

# BILL & GINNY

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You asked us to send you a brief paragraph describing why we selected the painting about Manzanita Beach for our dog, "GINNY".

As we mentioned to you on the day we met at the Portland Art Museum, we selected the painting because of "GINNY'S" love of the beach and because we have spent time at Manzanita as a family. At the beach, "GINNY" absolutely loves being allowed to run free without the constraints of a leash. She loves playing tag with the tide, exploring the hidden smells and treasures of the sand, socializing with other canines she encounters, and greeting other visitors with a smile and wagging tail. →

There isn't a place where "GINNY" feels more free to run and explore. She is a very curious dog, and when she's at the beach, she's able to let her curiosity take her in all kinds of fun and interesting directions. At the beach, both her body and her spirit are nourished... it's the same for us, too!

Regards,  
Becky Shoemaker & Bill Stack

## Neahkanie Mountain from Manzanita Beach

**Owners: Bill Stack and Rebecca Shoemaker**

**Dog: Ginny**

**Artwork: Neahkanie Mountain from Manzanita Beach**



The location where owner Bill Stack met artist Dillon de Give

### Occupation?

Writer

### How did you come to own Ginny?

We got Ginny through a breeder here in Portland who had a connection with another breeder in Alberta Canada. Ginny was originally what they call a "show dog". She was not fit to breed because of the fact that she was considered undersized for Cairn Terriers. Most Cairn Terriers today are in the 25-30 lb. category. Ginny is about 13 lbs. So, by the judge's estimation she was not considered to be a show dog. She had a couple of other little deficiencies in their mind, such as a crooked tail and some missing teeth. The Canadian breeder made the decision that she wanted to sell Ginny to a family, and not for breeding purposes. They wanted to breed out the smaller size. So we happened to be looking for a Cairn Terrier specifically. Through the local breeder we were able to make contact with the Canadian breeder, and then she became our family dog.

### Can you describe your usual walking route?

We walk all over the city. Primarily we walk in the local neighborhood, once, sometimes twice a day. We go all over. we don't like to stick to one route. We go on a variety of different routes.

### What is your relationship with art?

We're members of the Portland Museum, and we're big supporters of the Portland Art Museum. We feel that they have an important place in the cultural landscape of the area. We enjoy going to the museum for specific shows that are of interest to us, so we try to go on a fairly regular basis.

### What is your relationship with Portland?

My wife was born and bred in Portland. She was raised here. I'm not from Portland originally, but I have lived here a long time and we consider it home. Our families are here.

### Artwork details

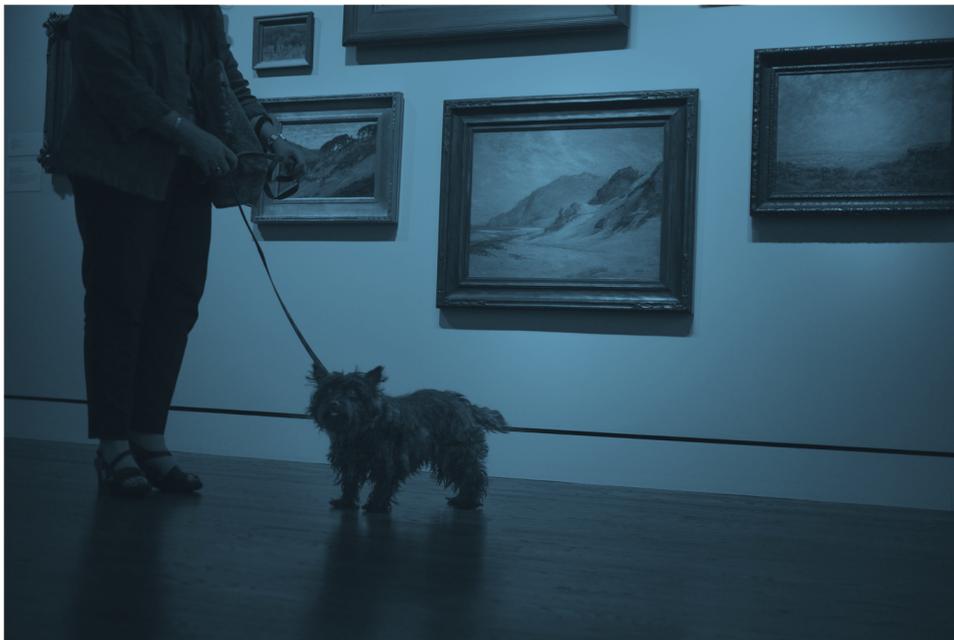
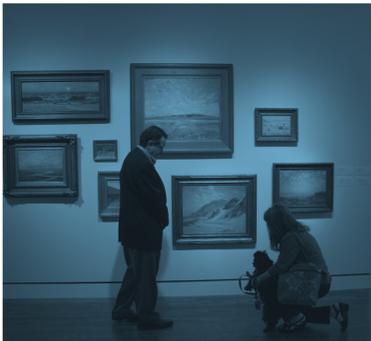
*Neahkanie Mountain from Manzanita Beach. Alfred Herman Schroff. 1919. Oil on canvas. 3rd floor, Main building.*

### Museum route:

Stairs  Elevator



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