

At 91.9 FM KPTZ Port Townsend, I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz with local news and commentary for Friday, May 19.

In a first for the company, latest custom-painted Alaska Airlines' Boeing 737 will wear artwork from an Indigenous artist. The *Seattle Times* reports that the jet plane, unveiled last week, is graced with a swirling salmon design done in the Northwest Coast formline style. The artist is Crystal Worl, who is Athabascan, Filipino, and Tlingit. According to the *Times*, Worl imagined what her art would look like on an Alaska Airlines plane. Her mother worked for the airline, and while Worl was growing up in Juneau, she would often see Alaska Airlines aircraft flying overhead. In an interview with Bloomberg News, the artist said, "Every time I see an airplane, a boat, a car, a wall, any shape and any form, I can't help but visualize how my designs could wrap around it."

Three years ago, she posted a mock-up of an idea on Instagram, and tagged Alaska Airlines. Her words were: "Are you ready for me @alaskaair?? I'm ready for you." No reply was forthcoming. But Worl gave copies of her design to Alaska Airlines workers whenever she flew. Now you can see her art in the sky, as well as in galleries and museums around the world. A video about Worl appears at news.alaskaair.com (<https://news.alaskaair.com/alaska-airlines/alaska-native-artist-crystal-worl-designs-alaska-airlines-aircraft/>).

This Sunday morning, the road to the Jefferson County Fairgrounds at 49th and Landes Streets will be closed for the Rhody Run. The road closure will start at 8:45am Sunday, so the 10K race can start at 9:00. Then comes the 5K race at 9:15. Both start and end at the fairgrounds, with the awards ceremony at 11:00 Sunday morning. The *Peninsula Daily News* reports that already more than 700 people have signed up to run through Port Townsend on Sunday. The Rhody Run will flow down 49th Street to Redwood to Cherry to Discovery Road and along Hastings to Cook Avenue and then back to the fairgrounds.

A new literary series will start this Sunday at Wilderbee Farm, which is on the Cook Avenue extension on the outskirts of Port Townsend. It's called Poetry on the Salish Sea and the first event features internationally known Tess Gallagher, plus Alice Derry and Kathryn Hunt. Showtime in Wilderbee Farm's meadery garden is 3:00 Sunday afternoon. Poetry on the Salish Sea will present a big variety once a month through October. Here are a few of poets: Washington state poet laureate Arianne True, Indigenous writer Samantha Della-DeVoney, Centrum Writers' Conference artistic curator Gary Copeland Lilley, and the Civic Poet of Seattle, Shin Yu Pai. You can see the whole Poetry on the Salish Sea schedule on Wilderbee's website, [wilderbeefarm.com](https://www.wilderbeefarm.com) (<https://www.wilderbeefarm.com/poetryseries>).

The band Port Town Zen, with Tracy Grisman on acoustic bass, is about to provide the groove for Open Studio night this coming Monday at Northwind Art School. This is a classroom opened up for artmaking in community. Port Town Zen will play jazz and swing especially for artists. Grisman said, "I love making time and space for others and myself to make art – and music, especially live music, adds a dimension that can help bring one into a lyrical space." Port Town Zen also features Busker Scott on guitar, Cam McMinn on saxophone, and Barrett Wilson on conga and cajon.

The live music and the open studio is Monday night from 6:00 till 8:00 at Northwind Art School's Building 306 at Fort Worden. More about this is found at <https://northwindart.org>.

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