

March 2023

General Meeting Presentation - March 9, 2023 - 6:30pm

SARA HANSEN will bring her “portables” - recorders, whistles, and flute, and take you on a musical flute journey that begins with Shakespeare.

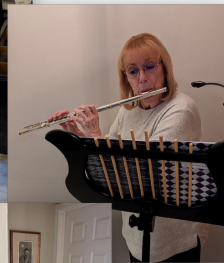
HER MISSION: To identify & organize performing artists who are interested in sharing their talents, so that we can offer opportunities for growing the arts in Blaine.

Sara plays piano, flute, and harp, and loves art; currently dabbling in watercolors. She started playing flute & piano as a young girl and was involved in all things musical throughout High School. She went to the U of Iowa, and received a Bachelor of Music in Education. She took a position in teaching and sales while also giving lessons, accompanying, and playing for churches and weddings.

Sara moved to Bellingham 20 years ago and joined the Piano Teachers Assoc. She formed a group called “Tout Suite”, and hosted play-throughs, played small events, and the Brown Bag Lunch circuit.

Currently she works as a Substitute Teacher, and plays music at Stafholt, weekly. She also teaches private piano and harp lessons in the evenings.

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Art Partnership with Blaine Library



Jay Taber is exhibiting his Ancestry collection at the Blaine Library through the end of March.

“I like art that tells a story. While doing genealogical research on my tribal ancestors in Europe, I saw a program about 25,000-year-old cave paintings in southern France. When the pandemic hit, I needed a hobby, these two interests inspired me to recreate the symbols of my ancestors found in this exhibit.”

The Library art exhibit program happens quarterly. If you would like to participate, contact Jonathan, Blaine Library Manager, regarding the April – June, Spring exhibit.

Spotlighting



Christina Davis



Christina Davis, born in Everett, Washington in 1962 and spent most of her childhood in Granite Falls. Loving the outdoors, she spent many hours exploring the local forests and streams. A wife and mother of 5 she enjoys family, home, and grandchildren. She loves the wonders found in nature and enjoys gardening.

Though her high school university art professor inspired her to pursue and continue developing her artwork, she went to work instead. In 1981 she married and started a family, then moved to England. It was there that her passion and desire for fine art began to be realized. She discovered Canalware painting (Roses and Castles) a European folk art. She was privileged to spend a couple weeks being inspired and encouraged by the classic Hallmark artists of the 90's, when she took up pen, ink & wash to paint botanical pieces.

In 2007-2015 the family moved to do humanitarian work in Thailand, she stepped aside from fine art, to work and create educational materials to serve underprivileged children. Later she instructed art in Chiang Rai

International Christian school. The different cultures she has lived in have influenced her life and view of art.

Returning to the US in 2015, she took time to reflect and meditate as well as recover her health. During this time she found working in the garden and artwork a part of healing and inspiration to continue her spiritual journey and connect with nature and community.

Largely self-taught she is continuing to learn and grow her knowledge and skill of art. She has enjoyed instruction with Bellingham's artist Trish Harding at UFO Studio and studied with Barry John Raybauld's Virtual Art Academy to learn in a more structured format. She enjoys many art forms and is influenced by many of the Russian and European impressionists.

She has spent time teaching children art in local schools. (2015-2018) She regularly participates in juried art shows and hangs in local shops and businesses.

What is Art?

Art is passion
or it is nothing.
Roger Fry

Art washes away
from the soul the
dust of everyday
life.
Pablo Picasso

Art is the highest
form of hope.
Gerhard Richter

What Our Artists Are Doing

CHRISTINA DAVIS' art exhibit is at Syre Gallery (465 Stuart Rd, Bellingham) February 11th - April 15th. The theme is All You Need is Love.

JESSE HUGHS is opening his own storefront called Uncle Jesse's Pottery, on March 25th at 5679 3rd Ave. in Ferndale. He is currently showing at Bellewood Farms and Anytime Toffee.

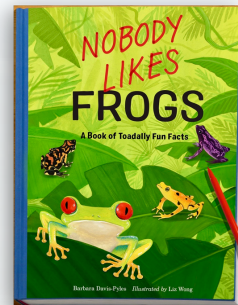


BARBARA DAVIS-PYLES latest picture book, "Nobody Likes Frogs", will be released on March 28th.

This funny nonfiction narrative, illustrated by Liz Wong, puts the reader in the role of the "expert" to educate a persnickety turtle about the amazing amphibian.

Chock-full of "toadally" fun facts, the book is geared toward the four to eight-year-old crowd.

Save the date! A launch party for the book will take place on Saturday, April 29th at Village Books in Fairhaven. More details coming soon.



Calling All Greeters!



WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Event - Diane Butts
info@blaineartscouncil.com

Artists - Kay Dee Powell
info@blaineartscouncil.com

Gala - Christina Davis
info@blaineartscouncil.com

The WAVE is making headway and getting noticed in social media, and kickoff time for the Gala will be here before you know it. Be one of the first faces our guests see, as you welcome them to the start of this year's sensational art tour, held at The Vault Event Center.

Inside the venue you will be their guide to beverages, food, raffles, and auction tables. Want to sell raffle tickets, hand out Studio Tour Maps, or explain the People's Choice Award? This is all part of our mission – connecting people with art experiences in Blaine. Let Diane Butts or Christina Davis how you would like to support and thank you to those who have already signed up!

Come to the organizational meeting, Tuesday, March 7th, at 6pm in the Blaine Library Community Room. Ask questions, get answers, and volunteer. You may also contact Diane or Christina prior to the meeting at info@blaineartscouncil.org. Hope to see you there!

Cultivating Art For The Next Generation

My mother, Rose Barrett, found delight and beauty in everything around her. She didn't have the ability to travel the world, but she saw beauty everywhere.

She baked special cakes, sewed beautiful clothes for us, grew a flower garden, wrote poetry, and enjoyed storytelling to her 6 children. We went for walks in the woods where she pointed out the different flowers and plants and quizzed us on their names. Mom took us to the symphony and to museums where she taught us about history.

She made baskets out of materials she found in the woods and on the shore, even making her own paper and using it in journals that were hand bound. She taught herself to paint with watercolor, a medium she became passionate about. She sold many of her paintings, and all her children, and many of her grandchildren, display them proudly in their homes. She made art a fun adventure for her grandchildren, creating little art challenges for them.

By passing on to us her love of art in all forms, her children now create art on their own. Our brother was a Lighting Designer who worked for many well-known musicians and traveled around the world with them.

Now it is our turn to pass on our love of art and encourage others to create and explore.

Elizabeth Phillips



The Tree
As I came around the curve I saw
Red leaves
Sprinkled like rubies
On the ground beneath
The maple tree
Rose Barrett

New Members!

We wish to welcome our newest members to the Blaine Arts Council.

Debby Farmer - recycles books into cards and journals

Deb Freeman - watercolor and acrylic painting

Jesse & Rachel Hughs - functional pottery (www.unclejessespotttery.com)

Lisa Nakama - raw fiber artist (www.shiftfiberart.com)

Carolyn Teeter - interdisciplinarian artist

Interested in being a contributing editor to the newsletter? We'd love to have you on board!

Please contact Kay Dee Powell at info@blaineartscouncil.org.

ARTISTS - we want to know newsworthy items about you.

Shows, awards, where your art will be, etc - let us know!

Submit articles by the 20th of each month to info@blaineartscouncil.org.