

November 20, 2024

Jerome Town Council

and Chamber of Commerce

I am Judy Jaaskelainen, a 20 year member/co-owner of Jerome Artists Cooperative Gallery.

There are about 25 artists/co-owners/members in our gallery now. We are open 10 – 6 daily. We generally have 3 shifts each day that our members work. We are not paid to work our shifts.

10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

12 noon to 4 P.M.

2 P.M. To 6 P.M.

Those who work the 10 -2 shifts usually have no problem locating free parking. Those of us who work the 12-4 or 2-6 shifts often have to pay for parking.

1. We don't always get to work the same shifts each week so parking is an intermittent problem for all members.
2. Every artist does not sell something every day so paying for parking puts us in the "red" for that day. (Paying to work for free.)
3. I suggest the town, in all fairness, issue 2 parking passes to our co-op that can be picked up at our gallery by the artist coming in to work their shift and returned to the gallery at the end of their shift.
4. Alternatively, the town could issue parking passes to all members/co-owners so we do not have to pay to work at our business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Jaaskelainen

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Jaaskelainen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.