

## 88 Keys Gallery at GroWashington

August 16<sup>th</sup>, during Everett Art Walk, GroWashington is proud to feature Paws With Cause.

Grounded in love and concern for animals, Paws with Cause brings an opportunity for seniors and others to express themselves through painting local area shelter pets.

They work with amazing rescue groups, city art centers, local retirement/ nursing homes, as well as fabulous local businesses that look beyond a profit margin to build their business through serving their community.

Paws With Cause Artists are many. We are the retirees of this area looking to lead purposeful lives and make a difference to the animals in local shelters. So many of us have lost our identity to work or home life. We need to reach back to our roots and find the joy that fulfills us.

In December of 2015, PawsWithCause founder, Alix Frazier a Seattle Tech Exec, decided to paint a picture of two cats in a local shelter that were part of a Go-Fund-Me campaign. They needed surgery. Alix felt that a donation alone wasn't enough. Despite the fact that her 8th Grade Art Teacher told her she had 'no art talent whatsoever'; painting a picture to be raffled for the animals benefit seemed like a good idea. So with old brushes and paints from the Value Village 0.99¢ bin, she completed her task

Today, six retirement homes, 15 animal shelters and 14 local area businesses support this effort. We as a team of painters (some first time and with Alzheimer, Parkinson's, dementia and motor control issues) make up PawsWithCause. We have been instrumental in gaining donations, foster families, and adoptions for the very worthy animals of Snohomish and King County.

Alix currently spends her free time working with area senior citizens painting pet portraits of shelter animals. Bringing awareness to these two wonderful groups, animals in need and seniors who want to live a purposeful life; she recognizes this as a privilege.

Artwork will be on display from 8/16 through 9/16 and during the August Everett Art Walk from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

To find out more about Paws with a Cause:

Website: [www.amandadesireevelyn.com](http://www.amandadesireevelyn.com)

Video Link: <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AvHZFIQjRqEOa2uWpPQjRU4uvvGE>

News Article: <https://www.heraldnet.com/news/seniors-help-paint-portraits-of-shelter-animals/>

Social media: <https://www.facebook.com/PawswithCause1/>

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