



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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## General Meeting Presentation - April 13, 2023 - 6:30pm



Jesse Hughs

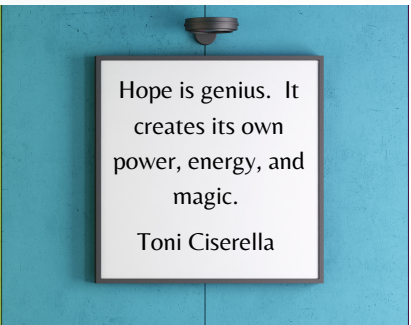
I graduated from Ferndale High School in 2015, and that is where I first developed my passion for pottery. Fine Arts credits (classes) were required to graduate, so I enrolled in a ceramics class, having no idea what it would become. The hobby I started doing for fun evolved into a part-time business and now a full-time adventure. I am very excited for the future, especially as I moved from a shop that I helped build in my parents' backyard now to a commercial space in downtown Ferndale.



I enjoy creating functional pottery for others to use, such as cups, bowls, pie plates and soup mugs, to name a few. I have been told the colors I like to use – blues, greens and tans – reflect my “old soul,” but I like to frequently experiment with new color combinations as well. When I am not making pottery, you can find me playing ultimate frisbee or at a local garage sale. I love the outdoors and collecting all sorts of things – rocks, knives, Hot Wheel cars and more. I am eager to be a part of BAC so I can meet other artists and give back to the community!

**WE'VE GROWN!**  
BAC General Meetings New Location  
Blaine Senior Center - 763 G Street  
April 13, 2023 - 6:30pm

## Art is Hopeful



## Spotlighting



Debbie Haggman

I grew up in British Columbia and have always been interested in drawing and painting. I love to paint what I see around me and get inspiration from my Semiahmoo neighborhood. I paint landscapes, seascapes, rocks, trees, flowers and birds, especially Blue Herons. I work exclusively in watercolor. I have become more and more detail oriented, thoroughly enjoying the process of working in layers and painting details with small brushes.

I am a Signature Member of the Northwest Watercolor Society and was also the Database Manager of NWS. I enjoyed teaching watercolor classes for a number of years at the Renton Senior Center and the Jansen Art Center in Lynden, WA and also teach occasional workshops.



## The WAVE

SAVE THE DATE  
August 26th & 27th  
2023 Art Studio Tour  
Various Private & Public Venues  
Discover the talented artists of Blaine!  
The WAVE



Gala tickets on sale soon!  
Friday, August 25th  
The Vault  
Stay tuned  
[info@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:info@blaineartscouncil.org)

## Hold This Thought...

Perhaps you've heard the saying, "Thoughts held in mind produce after their kind." Perhaps you would be willing to take thirty seconds each day to imagine a community excited about art – all kinds of art: art galleries on Peace Portal Drive; interesting sculptures in the center of all the round-a-bouts in town; a space dedicated to art – art supplies, a framing business, studios where artists paint and create, an open space in the center for art classes; a town known for its great art.

Choose a vision that excites you and hold that thought. Feel the energy of a thriving arts community. Watch it become a reality.

Marilyn Muelbach



## What Our Members Are Doing

JUDY NEWLAND & JANET THOMAS

Jansen Art Center Spring Break Camp

April 4-7, open to kids ages 6-14

Students will experiment with wool and sculpt with paper to create their own hands-on fiber fantasies. They can choose from a variety of projects: felt ball necklace, felt painting, a small pouch, felted pet rocks, a felt ball sculpture and a variety of folded paper objects.

Afternoon class: 8-12 year-olds

Sustainable Natural Dye Fun

Sustainable, safe natural dyes offer kids a way to explore nature, culture, history and science in a dye pot: with a few surprises thrown in. Each day will feature different colors & materials.

We'll dye a collection of fabrics with yellow, red, blue and purple, to create a flag or small book to take home.

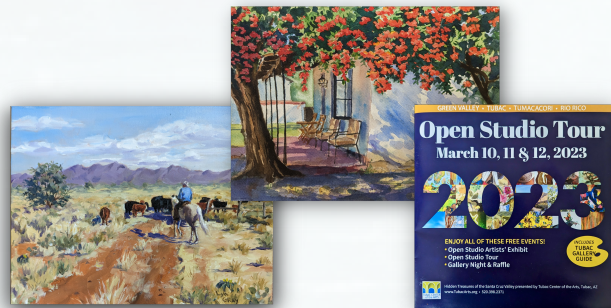
LYN RACKLEY is participating in an open studio tour while in Arizona, hosted by Tubac Center of the Arts. She will be showing along side two other artists in their studio. She will show watercolors and oils, plus she'll be painting during the show. Lyn has also been teaching, having finished a color theory class in the oil painting medium, and doing a figure drawing class next.

BLAINE FREE UNITARIAN CHURCH  
is presenting a local outdoor Earth Day event

April 22nd from 10:00-2:00.

Artists and photographers who use natural items as a medium or are inspired by nature are encouraged to apply. Wood artist Dana Haygood and cloth girl Janet Thomas are participating.

Contact Sieneke Stevenson at 360 739-1326, sienekestevenson@gmail.com or Donna Starr at Donna@surepost.net.



## BAC General Meeting Presentations This Quarter

JANUARY

Marjie Miller

Encaustic Art



FEBRUARY

Kay Dee Powell

Silk Painting



MARCH

Sara Hansen

Flute



## A Word From Our President

Only eight months ago, inspired by Joseph Kinnebrew, ten people sat in my living room with the idea of forming the Blaine Arts Council. And look at us now--BAC has outgrown the library! I am continually impressed by the amazing people who are serving because they value art. We are partnering with the Pacific Arts Association and desire the same with the Blaine Community Theater and the different dance groups in town in an effort to infuse art into the very bones of Blaine.

I just read a quote from our mayor, Mary Lou Steward, in this week's The Northern Light, denoting the two-year closure of the border resulting in the decline of funds from Canadians on buying gas, milk, and supporting our mailboxes. I would like to think that we can offer so much more!

BAC is presently doing the groundwork for THE WAVE, our art studio tour and gala scheduled for the last weekend of August. It's going to be big! Our long-term goal is to make Blaine a destination place for art. We're on our way!

Kay Dee Powell

## Banner Bank Art Exhibit

It's time for new art at Banner Bank. There is room for two large pieces which are quite visible to the offices around the bank's entry as well. Contact me at [kaydeepowell@yahoo.com](mailto:kaydeepowell@yahoo.com), so we can switch!

## New Members!

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

Paul Berg - Retired HS art teacher & currently on the Blaine Arts Commission

Diane Berg - Arts educator & advocate through WA State Arts Education Assoc

Stacy & Brent Lamphier - Stacy is a painter

Eloise Nyman - Multi-media studio artist

Nancy Hobberlin - Oil painter

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](mailto: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](mailto:info@blaineartscouncil.org).