



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting - August 8, 2024 - 6:30pm

August Meeting: Margaret Owens OverAll Walls Murals

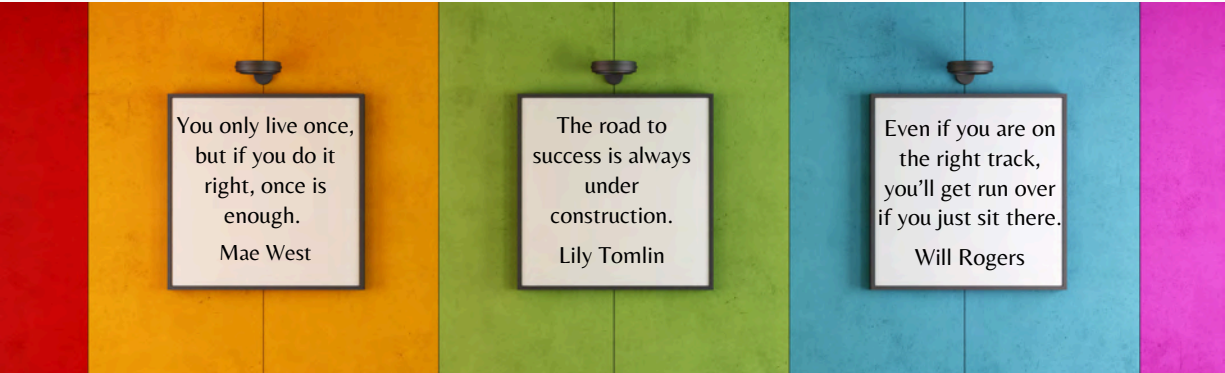


Interested in the upcoming murals? Curious about the process of how they get done, and where the artists come from? At the August 8th General Meeting, Margaret will talk about all those details. You'll see photos of murals done by artists from all over the world, many of whom will grace the walls of our fair city over the next few years. There will also be photos from artists that will be here in late September, like My Dog Sighs, shown at left, and ORLUarts, below right. **We look forward to seeing you!**



Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
August 8, 2024 - 6:30pm

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2024 WAVE En Blanc & Art Festival

What a lovely weekend event we had! We wish to thank all who helped make it great.

A Huge Thank You to our wonderful **Event Committee Members**
for putting on an incredible evening & weekend!

Gaye Sawicki, our amazing Event Chair, did a fantastic job of wrangling everything, and ensuring the event was a wonderful space. For anyone who has ever been in charge of an event, you know you don't really get to enjoy it yourself, so if you had fun, be sure to thank her.

Kim Morris did an exquisite job of decorating the En Blanc evening! We lost count of how often we were asked who made all the beautiful and creative decorations. Kudos!

Christy Schroeder-Lloyd for lending her considerable writing talents to the event.

Dave Sawicki & Steven Magallon for all their fantastic logistical work to make sure everything was where/when it was needed, and managing all that setup and tear down!

Diane Butts & Marjie Miller for all their time & effort to make the wine pull successful - which it was!

Kay Dee Powell for managing the juried artists, and making sure they were well cared for.

Ken Owens for being the unsung & unpaid hero who tirelessly manages all the behind the scenes ticketing, website presence, email & newsletter communications, and keeps the payment systems up and running - while also troubleshooting any website/form tech issues our members have. If you wish to thank him, info@blaineartscouncil.org is the path. :)

Marilyn Muehlbach for graciously greeting at the evening welcome table, festival beer garden, and anything else that came her way.

Rachel & Jesse Hughs for taking on the Silent Auction, gathering the items, and the evening setup. A big thank you to **Jesse & Steven** for staying to clean up after Friday evening's frivolity!

Sara Weaver for all her marketing skills and managing the ad sales for the Artist Brochure.

Our amazing volunteers who supported the entire event!

Bill Rackley · Blaine HS Athletics · Deb Freeman · Denise Thompson · Diane & Paul Berg
Diane Butts · Elizabeth Phillips · Janet Thomas · Jo Edwardsen · Judia Gallinger
Kim Morris · Laura & Marc Parce · Leisa & Scott Smith · Ruby Starr · Steven Magallon
Vaune Ainsworth

Our fabulous vendors and entertainment!

Alchemy Creamery · Beach Cat Brewing · Bellingham Cider · DJ Michael
L & L Bakery · Life Tastes Good Pizza · Lil John · Lumpia Love
Michael Dayvid · Pioneer Security · Stella Sopra · Van Vino Vineyards · WTF

Last, but certainly not least, our wonderful sponsors and donors!

Bellingham Bay Glassworks · Bonnie Ventura · Bryan & Daphne Johnson · Dan Kuwitzki
Deb Freeman · Diane Butts · Elizabeth Phillips · Express Help Landscaping · Hill's Chevron
Honda of Bellingham · Kathy Stauffer · Katie & Skip Jansen · Kay Dee Powell · Kerra Irwin
King 5 Media · Lisa Sprague · Lyn Gray Rackley · Matt Berry · OverAll Walls
Peace Arch City Cafe · Peas in a Pod Detailing · Peoples Bank · The Vault · Vaune Ainsworth

We have had such incredible feedback from both members and the community who attended the events. From all the dancing on Friday night, there was much merriment had!

Thank you to all our guests! Without you, we wouldn't have had such a successful event!
We hope you enjoyed your time with us, and we hope to see you again at the
Blaine Art Gallery and each month at the 1st Friday Downtown Art Walk !

2024 WAVE En Blanc & Art Festival in photos



SOCIAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES!

We would love to feature you on the BAC Instagram page! Please send any jpegs and info to bdavispyles@gmail.com. Barb would love the opportunity to showcase all of our awesome members! Ruth Lauman is doing a great job with our Facebook page, and you can email info to her at ralauman@yahoo.com. Thank you to both for keeping us social!

Blaine Art Gallery

Gallery Hours: Thurs/Fri 11am-4pm, Sat 11am - 5pm, & Sun Noon - 5pm

ARTISTS SHOWING AT THE BLAINE ART GALLERY IN AUGUST!

Deb Freeman (watercolor & acrylic)
Kay Dee Powell (paint on silk)
Marjie Miller (encaustic)
Ruby Starr (glasswork & painting)
Scott Smith (woodwork with epoxy)
Vaune Ainsworth (mixed media painting)

THE GALLERY GIFT SHOP IS OPEN!!!

Here is who you will find there now!

Bonnie Ventura (pottery dinosaurs)
Christy Lloyd-Schroeder (cards & shells)
Dana Hayden (wood-turned ornaments)
Faith Worthley (fabric wine bags & wristlets)
Georgia Donovan (cards & prints)
Jennifer Korn (prisms)
Kay Dee Powell (painted scarves)
Lyn Rackley (small paintings)

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GALLERY

If you would like to participate in the Gallery, there are currently a couple of ways to do that.

You may show on the walls for exposure, and obviously to sell your art, or, have smaller format art in the Gallery Gift Shop, such as prints and/or less expensive items.

If you are interested, please follow the link below and fill out the form. This will give us the opportunity to get you scheduled for your Gallery and/or Gift Shop debut. For any questions, contact gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org.

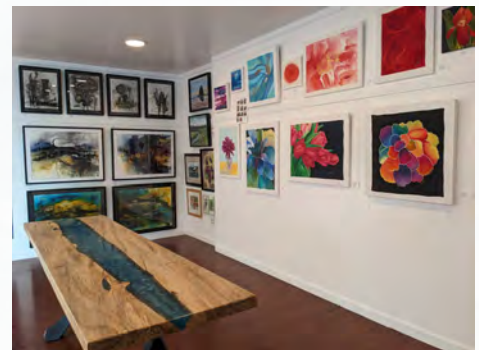
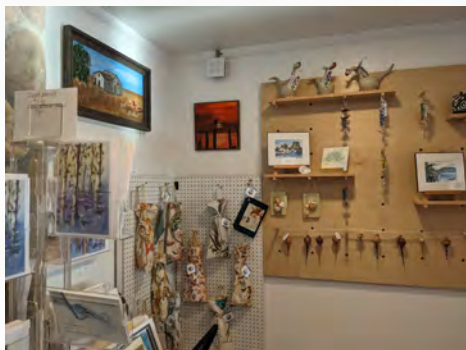
[Gallery Participation Form](#)

Inaugural 1st Friday Downtown Art Walk!

On 8/2, we had our first, 1st Friday event, with a wonderful turnout. Thank you to all who came to support! We hope you made it down to our Downtown Art Walk partners to see the artists on display there: Drayton Harbor Oyster Company (Kim Morris), Peace Arch City Cafe (Annie Pflueger), and L & L Bakery (Gary Theriault). Starting in September, Blaine Bouquets and Aloha Cafe will be joining, and even more community businesses joining in the future.

We are excited to be partnering with our local business community each month, and Blaine is buzzing with all the activity!

If you missed this month, get it on your calendar for September 6th, 5:30pm - 9pm, and we'll see you there!



BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

ANNIE PFLUEGER

Annie is showing for the month of August in the Peace Arch City Cafe, with photos and prints available for purchase. She will be showing at the Great Blue Heron at Semiahmoo during the month of September, with an artist wine reception on 9/4/24.

BARBARA DAVIS-PYLES

On the first Tuesday of every month, BAC member Barbara hosts "Write Here Right Now" at the Blaine library from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If you're ready to work on that book you've always wanted to write, this is the time and place!

BONNIE VENTURA

Bonnie is teaching Intro Pottery classes for BBB Parks & Rec this summer - bbbprd2.com
August 1, 8, & 15: Clay Planters (basic coil hand building)

DANA HAYDEN

Dana will be showing on August 17th in Bellingham at the Noisy Water Mural Festival.

DIANE BERG

Diane teaches painting classes every week at the Senior Center: Watercolor classes each Tuesday from Noon to 1pm, and Acrylic classes 12:30 to 1:30pm each Wednesday.

DIANE & PAUL BERG

Diane and Paul teach Zentangles every week at the Senior Center from 10am to 11am each Tuesday.

DOUG PARENT

Doug was juried into the Summer Show at the Jansen, which runs until September 28th.

GARY THERIAULT

Gary's paintings are on display, and available for purchase at L & L Bakery through July.

KIM MORRIS

Kim's amazing En Blanc decorations are showing at both the Drayton Harbor Oyster Company and the Blaine Art Gallery Gift Shop.

L & L BAKERY

Our fabulous, local bakery - and Arts Council member - has added breakfast sandwiches to their menu. Go grab a bite and enjoy Gary's art on the walls!

ARTISTS - we want to know all newsworthy items about you.

Shows, awards, where your art will be, etc - let us know!

Do you have any items you would like to sell or trade? Let us know for the Member to Member section.

Submit information by the 25th of each month to:

communications@blaineartscouncil.org.

2025 Meeting Presenters

Are you new, or just didn't get to present in 2024? Have a project - old or new - that you'd like to share? We would love to have you be one of our 2025 presenters!

The available months are: February, April, May, July, August, October, & November.

We will still have Artist Networking (i.e. Adult Show & Tell) in March, June, & September, which is always fun.

We want the Arts Council to benefit you in as many ways as possible, so please let us know how we can best support you. Margaret Owens - president@blaineartscouncil.org.



2024 MEETING PRESENTERS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

Here are the **General Meeting Presenter** dates: Thank you to all of our members who have graciously shared their talents with us this year. See above for 2025 opportunities!

Oct 10th - Helen Worley

Nov 14th - Bonnie Ventura

Artist Networking at the General Meetings will be held next on Sept 12th. It's Adult Show & Tell, and super fun!

The **BAC Holiday Party** will be Dec 12th!

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be Jan 9th, reviewing 2024, and our focus for 2025.

A Petite Word From The President

We have been the busiest of bees the last few months, and we have much to show for it! Since June 5th, we refurbished a former pot shop and turned it into a really wonderful gallery, hosted a successful fundraiser and art festival, and had our first, 1st Friday Downtown Art Walk. I don't know about you, but I could use a nap!

While a little exhausting at times, there has been so much good that has come from all these happenings. The exposure for our Arts Council has grown exponentially in our community, and with it, enhanced goodwill and joy. I am truly grateful for all those who have expressed their overwhelming support of our direction and vision for the arts in Blaine. We are blessed in so many ways, and I am thrilled to be on this wild ride with you!

As always, thank you all for your partnership!
Margaret Owens

WE WISH TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS TO THE BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL.

Ani Ashford
Ganga Engledow
Justin Ketah
Pamela Duska

Carole Falleen
Jean Ferrier
Lisa Aikenhead
Ron Sterling

Deborah Dole
Jennifer Korn
Martha Menard
Thomas Ledcke

Denise Thompson
Jennifer Worthley
Neal Engledow
Waltraud Greenough