



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting - October 10, 2024 - 6:30pm



October Meeting Presenter: Helen Worley

Helen Worley has been captivated by light from an early age, and her photographic images often reflect its transformative power. “Like a plein air painter, I work to create images from what I see around me, wherever that may be in the world.”

A traveler who lives in Blaine, WA, Helen has exhibited art from the many places she has visited in many shows in Blaine as well as at the Jansen Gallery in Lynden, WA. In addition to wall art, she produced fine wood coasters and tablets of paper placemats using her images.

Helen’s art is featured on Fine Art America and her website: <http://helen-worley.pixels.com>. Her constant challenge is keeping it up to date! The same holds true for Helen Worley Art on FaceBook.



Helen is also a self-published author whose book Hope Lives in the Garden – a tale of whimsy and healing was illustrated by local artist and friend Georgia Donovan. It is a mini-memoir about the gifts discovered in the journey towards healing from cancer, and is available on Amazon. Helen’s impetus is to produce art that soothes, piques interest, promotes curiosity, inspires, invites contemplation, and brings beauty to wherever it is displayed.

Helen can be reached at haworley@comcast.net or through the website noted above.

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
October 10, 2024 - 6:30pm

Graciously
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Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

1st Friday Downtown Art Walk Another successful event!

First Friday kicked off October with works from several of our wonderful BAC artists! Come see what's new and look at the awesome murals on the front & back of the gallery. The reflection in the eye is Leslie's (our landlord) grandson, Nathan, a Blaine HS grad and member of the Seattle Repertory Theater.

L&L Bakery catered a tasty spread of savory scones, cookies, and brownie bites that were enjoyed by all!

The Sculpture Garden outside of the gallery makes its debut this month! Come see the driftwood panels created by Kim Morris, sculptures by Joseph Kinnebrew and Bayside Treasures, and bench by Scott Smith. Keep checking as more will be coming soon.

We are grateful for our partnerships with Blaine's local business community, and look forward to growing our impact each month. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate the arts in Blaine!

Aloha Cafe
Blaine Bouquet
Blind Bird Art Studio
Drayton Harbor Oyster Company
L & L Bakery
Living Pantry
Niemann's Black Forest Steakhouse
Peace Arch City Cafe
The Vault Wine Bar

Be sure to join us each month and enjoy all that our lovely downtown has to offer.

Come see the Gallery's new murals, amazing outdoor sculptures, driftwood creations, and beautiful new bench!



Joseph Kinnebrew & Bayside Treasures on display in the new sculpture garden



BAC member, Justin Ketah's (Kaa Shaayi), tribal mural on the back of the gallery.



Joseph Kinnebrew's sculpture & My Dog Sighs mural on the front of the gallery

Gallery Hours

Thurs/Fri 11am-4pm Sat 11am-5pm
Sun Noon-5pm

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

Harbor Harvest Festival

Free Activity for Kids!

Saturday, October 12, 10am - 2pm
at the Blaine Art Gallery
922 Peace Portal Drive

Come make an oyster shell ornament at the Blaine Art Gallery! 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! Come join the fun!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GALLERY

Show your artwork in the Gallery for exposure, and sell your art.

Join the Gallery Gift Shop and sell your smaller format art, such as prints and/or less expensive items.

If 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](#)

Call to Artists for December's Gift Shop in the Gallery!

The gallery committee is proposing the brilliant idea of turning the entire gallery into a gift shop for the month of December. Let's make our Blaine Art Gallery THE destination for everyone's gift-giving this year!

Here's how it works:

The walls will be divided into thirds (the size of the recessed walls on the back wall), and we invite you to submit art no larger than 15" square to show in the divided sections.

Options for showing will be: a Christmas tree in the window for ornaments, cards in the window and racks, print stands, the three wood shelves connecting the gallery and gift shop, and four, 4' pedestals for display purposes.

Please be sure you have enough inventory to show as your work sells during the month. The idea is to offer art that is small enough for people to give as gifts as well as showcasing our artists' many talents. We're looking to have 14 to 18 artists participate which means your work commitment in the gallery will only be 1 to 2 days over the course of the entire month.

The fee will be \$145.00 for the month, with no commission. The show will be well promoted and advertised.

If you're interested please, submit at least 2 photos as attachments along with your preferred display area(s), (walls, shelves, etc), to gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

We hope you'll join us in this exciting opportunity to offer many more of our artists' beautiful works to the Blaine community and beyond.

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities



Get Signed Up Today!

Sea to See

ART SHOW & SALE

Saturday, November 2

11am - 4pm

674 Peace Portal Drive

(Christ the King Church)

CALL TO ARTISTS

Member \$75/Non-Members \$100

All spaces approx 10 x 10

Music by Michael Dayvid

Onsite security provided

If you are interested in participating,
please contact

Liesa Smith

liesabsmith@gmail.com

"Creativity
takes
courage."

Henri Matisse

"Every artist
was first
an amateur."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Color is my
day-long obsession,
joy, and torment."

Claude Monet

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.

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

ANNIE PFLUEGER

Annie's photography will be showing at L & L Bakery, October 11th through November.

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 Blind Bird Art Gallery for the month of October.

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.

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, and is also at the Great Blue Heron at Semiahmoo during the month of October.

HELEN WORLEY

Helen's artwork will be featured at the Living Pantry during the month of October.

JAMES ROBINSON

James is offering an online, still-life & photo drawing course for pencil, for beginners to advanced. If you would like more info, visit [Online drawing course info link](#), or contact him at jamesbaby356@gmail.com.

KIM FAUSSETT

Kim will be showcased at the upcoming [Kaleidoscope Art Festival](#) in Palmdale, CA on October 11th & 12th..

KIM MORRIS

Kim has this incredible dragon in a forest display for Open Book: A Festival for Readers at the Ferndale Event Center on November 3rd.

[More info & tickets for Open Book](#)



MICHELLE KAMRATH

Michelle's paintings are on display in the Peace Arch City Cafe during the month of October.

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 - January 18, 2025 @ 2pm.

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

ROCK MORRIS

Rock is showing at the Dakota Gallery in October with the WAST group. He also has his own exhibit for WAST at It's About Time Cultural Arts Center - 2013 Main Street, Ferndale. For more information and tour map, [WAST Studio Tour Info & Map](#).

SHAWNA MORRIS

Shawna will have two pieces featured at the Jansen Gallery beginning in October.

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!

[Nov 14th](#) - Bonnie Ventura

[Feb 13th](#) - Michelle Kamrath

[April 10th](#) - Gordon Nealy

[May 8th](#) - Open

[July 10th](#) - Open

[August 14th](#) - Open

[October 9th](#) - Open

[November 13th](#) - Open

The **2024 BAC Holiday Party** will be on [Dec 12th, 2024!](#)

Our **2025 Annual General Meeting** will be [Jan 9th](#), reviewing 2024, and our 2025 focus.

2025 Artist Networking at the General Meetings will be held next on [Mar 13th](#), [June 12th](#), and [September 11th](#). It's Adult Show & Tell, and super fun!

A Petite Word From The President

Happy Fall, ya'll!

September was a busy month for the arts in Blaine! From a wonderful show in our art gallery, to our artists participating in their own shows, and new murals all about, art was at the forefront of our town. I have had many wonderful conversations with community members who are so excited for the direction we are headed, and the positive changes that are happening. There have been many lovely comments about our gallery and the 1st Friday events as well, and it made my heart happy to see so many enjoying the local restaurants and businesses after visiting the gallery Friday night. I am proud of what we have accomplished in a short time, and excited for what the future holds. My best to you!

As always, thank you all for your partnership!

Margaret Owens

Welcome New Members!

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

Kathleen Carlsson

Rebecca Danger

Martin Johnson

Jill Nymeyer