

May 2018 Cover Page Article for Meet Me In Magnolia magazine.

May 13th is Mother's Day, a day when we commemorate the women who gave us life and nurtured us through all the travails of childhood. The women featured in this month's issue of Meet Me in Magnolia do more than raise our children; they are a vibrant part of our community who own and run businesses, providing products and services that add to the quality of life in Magnolia.

The cover this month shows a few of the many women we are calling Moms & Makers. Our cover picture depicts only a few of these women but represents the thousands of women in Magnolia and millions more across the country who put in long days wearing two hats, the role of wife and mother and another one of an entrepreneur.

The women are artists and photographers like Nancy Dunbar, Corrie Ebel, and Terry Richardson. Julie Devine, Anna Mikhels, and Dani McDonough are gallery members.

Others, like Lauren Bonjrada, run Queen Margherita Pizza, while Courean Napolitano spends her days at Vixen Day Spa & Boutique.

You can find Georgianna Blomberg in the Magnolia Bookstore and Margaret Flaherty at the Magnolia Garden store.

Joanie Vivas has two businesses to run, Fremont Brew Cruise and Prova Motorsports (if your vintage Porsche needs work).

Julie Jacobson, Beth Goodwin, & Greta Dutton have a multi-faceted gallery, studio, with rentable space and art classes at Westerly Studio.

Tamara owns Splash and Detail, a yacht detailing service located at both Elliot Bay and Shilshole marinas, Jennifer Young, a longtime Magnolia resident, is the proprietor of the popular Serendipity Cafe & Lounge in the Village.

Together, these women and many more are redefining the role of women in Magnolia and across the nation. They care for family members, look after pets, and run a household and their business. They represent the new generation of working mothers who make our community a more dynamic and beautiful place to live.

The challenges for these Moms & Makers are many and the rewards can be modest, but like generations of women before them, they are proving once again that the label 'weakest sex' has no basis in fact.

Women are balancing working outside the home and raising a family. The word balancing seems to soften or diminish what they do every day to fulfill their roles in the community. On this special day for them, and for every day before and after Mother's Day, let's remember to thank them and support them in all they do.