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## Burnes Elected President

**Susan Eileen Burnes** is the recently elected president of the **Grants Pass Museum of Art's** Board of Directors. Susan moved to the Rogue Valley in 2001 from Ohio, where she had a long career as a registered nurse in administration at a psychiatric hospital in Cleveland. She switched her focus to making art and served as vice-president of the Textile Art Alliance with the Cleveland Museum of Art.

After moving to Rogue River she opened the Red Line Gallery, a private exhibition space.

Inspired by the rhythms and patterns of the environment, her abstract works have been featured in exhibitions



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and galleries across the country and can be viewed on her website, [www.susaneileenburnes.com](http://www.susaneileenburnes.com).

For the past six years, Susan has been involved with the Museum as Chair of the Exhibition Committee and as a member of the Board of Directors.

"During this time, I have been privileged to serve as vice-president with two past presidents, **Mark Simonds** and **Bill Lowe**," Susan said in the GPMA newsletter for September. "Each individual contributes his or her own vision and perspective to their tenure in this position of responsibility and leadership. The Board of Directors, the Museum and Gallery One staff, volunteers, and committee members give so much of their hearts and time to keeping GPMA vital and growing."

As president, Susan hopes to expand the reputation and recognition of the Museum beyond Grants Pass, "to draw an audience from the broader region of southern Oregon."

"The Exhibition Committee has successfully attracted artists from areas of the country other than the West Coast, providing this community

with exciting exhibitions of national and international significance that most of us would not otherwise be able to view in person," she said. "The financial requirements for these quality exhibitions are demanding, and I would love to see GPMA funding in a position to continue this direction."