

## Up & Down the Isle

Artist Dorothy Powell paints CD cover for son

Late blooming artist Dorothy Powell of Guemes Island first picked up a paintbrush at age 57. Now 85, she has a business, Designs by Dorothy, and a Web site, [www.dorothypowell.com](http://www.dorothypowell.com). She recently completed her first CD cover for "Sunflower Serenity... Watercolor Odyssey" by the Candlelight Guitarist — who happens to be her son Bradley Powell.



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Powell has been a resident of the area since 1995, when she moved near her children Alan and Linda and their families. Charmed by the ferries, shorelines, islands and architecture, she began creating and selling note cards featuring her art and photographs of the region. Her work has been particularly popular with tourists. She is an active member and past-president of Artists Northwest, an organization of professional and amateur artists that will have a show at the Depot Arts Center next month.

"Sunflower Serenity" is the first CD in Bradley Powell's Watercolor Odyssey series, an instrumental musical journey featuring more than 60 minutes of guitar solos and diverse water and nature sounds, many of them recorded in this region.

An EA-18G Growler landed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island for the first time on Monday, April 9. The Growler will replace the fleet's 1970s Vietnam era carrier-based EA-6B Prowler. The Growler was built by Boeing, Northrop Grumman, General Electric Aircraft Engines, Raytheon and nearly 1,800 other suppliers.

The next-generation electronic attack aircraft for the U.S. Navy combines the combat-proven F/A-18 Super Hornet with a state-of-the-art electronic warfare avionics. The Growler is expected to enter operation in 2009.

The Borgen Project, a Seattle-based organization led by Anacortes native Clint Borgen, is leading national efforts to pass a bipartisan bill in the U.S. House of Representatives requiring the White House to develop and implement a strategy for ending severe poverty, according to a press release from Borgen.

Originally co-sponsored by Democrat Adam Smith of Tacoma and Alabama Republican Spencer Bachus, the Global Poverty Act, or H.R. 1302, was introduced to Congress March 7.

"The Borgen Project has already received commitments from several congressional leaders who are going to co-sponsor the bill," Borgen said.

The two congressmen have been joined by 15 other co-sponsors, according to the Web site of the United Nations Association of the United States. The association and 20 other nongovernmental organizations have signed a letter urging other members of Congress to join them.

The bill would require the president "to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to further the U.S. foreign policy objective of promoting the reduction of global poverty, the elimination of extreme global poverty, and the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development goal of reducing by one-half the proportion of people worldwide... who live on less than \$1 per day," according to the association. It would formally declare that it is U.S.

policy to achieve those objectives. The bill has been referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

In February and March Clint Borgen hit the airwaves at six Seattle radio stations to discuss his project and efforts to end world hunger. He urges people make a 15-second phone call to representatives in support of the H.R. 1302. Just dial the Capitol Hill switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask to be transferred to your representative's office.

Skyline resident Val Ross Johnson, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel who flew 100 missions over North Vietnam and 14 over Laos in 1966, wrote a memoir of his experiences called "Night Owl Fighter Pilot."

Released by Universe Press last fall, the book lists at \$21.95 and can be ordered from local book shops or online. "Night Owl Fighter Pilot" is the true story of Johnson's service with the main Air Force fighter squadron flying night missions over North Vietnam from Ubon, Thailand. It includes a description of the base and an explanation of how the fighters operated from the small airfield, as well as his personal feelings about every mission, with the exact dates and mission results from his daily notes.

Tom Layne, a resident of Anacortes and Tulsa, Okla., recently released "The Assassination of Rush Limbaugh," a controversial novel printed by Red Ginger Publishing Co., Inc. of Kirkland.

The story revolves around two families of American immigrants — one French and the other Sicilian — who ultimately are on different sides of a plot to assassinate the conservative talk show host. Readers can check out two chapters at the publisher's Web site or order the book for \$29.95.

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