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# West Linn Public Library to Host Soothsaying in October

*West Linn, OR, contemporary painter Diana Crites presents a conceptual exploration of fate versus self-determination in original oil paintings and illustration at the West Linn Public Library.*

Oregon, Sep 17, 2012 -- The West Linn Public Library will host an exhibit featuring new work from West Linn contemporary artist, Diana Crites, during the month of September. "Soothsaying" -- a collection of oil paintings and ink drawings -- explores the role of fate versus self-determination and the journey to rebuild. The exhibit will run October 2-29 in the library's Community Room, which is open to the public (when not in use) and always open on Sundays, noon – 5:00pm.

In this series, artist Diana Crites conveys the feeling of getting lost inside oneself and the struggle to find new footing. With a dreamlike, surrealistic style and a muted palette, this work utilizes rich symbolism to stand in for human conflict, featuring a doll, a bumblebee, and a fortune telling fish. "As a young girl, I was fascinated by fortune telling fish," says Diana, "and felt they had a message just for me." Soothsaying explores an internal journey set in motion by the predictions of one red, plastic fish, and blurs the boundaries between narrative and abstract vision.

Exhibiting artist Diana Crites is drawn to many of life's darker inevitabilities. The themes of self-destruction, metamorphosis, and challenge figure largely throughout her work. Some of her greatest influences have been artists David Lynch, Alejandro Jodorowsky, and Al Columbia, illustrators Edward Gorey and Maurice Sendak, and ingesting long nights of Night Gallery and Creature Features at a tender age. Diana is a member of Pearl district's Gallery 114 and a board member of the West Linn Arts Festival. Her website can be found at [www.woebegoneart.com](http://www.woebegoneart.com).

About West Linn Public Library

The West Linn Public Library is located at 1595 Burns Street. Admission to the art gallery is free and open to the public. For more information call 503-656-7853.

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