



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



March 2025

General Meeting - March 13, 2025

Adult Show & Tell



March 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!

NEW HOURS AT THE BLAINE ART GALLERY

Exciting News!

Starting February 27th, the gallery will have standardized hours to better serve our artists and community.

**Thursday – Sunday
11 AM – 5 PM**

We hope this makes visiting and showcasing art more convenient for everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you.
See you at the gallery!

BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL HONORED

The Blaine Chamber of Commerce has honored the Blaine Arts Council with the 2024 Business of the Year Award for our contributions to Blaine's business and arts community.

It is truly an honor to be recognized for our efforts in bringing the arts to our beautiful town. This award is a testament to the power of creativity in shaping our community, strengthening local businesses, and inspiring connection.

We are excited for what's ahead and the difference we'll make in 2025!



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

Graciously Hosted by:



In Memoriam

Deborah (Debbie) Jean Haggman



On Sunday, February 2, 2025, we lost one of our own, Debbie Haggman.

Debbie was a gifted watercolor artist. Through participation in art shows, she received the distinguished honor of Signature Member in the Northwest Watercolor Society. She had a successful art business which included teaching art classes in Renton, and Lynden at the Jansen Art Center. Her final art show hung in the Great Blue Heron Grill at Semiahmoo in Blaine, WA until the end of this past weekend.

As per Debbie's wishes, there will be no funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northwest Watercolor Society Foundation, PO Box 50387, Bellevue, WA 98015-0387.

For full obituary, visit [Debbie Haggman Northern Light Obituary](#).



Debbie's Celebration of Life was held Sunday, March 2nd at Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

March Show

NEW GALLERY HOURS!
Thurs - Sun
11-5



Join us this March as the Blaine Art Gallery partners with Wings Over Water to celebrate the breathtaking migration of millions of birds to our beautiful seaside.

Experience stunning works by local painters, photographers, and artisans, all inspired by the grace and beauty of our winged visitors.

Come explore the unique pieces honoring our avian friends, and celebrate the intersection of art and nature - where creativity takes flight & art meets the sea!

Participating Artists

Annie Pflueger
Deb Freeman
Herb Rigberg
Kay Dee Powell
Kim Morris

Lily Meyers
Marjie Miller
Ruth Lauman
Shawna Morris



Art by Annie Pflueger



Art by Kay Dee Powell



Art by Deb Freeman



Art by Herb Rigberg



Art by Kim Morris



Art by Shawna Morris



Art by Marjie Miller



Art by Lily Meyers



Art by Ruth Lauman

WINGS OVER WATER FESTIVAL

MARCH 14 - 16, 2025

WORKSHOPS, KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES,
GUIDED BIRDING TOURS, AND MORE!

WINGSOVERWATERBIRDINGFESTIVAL.COM

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New Day and Time!

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN

Art Walk

March 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 & savory 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.

Continue

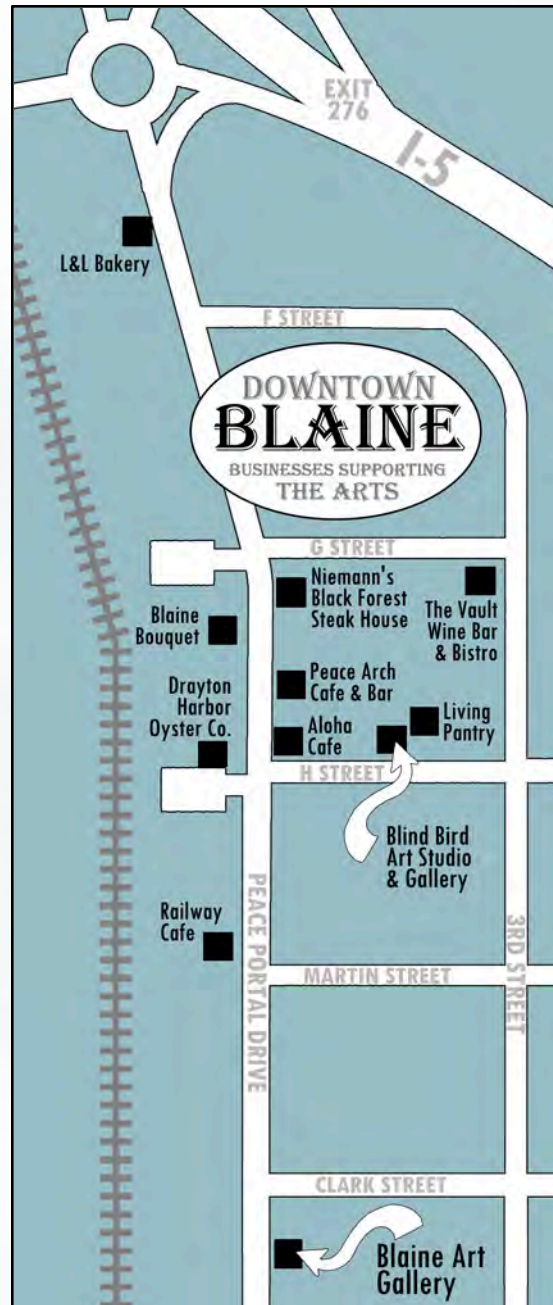
to **Blind Bird Art Studio**

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

CALL TO
ARTISTS



**Blaine Art Gallery is seeking talented artists to join our upcoming exhibitions!
Don't miss this chance to showcase your work in this
vibrant, community-focused space.**

April Call to Artists

April's "Fine Art" exhibition will highlight photography, oil painting, mixed media, woodwork, and more. **In addition to the incredible lineup of artists scheduled to participate, we are looking for 2 more to join this showcase.**

May Call to Artists

May's exhibition will be a stunning display of local artistic talent. **In addition to the fantastic artists currently scheduled, we're seeking 4 more artists to feature their work.**

June Call to Artists

June's exhibition is shaping up to be another outstanding month for art in Blaine! **In addition to artists currently scheduled, we have space for 4 more artists to participate in this exciting exhibit.**

These are fantastic opportunities to exhibit in a vibrant, community-focused gallery. We welcome submissions from artists across all mediums, including painting, photography, sculpture, woodworking, jewelry, and more.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit your entries to the [GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM](#). Have questions, contact us at gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your art with the community—apply today!

An Essay: Metaphor

An Essay by Joseph Kinnebrew - Part One

Clarification: This essay is a partnership between ChatGPT and Joseph Kinnebrew. It demonstrates how a questioning author works with AI. The two interact with AI facts and the author's comments and opinions to continue the inquiry. **The subject is metaphor**, and we encounter metaphors every day.

"Wheaties Breakfast of Champions" is a metaphor.

As an artist, I have often said I am a question guy. That is what I do; I am not the answer man. My paintings are not answers; they are opinions presented as choices for others to consider if they wish. I am an explorer, and that is what my art is usually about. In this way, I am basically an aggregator, gathering information and then expressing my interests and curiosity visually, musically, and in writing to create work furthering my inquiries. The British sometimes refer to such people as "People of Curiosity or POC's."

- Here, I explore the subject of metaphor to help others understand how, when individually interpreted, metaphor is a powerful tool. It is a journey. But first, let's get this straight:
- Metaphor: A direct comparison that says one thing is another.
 - Example: "Time is a thief." (Time isn't literally a thief, but the metaphor suggests it steals moments from our lives.)
- Simile: A comparison using "like" or "as."
 - Example: "Time is like a thief." (This explicitly states the comparison rather than implying it.)

In short, a metaphor is more direct, while a simile makes the comparison more obvious with "like" or "as."

Metaphor is considered a figure of speech, one thing compared to another without using "like" or "as," thereby suggesting they are the same in some way. It is used to create vivid imagery and deeper meaning in the language used. I have a friend who is a sculptor; she created a wall of cast praying hands. This powerful statement could be interpreted by some as a sculpture about peace, a metaphor, but it relies on context.

I think of metaphor as a way of remeasuring the subject and using different media to create a new landscape that often reveals unexpected details. A metaphor is an enormously powerful tool; it directly states that one thing can be related to another, even though they are not literally the same. This comparison helps express complex ideas, emotions, or abstract concepts in a more relatable and, sometimes, reliable way. This is particularly true of complex ideas.

For example:

- "Time is a thief." → This metaphor suggests that time takes away moments of our lives, like a thief would steal possessions.
- "Her voice was music to his ears." → This implies that her voice was pleasing, just like music.

Part two next month

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!

GEORGIA DONOVAN

Georgia is the guest artist at the *Alaska Packers Assoc Museum* on the Semiahmoo Spit for the Wings Over Water Celebration. [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.

KAY DEE POWELL

Kay Dee is showing at Allied Arts in their new location at 1213 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham. All are invited to the opening, March 7th, 6 - 9pm.

LINDA GALLE

Linda is interested in creating a monthly women's group. The design is to encourage and support, create wild hats, crowns, and apparel, and counsel each other on life as women of a certain age. If you are interested in being a part of this group of compatible women, contact Linda at gallelc@outlook.com.

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.

MARTIN JOHNSON

Martin is featured in an online art exhibition through Artsy.net, as well as the Decagon Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, the Chicago Digital Showcase, and the Greece Digital Showcase.

RUTH LAUMAN

Ruth's art is showing at the Vault through June and the Blaine Art Gallery in March.

SHAWNA MORRIS

Shawna's art is showing at the Vault through June and the Blaine Art Gallery in March. She also 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.



PEACE ARCH PARK - INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE EXHIBITION - DEADLINE 3/10/25

Artists are invited to submit outdoor sculptures to be featured at the Twenty-sixth Annual Peace Arch Park International Sculpture Exhibition on the USA-Canada border. If you are interested in submitting a design, visit <https://www.peacearchpark.org/call-for-sculpture>.

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

A Petite Word From The President

Hello all!

As spring arrives in Blaine, it brings a sense of renewal. The days grow longer, the light shifts, and the town awakens with color and movement. This season reminds us that change is constant, and with it comes possibility.

Lately, I've been reading *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin, which explores how creativity is not just an action but a way of seeing the world. He writes, "Art creates a profound connection between the artist and the audience. Through that connection, both can heal." This idea resonates deeply as we step into a season of renewal. The arts, like nature, offer us the opportunity for growth, reflection, and new beginnings.

March also welcomes the Wings Over Water Festival, celebrating the incredible migrations that fill our skies. Birds travel thousands of miles, guided by instinct and resilience, reminding us that the journey is just as important as the destination. In many ways, the arts embody that same spirit — moving, evolving, and connecting us to something greater than ourselves.

Whether through nature, creativity, or community, may this season inspire you to embrace new perspectives, new ideas, and new beginnings.

With gratitude,
Margaret Owens

Welcome BAC New Members!

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

Heidi Grevstad | Lorraine Day | Maria Monks

*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