



Debra Gag and her new pup Charlene

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Holiday Artist  
Market**

## The Ashford Arts Council would love to give a huge thank you to Debra Gag!

For the past few years the Ashford Arts Council has been in the capable hands of Deb Gag. She's been the driving force behind organizing our Delightful Dinner Dance and the Holiday Artist Market. She's now off pursuing other ventures and we wish her the best!

Our new co-chairs will be Anna Harding and Jim York

## **Did You Know?**

**The Ashford Arts Council promotes community involvement opportunities in the visual, performing and musical arts.**

Written by Deb Gag

On February 10, 2019 the AAC held their first Annual Members Appreciation Night event FREE for the public with refreshments, an overview of who we are and what we do, and a call for membership, complete with an impactful performance by Spoken Poet, Robert Pheanious, who enthralled everyone in the hall.

May 10, 2019 marked the AAC's 3rd annual fundraiser event, a community gathering called A Delightful Dinner Dance. This sold out event brought people together for a night of fun while raising funds to promote all of the arts (visual, performing and literary) as well as bring the arts to the community. 30 talented artists each donated a beautiful piece to our silent art auction and everything was bid on raising money for arts scholarships, local arts programming, paid performances, and local artist support and promotion thus supporting arts and creative culture. The auction also served to showcase local artists. The AAC published a pamphlet to accompany the art auction with a short biography and description of their medium.

Starting spring 2019, the AAC began a program of FREE workshops by Artist Member volunteers to other AAC Members in Watercolor, Zentangle, and Digital Photography. \$5 for non-members.

On June 10, 2019 from 10 - 2:00 a FREE event called A Writing Stroll was offered to the public where participants would move to various locations with their journals and share at the end of the day. This was facilitated by certified educator of literature Marian Matthews.

AAC's 5th annual Holiday Artist Market will take place on Dec. 14, 2019 and is FREE for the community. This event grows every year providing an opportunity for artists to showcase their work and for the community to enjoy live music all day while perusing the vendors and shopping for holiday gifts. The entry fee for the artists' booths are cheap, as this is not a fundraiser. This nominal fee goes towards advertising, postcards and street signs and the artists appreciate this.