



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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## BAC Holiday Party - December 12, 2024



PLEASE JOIN THE BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL  
FOR OUR ANNUAL

# ARTS COUNCIL HOLIDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH  
6:00PM - 7:30PM  
RSVP BY DECEMBER 5TH

BLAINE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER  
763 G STREET

PLEASE BRING AN HORS D'OEUVRE TO SHARE  
DRINKS AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED

*come celebrate come celebrate*

**Please Join Us**  
For Our Member  
Holiday Party!

**December 12th**  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

**RSVP TO  
EMAIL INVITE  
BY DEC 5TH**

Bring an  
hors d'oeuvre  
to share, and  
enjoy an evening  
of merriment,  
games, and  
surprises with  
your fellow  
BAC members!

Beverages and  
desserts will be  
provided.



GRACIOUSLY HOSTED BY:



Christmas  
in the Gallery 



**The Gift Shop Gallery**  
**December 5 - December 24**

**The Blaine Art Gallery is your  
gift shop wonderland for  
holiday shopping.**

Come and see Blaine Art Gallery's Christmas in the Gallery, an opportunity to experience unique works of art created by exceptional artisans from the Blaine Arts Council. Offering everything from holiday cards to lighted metal Christmas trees, it will most certainly be a festival of unique gifts that you, your family, and your friends will love and cherish for years to come.

Enjoy the twinkling lights and a cozy fireside while you browse among the works of our artisans. Most items are priced \$100 or below! You will find something for everyone on your list.

Holiday cards

Tree Ornaments

Original paintings and prints

Hand-turned & carved woodworks

Stylish canvas carryalls & wine bags

Handcrafted end tables & cribbage boards

Nature-inspired jewelry & terrariums

Hand-dyed & painted silk scarves

Artisan-crafted confections

for your palette

*and more!*



Artist: Bayside Treasures



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

### TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Raffle



Artist: Kay Dee Powell (donation)



Artist: Georgia Donovan (donation)

Each of our artists has donated items for our “12-Days of Christmas Raffle,” which will be held at the Gallery from the 5th through the 22nd of December. All proceeds will support the Blaine Art Gallery. During these twelve days, you can view the donated items while browsing the Gallery, and purchasing your raffle tickets. On December 22nd, we will draw names and call to let you know you won. We’ll also be open on Tuesday, December 23rd, and Wednesday, December 24th, so you can pick up your prize before Christmas (if you’d like), or do some last-minute shopping.

Our 1st Friday on the 6th will be catered by the Railway Café and we will also be giving out gift

certificates from the Railway throughout the month. Thank you Railway Café!

Thank you all for supporting the Arts and this month, especially, for treating your friends and loved ones to gift-size works of art made by local artisans.

### December Gallery Hours

Thursdays 11-4

Fridays and Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

### Special Hours

Dec. 23, 10-5 & Dec 24, 10-2



Artist: Lyn Rackley (donation)



Artist: Liesa Smith (donation)



Artist: Diane Butts (donation)

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

1st FRIDAY DOWNTOWN

## Art Walk



December 6 - 5:30 to 8 pm

*Begin* at the **Blaine Art Gallery** at 922 Peace Portal Drive. Check out our amazing artisans' work, enjoy cookies and coffee catered by the Railway Café, and purchase a raffle ticket to win a piece of art!

*Continue* to **Blind Bird Art Studio** at 264 H Street and see BAC member, Shawna Morris' artwork while listening to the beautiful strings of Sara Rohner.

*Also,* enjoy the many things Blaine's local businesses have to offer and see more of our members' artwork gracing their walls!

**Aloha Cafe**

**Blaine Bouquet**

**Drayton Harbor Oyster Company**

*(Artist: Kim Morris)*

**L & L Bakery** *(Artist: Michelle Kamrath)*

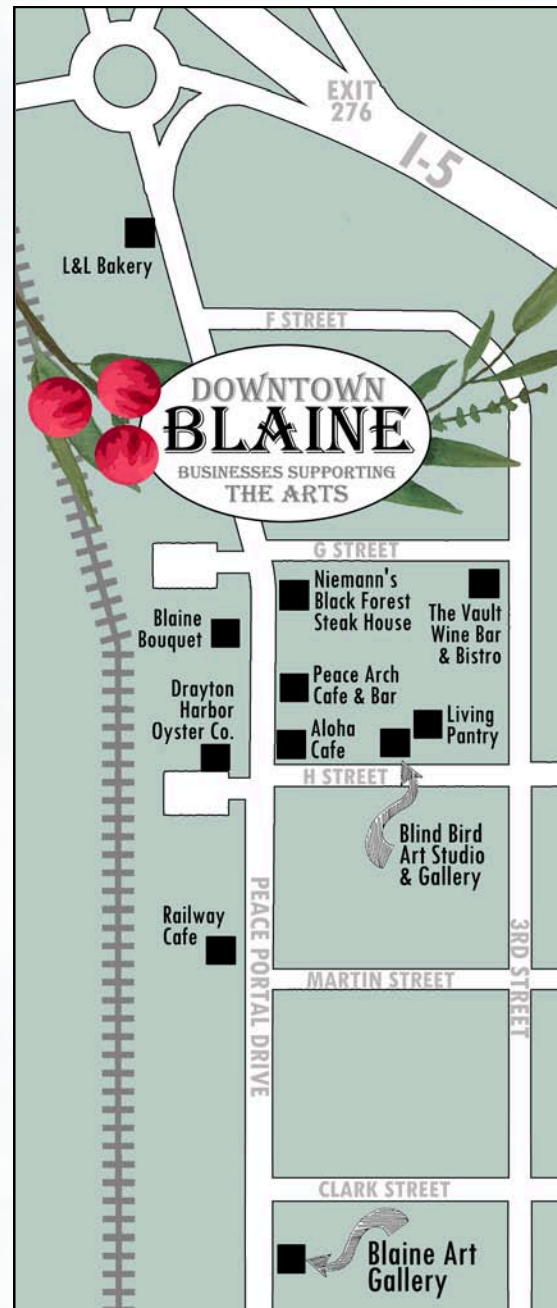
**Niemann's Black Forest Steak House**

**Peace Arch City Cafe** *(Artist: Helen Worley)*

**The Vault Wine Bar** *(Artist: Gordon Nealy)*

We are grateful for our partnerships with Blaine's local business community and look forward to growing our impact in 2025!

*See you soon...  
Where Art Meets the Sea!*





## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities



### **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!

### **CHRISTY SCHROEDER-LLOYD**

Holly Witte from *WhatcomTalk* wrote an article about Christy's beautiful calligraphy work.

**[Link to the article.](#)** To learn more about Christy, visit her website: **[Pilgrim's Quill Studio](#)**

### **DANA HAYDEN**

Dana will be participating in a holiday show in Bellingham, offering wooden Christmas ornaments, bowls, boxes, basket illusion pieces, baby rattles and more. He will be showing at the *Pacific Art Market* at the Bellis Fair Mall next to Buffalo Wild Wings the first three weekends of December, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 to 6. Dana is also showing at the Blaine Art Gallery this month.

### **DIANE & PAUL 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 and Paul teach Zentangles every week at the Senior Center from 10am to 11am each Tuesday.

### **FAITH WORTHLEY**

Faith and her Sea Jewel Canvas creations will be at the *Blaine Art Gallery*, December 5-24, Thursdays 11 to 4, Fridays and Saturdays 10 to 5 pm, Sundays 12 to 5 pm, special hours on the 23-24. *Dockside Market, Fisherman's Pavillion, Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham*, every 1st and 3rd Saturday, 10 to 2 pm. *Whatcom Art Center, 1105 11th St. Fairhaven, WA*, December 14-15 and 21-22, Saturdays 11 to 6, Sundays 11 to 5.

### **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 in a group exhibit that runs from November 15th through the end of December. The venue is *'It's About Time' Cultural Art Center* at 2013 Main St in Ferndale. He is also participating in the BAC December Gallery show.

### **HARMANNA ANTONIA KUNST**

Harmanna is representing her late husband, Johannes Kunst's art work at the *Cordata Gallery* until the end of January 2025. November - December his 1960-2000 work will be showing at the Blue Heron.

## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities



### **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](mailto:jamesbaby356@gmail.com).

### **JOSEPH KINNEBREW**

Kinnebrew Studios and Joseph Kinnebrew are working on another film contract, the second book this year for the Blaine author. Few details are available, as is often the case early on. What can be said is the contracts are with major movie production companies.

### **MOTOKO LEWIS**

Motoko illustrated the book *The Adventures of Wonky Willy*, by author Kerry Claire. The book is available through Amazon ([Amazon link](#)), with a book reading to be held at *Village Books* on Jan. 18 at 2 pm.

### **ROCK MORRIS**

Rock is currently in the *Whatcom Artist Studio Tour Group Show* at Whatcom Museum through January and just finished his WAST solo exhibit at It's About Time Cultural Arts Center in Ferndale. Also, he will be showing at the *It's About Time Cultural Arts Center*. See them on Facebook and Instagram.

### **SHAWNA MORRIS**

Shawna owns and operates the *Blind Bird Art Studio Gallery* at 264 H Street; Ste B in Blaine, and opens her gallery as part of our 1st Friday Downtown Artwalk. Be sure and stop by! She also has three pieces of art featured at the Jansen Gallery in Lynden, until January 11, 2025.

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

Calling all authors, illustrators, creative writers, book makers and anyone else doing art pertaining to the written word. The Blaine Art Gallery is hosting a month of literary works and those who illustrate them during the month of January. We've scheduled two events for the month: a storytelling afternoon with Barbara Davis-Pyles, and a creative writing workshop with Keren Taylor.

For the month of January, you will not need to fill out the standard submission form. We invite you to join us and ask you to send your submissions to: [gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org). Please include in your email: your name, bio, works you want to submit, and up to five photos.

More information will be coming soon.

## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities



### 2025 MEETING PRESENTERS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

Mark your calendars! Our **BAC Holiday Party** is approaching, as well as our **January 2025 Annual General Meeting**, where we will be reviewing 2024 and discussing our 2025 focus. **Artist Networking at the General Meetings** is our Adult Show & Tell, and is super fun! Thank you to all of our members who have graciously shared their talents with us this year. See below for 2025 open opportunities to be a presenter at a general meeting and share what you do with us!

Dec 12 - **2024 BAC Holiday Party**

Jan 9 - **2025 Annual General Meeting**

Feb 13 - Michelle Kamrath

Mar 13 - Adult Show and Tell

Apr 10 - Gordon Nealy

May 8 - **Open**

Jun 12 - Adult Show and Tell

Jul 10 - **Open**

Aug 14 - **Open**

Sept 11 - Adult Show and Tell

Oct 9 - **Open**

Nov 13 - **Open**

2025

### SHOW YOUR ARTWORK IN 2025!

**BLAINE BUSINESSES:** Show and sell your artwork in local businesses around Blaine who partner with us to promote the arts!

**For information, contact:** [communications@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:communications@blaineartscouncil.org)

**BLAINE ART GALLERY:** Show and sell your artwork in the Blaine Art Gallery and/or sell your smaller format art, such as prints and/or less expensive items in the Gallery Gift Shop. If interested, 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 information, contact:** [gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org)

[GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM](#)



*An Opportunity to be More Involved!*

**Membership Chair Needed:** We are looking for a new membership chair. This responsibility involves managing the membership list, communicating with members regarding their membership status, membership correspondence, and membership and sponsorship enrollment. Also, name tag management, greeting, evening enrollments, and keeper of tags at the General Meetings. **If interested, contact:** [communications@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:communications@blaineartscouncil.org)



## Year-End Support for the Arts



### WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

2024 has been a whirlwind of a year, with significant growth for the Blaine Arts Council. We opened the Blaine Art Gallery, began the popular 1st Friday Downtown Art Walks, held our successful annual events: The Wave En Blanc Evening Fundraiser & Art Festival and the Sea to See pop-up art event. Yet, there is so much more we would like to do. We humbly request your support by making a year-end gift to the Blaine Arts Council. Your gift will support the Blaine Art Gallery, help us engage with the Blaine schools' art, music, and theater students, and continue to grow our reach to create Blaine as an art destination for all of Washington. We are grateful for your support!

Sincerely,  
Blaine Arts Council, Fundraising Committee and Board

[DONATION LINK](#)

## A Petite Word From The President



Hello, my fellow Council members! I hope the Thanksgiving holiday brought much laughter, love, and fellowship with those you cherish. As do many, I see this time of year ideal for reflection. As you can see above, we have accomplished much, and I am enormously proud of both where we are, and the anticipation of hopes still to be realized.

Our main goal for 2024 was our Art Gallery, and with the hard work of our incredibly talented members, we opened on time, to community acclaim. It is due to the management of our wonderful Gallery Committee that all who visit the Gallery and Gift Shop are amazed at the member art curated, and how beautifully it is displayed. It is a huge undertaking to curate each month, and they do it with aplomb! We are incredibly grateful for all that they do each week.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership. There is much for us to be grateful for, and I am thrilled to be on this journey with you all. I wish for you a blessed and delightful holiday season to come.

Margaret Owens

## Welcome New Members!



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

Bruce Scott   Cheryl Smith   Karen Taylor   Lisa Starcevic  
Shantha Gunasekera   Sheikh Mansuruddin Ahmed

*Share  
With Us!*

We want to know all newsworthy items about your art and you! Shows, awards, where your art will be, art items you would like to sell or trade?  
**Please submit information by the 25th each month to:**  
[\*\*communications@blaineartscouncil.org\*\*](mailto:communications@blaineartscouncil.org)