



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting - September 12, 2024 - 6:30pm

September Meeting: Artist Networking - aka Adult Show & Tell

It's that time again - yeah! We love to see all the fabulous things you have been working on, projects you have enjoyed, and things of which you are proud. We'll be excited to see whatever it is! Each artist will have 5-10 minutes to share and answer questions, depending on the number of artists participating. After all presentations are complete, there'll be an opportunity to mingle, get a closer look at the art, and talk with other members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Fantastic Blaine Art Gallery News!

It both seems longer and not long at all that our gallery has been open. It is incredible what we have accomplished in a very short period of time. I am so proud of us and happy to report how well we have done in our first 2 months.

We have had consistent sales every week that we have been open, which is a very big deal for such a small, new gallery. Obviously some weeks have had bigger sales than others, but it is the consistency of visits and purchases that is impressive. Sales increased by 104% from July to August, which speaks volumes about our increased exposure. We are excited for the holiday season to come, and the additional visibility for our members. Congratulations to all!

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
September 12, 2024 - 6:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery

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

ARTISTS SHOWING AT THE BLAINE ART GALLERY IN SEPTEMBER!

Deb Dole (acrylic)
Doug Parent (acrylic)
Gary Theriault (acrylic)
Georgia Donovan (acrylic & mixed media)
Herb Rigberg (photography)
Jennifer Korn (kiln-fired glass)
Linda Galle (wool, felt, & vintage jewel hats)

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)
Deb Dole (journals, prints, & cards)
Deb Freeman (small paintings)
Faith Worthley (fabric wine bags)
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](#)

1st Friday Downtown Art Walk!

Join us Friday the 6th - 5:30pm to 8pm - for the 1st Friday Downtown Art Walk.

Drayton Harbor Oyster Company will be grilling oysters in the Gallery parking lot to celebrate the ARTS in Blaine with us. Very exciting!

The local businesses participating with us this month are:

Aloha Cafe
Blaine Bouquet
Blind Bird Art Studio (264 H St, Ste. B)
Drayton Harbor Oyster Company
Jack Niemann's Black Forest Steakhouse
L & L Bakery
Living Pantry (Live sidewalk music by local cellist, Sarah Roehner)
Peace Arch City Cafe
The Vault

We are excited to partner with our local business community each month!
Come join us and enjoy all that our lovely downtown has to offer. See you there!

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

ANNIE PFLUEGER

Annie's photography is at the Great Blue Heron at Semiahmoo for the month of September.

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!

BRIDGED ATKINS

Bridged's works are on display at the Living Pantry for the month of September.

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.

GEORGIA DONOVAN

Georgia's Cannery Girl series is being featured at the Alaska Packers Assoc Museum on the Semiahmoo Spit. This charming museum celebrates and documents the bustling cannery that existed in the first half of the 20th century. [Museum Information](#)

GORDON NEALY

Gordon is showing in the large room at The Vault Wine Restaurant from September through December.

KAY DEE POWELL

Kay Dee's art is on display at the Aloha Cafe for the month of September.

KIM MORRIS

Kim's amazing En Blanc decorations are on display 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 Ron's art on the walls!

MOTOKO LEWIS

Motoko has been working with Bellingham writer, Kerry Claire, for Kerry's illustrated children's book, *The Adventures of Wonky Willy*. The book is available through Amazon ([Amazon link](#)), with a book reading to be held at Village Books - date TBD.

RON STERLING

Ron's photography is on display at L & L Bakery for the month of September.

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ARTS COUNCIL SOCIAL MEDIA NEED

For the last several months, Barb Davis-Pyles graciously took on the Instagram account, working to keep the good work of BAC out there, while Ruth Lauman has been keeping our Facebook page going. We appreciate everything that both have been doing to showcase our artists, mission, and events!

With the Gallery open, Barb feels it would be much better to have someone local to Blaine to keep up with all the regular happenings, and is going to step down as our IG person. Ruth will be picking up those IG postings temporarily, until we have another artist willing to take on the necessary task.

If you are, or someone you know, enjoys creating posts and would like to be the voice of BAC and the Gallery on IG, please contact us at: communications@blaineartscouncil.org.

Thank you in advance for being awesome!

SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 12TH HARBOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

For this year's Harbor Harvest Festival, we will be holding court in our own backyard! We are planning a kid's craft tent in the gallery parking lot, where they can paint their own oyster shell holiday ornaments. There will be music and merriment for all, and the parents can enjoy fabulous gallery shopping! More details to come, so stay tuned!

BAC Member to Member



Kay Dee Powell has 4 clamp lights and an easel that are free to a good home, or if you are so inclined, a donation may be made to the Blaine Arts Council. Please contact Kay Dee directly at kaydeepowell@yahoo.com.

BAC ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PRODUCTS LISTED, AND DOES NOT ENDORSE OR RECOMMEND ANY THIRD-PARTY WEBSITES, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES.

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 Mar 13th, 2025. 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

Happy September!

July brought us a Gallery and successful fundraiser. August brought double the sales in the Gallery compared to July. Our organization increased in size by 25% between July and August, due to both the success of the Artist Brochure and the Gallery opening. I've said it before and I'll say it again, I could not be more proud to be part of our organization and its amazing group of artists and art supporters.

Next week the first mural from OverAll Walls will get underway, painted by Emily Ding on the G Street Plaza wall - see design concept below. Additional murals happening later in the month by My Dog Sighs, TomBob, and our own Justin Keetah, who will be painting a fabulous tribal mural facing City Hall. Amazing art is in the works, and every day we forward our mission to create Blaine as an art destination, known for the quality of our artists and art.

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



New Members!

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

Kelly Hoekema

Kim Faussett

Michelle Kamrath

Nancy Scoular

Pamela Duska

Robin Klein