



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

ISSUE
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February 2025

General Meeting - February 13, 2025

Show Your Love For Blaine!

February in the Gallery:

The Blaine Arts Council invites the community to participate in a special on-going event throughout February. Visitors will have the opportunity to write a love note to Blaine on one of the provided tags and hang it on the "Tree of Love" within the gallery.

This interactive installation celebrates our collective appreciation for the town of Blaine and its people, creating a living work of art that grows with every heartfelt message. Join us to honor the creativity of our local artists, celebrate the enduring power of love, connecting with our community, and sharing in the spirit of Blaine.

For more information, contact the Blaine Arts Council at info@blaineartscouncil.org.

GALLERY LOCATION
922 Peace Portal Drive
Blaine

GALLERY HOURS
Thurs 11-4
Fri & Sat 10-5
Sun 12-5



Tree created by Kim Morris

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
February 13, 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

February Show



GALLERY HOURS
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We are thrilled to announce the February 2025 exhibit at the Blaine Art Gallery, celebrating the universal theme of LOVE through the eyes of our talented local artists. This month-long event highlights the diverse and heartfelt expressions of love, showcasing works by these

Participating Artists

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| Deb Freeman | Mansur Ahmed |
| Helen Worley | Rebecca Danger |
| Jennifer Korn | Shantha Gunasekera |
| Kay Dee Powell | Tania Corliss |
| Lyn Rackley | |

Each artist brings a unique perspective, weaving stories of connection, passion, and affection through their chosen mediums. From vibrant paintings to whimsical sculptures, this exhibit promises to stir the hearts and minds of visitors as they explore the many facets of love.



Art by Deb Freeman



Art by Helen Worley



Art by Jennifer Korn



Art by Mansur Ahmed



Art by Kay Dee Powell



Art by Lyn Gray Rackley



Art by Rebecca Danger



Art by Shantha Gunasekera



Art by Tania Corliss

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SHOW YOUR ARTWORK IN 2025!

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, so we may get you scheduled for your Gallery and/or Gift Shop debut. **To participate, please fill out the [GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM](#).** With any additional questions, please contact: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

New Day and Time!

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN

Art Walk

FEBRUARY 8 - 4:00PM-6:30PM

Our Downtown Art Walk has moving to 2nd Saturday! We're hoping those of you coming into Blaine for the day will stop by on your way home after supporting your local businesses. And those of you coming in for the evening will begin at the gallery and then go on to see the wonderful artworks displayed at local businesses who have partnered with us.

This month, enjoy sweet treats from L & L Bakery!

Begin

at the **Blaine Art Gallery** at 922 Peace Portal Drive. Check out our amazing artisans' work, enjoy coffee from the Railway Café, hot cocoa for the kids and cookies made by our very own BAC members.

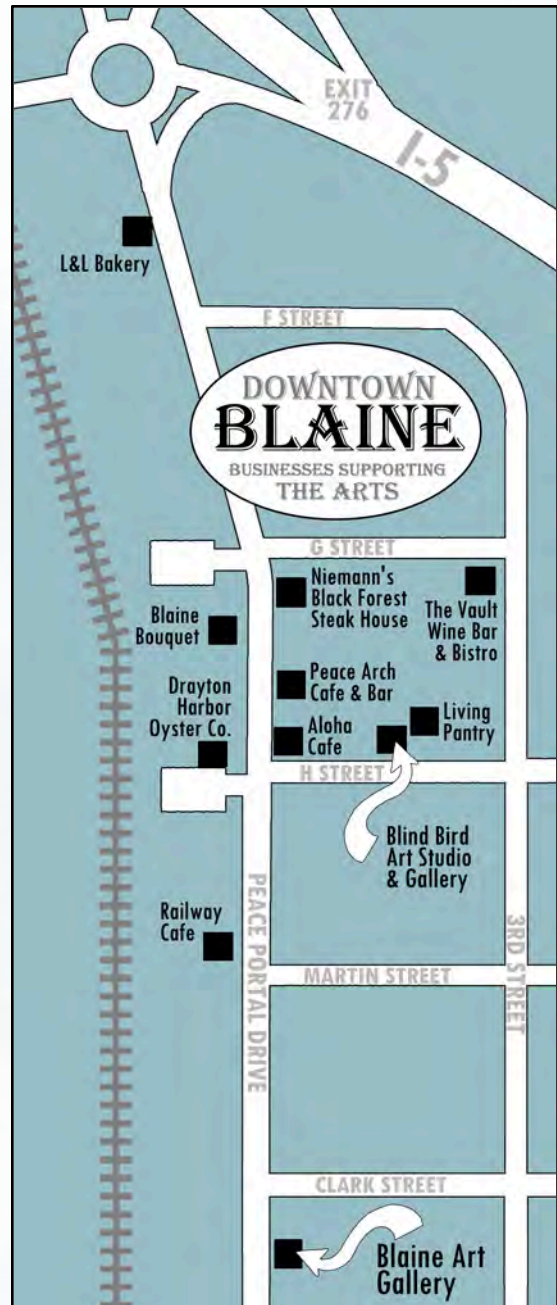
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to **Blind Bird Art Studio** at 264 H Street and see BAC member, Shawna Morris' artwork while she paints live during the event.

Also,

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

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



Aloha Cafe

Drayton Harbor Oyster Company

(Artist: Kim Morris)

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

Niemann's Black Forest Steak House

The Vault Wine Bar *(Artists: Ruth Lauman & Shawna Morris)*

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

MARCH CALL TO
ARTISTS



Call to Artists – "Wings Over Water" Exhibit at Blaine Art Gallery

The Blaine Art Gallery is thrilled to invite you to participate in our March exhibition, "Wings Over Water," a celebration of the many bird species that grace the Pacific Northwest and the people who admire them. This annual event brings together artists and nature lovers to honor the beauty and diversity of our feathered friends.

We welcome submissions from artists across all mediums, including painting, photography, sculpture, woodworking, jewelry, and more. If your work captures the elegance and wonder of birds, we'd love to showcase it!

Submission Details:

To be considered for the exhibit, please include the following information:

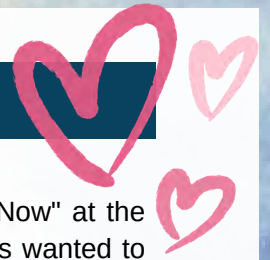
- Your name
- Art medium
- Dimensions of your work
- 3 to 5 high-quality images of your pieces
- Preferred display area (if applicable)

How to Apply:

Submit your entries to the [GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM](#). Feel free to reach out if you have questions to: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org.

We are excited to collaborate on this beloved community event and can't wait to see your incredible work. Thank you for being part of the artistic celebration of our winged wonders!

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!

DIANE & PAUL BERG

Diane teaches painting classes every week at the Senior Center: Watercolor classes each Tuesday from Noon to 1pm, and Acrylic classes each Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30pm. Diane and Paul teach Zentangles every week at the Senior Center each Tuesday from 10am to 11am.

GEORGIA DONOVAN

Georgia is working on three commissions this month and her Cannery Girl series is being featured at the *Alaska Packers Assoc Museum* on the Semiahmoo Spit. [Museum Information](#)

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](#) - please note this is an updated link for James' art lessons. You may also contact James at jamesbaby356@gmail.com.

JEAN FERRIER

Jean has started working on a new book, and currently has two books in the February Allied Arts 45th Anniversary Member Show.

MANSUR AHMED

Mansur is a featured artist in the 2025 Winter Juried Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center. The show will run from January 23rd to March 28th.

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 2nd Saturday Downtown Art Walk. Be sure and stop by!

VAUNE AINSWORTH

Vaune has 3 pieces in the 2025 Winter Juried Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center. The show will run from January 23rd to March 28th.

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

Beach Cat Brewery has space in their hallway for art. If you would like to find out more, please contact Kaitlin directly at: kaitlin@beachcatbrewing.com.

2025 MEETING PRESENTERS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

Artist Networking at the General Meetings is our Adult Show & Tell, and is super fun! See below for 2025 open opportunities to be a presenter at a general meeting and share what you do with us!

Mar 13 - Adult Show and Tell

Apr 10 - Gordon Nealy

May 8 - Keren Taylor

Jun 12 - Adult Show and Tell

Jul 10 - Open

Aug 14 - Open

Sept 11 - Adult Show and Tell

Oct 9 - Open

Nov 13 - Open

Dec 11 - BAC Holiday Party

BAC Member to Member



Roderick Kent is interested in selling a Picaso Aquatint, with all appropriate documentation. If interested, please contact Roderick directly at: roderickmk@gmail.com.

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

A Petite Word From The President

Happy Valentine's Day! I hope this message finds you all well and embracing the beauty of winter now that it has finally arrived. Over the past year, our arts organization has grown in incredible ways—welcoming 66 new members, more than doubling our membership from this time last year. With growth comes challenges, as any evolving organization experiences, but our commitment to our mission remains unwavering.

As we continue to expand, let's remember that the heart of our organization isn't just the art we create but the community we build. Each of us deserves to be met with kindness, patience, and respect, and those values should be at the foundation of everything we do—not just for each other but for the entire Blaine community. Let our actions show our visitors, members, and community who we truly are through the way we treat one another. These values will help us to create an arts community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and inspired.

With gratitude,

Margaret Owens

Welcome BAC New Members!

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

Christina Winkler | Sultana Mariam

Welcome BAC New Business Members

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

Elizabeth Carneiro | Wendy McCombie

*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**