

## Museum of Northwest Art

## **Judy Massong**

Judy Massong grew up in Yakima, Washington with her younger sister and a multitude of pets. Upon graduation from high school, Judy left for the big city, Seattle, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Washington. She then went on to receive her Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco. Judy taught nursing for a number of years at the University of San Francisco while attending law school at night.

Upon graduation from law school and passing the Washington State Bar Exam, Judy accepted a position as Director of Government Relations for the Washington State Nurses' Association where Judy used her advocacy skills to advance legislation of importance to the 44,000 nurses in the State of Washington. After lobbying, Judy went on to practice trial law in Seattle for approximately 39 years. Recently retired from the practice of law, Judy has assisted a number of nonprofit organizations with their fundraising efforts.

Although Judy is not an artist, she believes exposure to art and artists enriches our lives, even challenges us to see our world from a different perspective. Judy is committed to supporting MoNA's Mission Statement to collect, preserve, interpret and exhibit art created in the Pacific Northwest; and support artists who integrate art into the lives of all people.