan High School Marching Band & Drill Team |
| 62. Gesa Credit Union                                  | 87. Odessa High School   | 115. Freeman Community Float                                 | 144. Martin Luther King Center                     |
| 63. Reardan Marching Band                              | 88. Sports 4 The Blind   | 116. Freeman HS  | 145. Ms Washington Supreme International           |
| 64. The Royal Rosarians                                | 89. ICCU   | 117. Pacific Northwest DeLorean Club                         | 146. Cheney High School Marching Band              |
| 65. Spokane Police Department POY                      | 90. Mt. Spokane Wildcat Marching Band & Color Guard            | 118. Oroville May Festival                                   | 147. Visit Spokane                                 |
| 66. Spokane Police Department                          | 91. Valleyfest   | 119. Kentlake HS Marching Band                               | 148. Evergreen State Towing                        |
| 67. Beyond the Call of Duty                            | 92. Liberty High School  | 120. Spokane County Sheriff John Nowels                      | 149. Mariachi de CWU                               |
| 68. Junior Lilac Sweepstakes Winner                    | 93. Washington Civil War Association                           | 121. Spokane County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program        | 150. Spokane Lilac Festival Float - 2nd Pass       |
| 69. Quadrant Sponsor - Bank of America                 | 94. Spokane Navy League  | 122. Innovation High School                                  | 151. Ritzville Festivals Association               |
| 70. Fort Spokane Battalion Sea Cadets Corps            | 95. Ridgeline High School                                      | 123. Prosser High School Band                                | 152. Colville High School                          |
| 71. Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington & Northern Idaho | 96. Prosser Chamber of Commerce                                | 124. Banner - SLFA Teacher of the Year                       | 153. TWO MEN AND A TRUCK                           |
| 72. Lakeside High School Band and Cheer                | 97. Spokane Lodge No. 34, Free & Accepted Masons of Washington | 125. Spokane Lilac Festival Teachers of the Year             | 154. American On-Site Services                     |
| 73. Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 879           | 98. Moses Lake High School Marching Band                       | 126. El Katif Shriners                                       | 155. American Medical Response                     |
| 74. Air Force Active Duty Recruiters                   | 99. Vietnamese American Friendship Association of Spokane      | 127. El KATif South Spokane Shrine Club                      | 156. Fire Department                               |
| 75. Dennis Mitchell Family Car Club                    | 100. Pomeroy Jr/Sr High School Band                            | 128. Bellingham High School                                  |  |
| 76. Lewis & Clark High School Marching Band            | 101. Rosauers Supermarkets Corp. Office                        | 129. Tekoa Slippery Gulch Float                              |  |
| 77. Civil Air Patrol                                   | 102. Manson Apple Blossom                                      | 130. Eastern Washington University                           |  |
| 78. Queer Veterans of the Inland Northwest             | 103. Mead High School Band                                     | 131. Deer Park Community Float                               |  |
|  | 104. Wellpinit US Army JROTC                                   | 132. Deer Park and Riverside High School Marching Band       |  |
|  | 105. Rogers High School AFJROTC                                | 133. Eljay Oil   |  |
|  | 106. University High School Army JROTC                         | 134. Life Flight Network                                     |  |
|  |  | 135. Kellogg High School                                     |  |

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## 2025 Junior Court

The Spokane Lilac Festival's annual Royal Tea Party at the historic Davenport Hotel is a beloved tradition. Held in the Hall of Doges and Grand Pennington Ballroom, guests of all ages can enjoy tea and snacks, games, crafts, face painting, prizes, and entertainment. This year, local author Mary Louise Carpenter was on hand to do readings of her book 'Ponies in the Park', along with the book's illustrator, Mary Pat Kanaley.



During the event on April 27, a raffle drawing for the Junior Royal Court, ages 4 - 9, takes place. The SLFA welcomed seven new members of the Junior Royal Court, who were greeted by their Queen or Princess Big Sister and received their official sash and tiara. The Junior Court rode on the Royal Wedge with the "To Spokane, With Love" Royal Court during the Jr. Lilac Parade on May 10. Proceeds from the raffle support SLFA special events.



The 2025 Junior Royalty includes: Princess Lucy, Princess Kira, Princess Audrey, Princess Nora, Princess Bria, Princess Adaline, and Princess Ellie.



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## 2024 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



**LORI SCHNEIDER**  
University High School

The Lilac Festival works to empower our youth by supporting the continued education of our Royal Court and celebrates those who helped shape them into the young women they have and will become. The Teacher of the Year program was founded in 2003 by Festival director Russ Brown, a long-time educator, to celebrate the teachers/counselors/coaches going above and beyond to advocate for and support their students. GESA Credit Union, another big supporter of education, is back for a third year as the 2025 presenting sponsor of the program, and we could not be more grateful for their continued support.

Annually, each member of the Royal Court selects an educator who most influenced them throughout their high school experience. Recipients are presented a plaque at their school alongside the Festival's president and executive director, and are invited to attend the Queen's Luncheon during Festival Week on May 16.

But first, don't miss the honorees riding as VIPs in the Armed Forces Torchlight Parade on Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in downtown Spokane.



**BRANDON BUTLER**  
Mead High School



**MAEGAN GOMES**  
Lewis & Clark High School



**LORI MAUPIN**  
Ridgeline High School



**JOE STANTON**  
Central Valley High School



**DANIEL SHAY**  
North Central High School



**LAURA WEST**  
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## 2025 Art Show Winner

Vicki West's work has been described as "gentle and elegant. It's personal, narrative and mostly realistic in representation." Art and medicine have always been her two loves in life. Growing up in Spokane, and nurturing a lifelong desire to paint, she began a serious pursuit with oils and high school then on to watercolor. After many years of study at SFCC, Spokane Art School, multiple master classes with visiting artists she attained "Signature" status with Spokane

Watercolor Society, of which she is also a past president.

After 30 years in medicine, she retired in 2005 to paint full time. She received "Best in Show" from Lian Zhen in 2014. She has been interviewed and published in "Artist Marketing Resources," "Art Chowder Magazine" and belongs to Northwest Watercolor Soc., American Women Artists, and Women in Watercolor. Her award-winning work is represented in private collections across the U.S. and around the world.

Illustration has become a recent avenue for her creative abilities and her self portrait "The Critic" inspired the children's book, "The Mouse Who Wanted to Paint." She is currently at work on her third children's book but a sampling of her illustrations can be found through the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators website . . . [scbwi.org/members/vicki.west](http://scbwi.org/members/vicki.west) OR [www.flootie.com/artists/283-vicki-a-west/](http://www.flootie.com/artists/283-vicki-a-west/)

She can be reached by email at [westwatercolor@gmail.com](mailto:westwatercolor@gmail.com) or by phone at 509 990 4545, or on Facebook. A visit to her home studio/gallery is always welcome by appointment as well! Vicki lives in Spokane with her very supportive husband. Her 3 grown children and eight grandchildren continue to inspire her every day!



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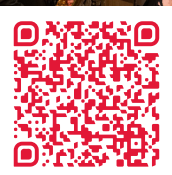
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