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The Open Door Gallery + Coffee opening May 1 at Historic Bayview Cash Store

LANGLEY, Whidbey Island, WA (February 4) – Whidbey Island residents and visitors can look forward to a comfortable and creative atmosphere in which to relax and enjoy original fine art *and* high quality espresso drinks – The Open Door Gallery + Coffee.

The Gallery will be joining two other new tenants at the Bayview Cash Store: the Basil Café – A Pan Asian Restaurant and Noodle Soup House – opening the third week in February and La Salon Bella, a hair salon opening on March 11.

The gallery will sell a diverse range of original art works by established Whidbey Island artists. The gallery's largest pieces will include furniture, masks, paintings, and sculptures. The majority of the gallery will be devoted to smaller, more affordable pieces, such as ceramics, glass, jewelry, turned wood, handmade books and cards.

The Open Door will offer quality coffee, teas, cocoa, and a menu of espresso drinks, including Caffe Americano, Caffe Latte, Cappuccino, Caffe Mocha, Espresso Macchiato, and the Espresso "Red Eye." Pastries will be available for breakfast and mid-afternoon snacking.

Open Door Gallery + Coffee will open May 1, and will be located next door to the Fishmonger. The gallery will be stocked with plenty of original gifts for Mother's Day (May 11). An opening reception will take place on Saturday, May 17, 5 – 8 pm.

Owner and entrepreneur Louise Long wants Open Door to be an upscale, quality-driven establishment. Yet, she also envisions "a bohemian, fun-loving place where you can enjoy the latest local art while chilling out with art-loving friends over a latte. We're looking forward to getting to know our customers on a first-name basis and being active members of the Bayview Corner community."

Local artists Susanne Newbold and Sandra Whiting, Open Door's managers, share Louise's enthusiasm. According to Sandra, "As professional artists, Susanne and I have been successful showing our work here in the Cash Store. Whidbey is an art lover's Mecca, home to over 100 regionally and nationally recognized artists, most of whom have shown here at one time or another." Susanne adds, "The growing art scene here at Bayview, together with the established galleries in Langley, will soon launch South Whidbey as major arts destination in western Washington."

In addition to promoting professional artists through the Open Door gallery, this art troika will oversee a space for additional artists and students to exhibit and sell their artwork. *The Hub*, with wall space on the first and second floors of the Cash Store, was formerly curated by Bayview Arts. According to Louise, "we want this to be THE place

to first see the work of the next wave of successful artists – whether they’re 18 or 80 years old.”

“When the Cash Store was renovated in 2004, one of Goosefoot’s goals was to offer spaces and opportunities to promote and encourage local artists,” says Chris Hurley, CEO of Goosefoot, the non-profit owner of the Cash Store. “We’re thrilled to have the Open Door gallery coming to Bayview. Their devotion to championing local established and emerging artists will result in a richer, more creative community for everyone living on Whidbey and those lucky enough to visit us!”

Please visit the Goosefoot website at [www.goosefoot.org](http://www.goosefoot.org) or call (360) 321-4535 as the date nears for hours of operation.

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**The Cash Store**, a retail and fine arts center, at historic Bayview Corner, located at 5603 Bayview Road, is just 7 miles from the Clinton Ferry dock on Whidbey Island. Take Highway 525 to Bayview Road. Make a right onto Bayview Road and the Cash Store is located at the next intersection of Marshview Avenue and Bayview Road.

**Historic Bayview Corner** is a popular Whidbey Island destination featuring retail shops, art exhibitions by local and regional artists, and beautifully landscaped grounds. Partially owned and operated by **Goosefoot**, a non-profit organization, it is also a model of sustainable development, showcasing green design elements throughout the buildings and property owned by the organization.

**Goosefoot’s mission** is to bring neighbors together to build a sense of place and community, preserve rural traditions, enhance local commerce and help create a healthy, sustainable future for South Whidbey Island.