# BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

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# NEWSLETTER

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# General Meeting Presentation - May 11, 2023 - 6:30pm



Sabrina Gomez-Vanelli



Sabrina Gomez-Vanelli is the founder and artistic instructor of Dayto-Day Dance, which has been serving the community since 2003. A variety of dance classes are offered for all ages including ballet, tap, contemporary, hip hop, jazz, and creative movement. They are proud members of the National Dance Education Organization and Dance Educators Association of Washington.

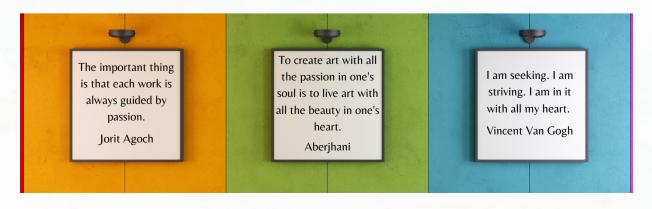
Their mission is to provide a quality dance education, centered on the social, physical, and emotional development in children and adults of all backgrounds through the use of brain compatible dance education. Day-to-Day aims to engage the community, empower individuals and audiences, and inspire diversity and inclusion through

dance to cultivate skilled artists by nourishing and strengthening students' creative possibilities within.

They value community, achievement, leadership, creativity, strength, faith, and diversity. "The Brain Dance integrates mind and body, and may

be adapted for all ages and abilities." Creative Dance Center. Learn more: https://www.daytodaydance.com Students will perform Mother Earth Dances May 13-14 (see poster)

#### Art is Passionate



# Spotlighting



Helen Worley

I have always been captivated by light and its transformative power. I work to create images from what I see around me wherever I may be in the world.

A resident of Blaine who loves to travel, I have exhibited art from many places I have visited. As a founding member of the Blaine Harbor Art Gallery, I participated in many shows in Blaine as well as at the Jansen in Lynden. I also produced fine wood coasters and tablets of paper placemats.

I am also a self-published author.

My book, <u>Hope Lives in the Garden - a Tale of Whimsy and Healing</u>, was illustrated by Blaine artist, and good friend, Georgia Donovan. It is a mini-memoir about the gifts discovered in the journey towards

healing from cancer. It is available on Amazon.

Feel free to contact me at haworley55761@gmail.com or through the website. To see more of my art, visit Fine Art America and my website: helen-worley.pixels.com.





Suzanne Steel

Throughout my life, I have pursued diverse creative expressions including ceramics, dance, mixed media, sculpture, painting, graphic design and photography. These days I'm thoroughly enchanted by watercolor.

Experimenting on the edge of the unknown in both concept and medium, has always provided me with a way to explore and discover new pathways into artistic development. My inspiration derives from a reverence for nature and light, the spiritual dimension of life, the wonders of the human body and the way it moves, the plant kingdom with it's healing and restorative properties, as well as the mysteries of the sea and our amazing planet.

My home is now in Birch Bay, Washington....on

the shores of another wonderful beach and convoluted coastline replete with scenic splendor, which inspires me to no end.



# Awesome Things are Happening!

**DESTASH...WHAT?** 

If you've never heard of a Destash, don't feel alone...but I bet you could use one!

What is a destash? An opportunity to sell or trade your extra supply or stash of art materials.

- Those paints (stencils, markers, cradle boards, etc) you had to have but never used
- The easel that takes up way too much room
- All the supplies for that new medium or class you thought you'd use
- A chance to declutter your studio and maybe make a little \$\$
- A need to streamline for a possible move

Here's your chance to unload, organize, and make room for more supplies!

We have reserved the Blaine Pavilion for June 10th from 10:00-1:00. Bring your ideas to our next general BAC meeting and we will discuss:

- An appropriate entry fee
- Whether we want to invite the public or not
- A donation table

**BLAINE OYSTER FEST IS BACK!** 

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH NOON TO 8PM

Downtown Blaine - H & G Street Plazas Peace Portal Drive

Blaine by the Sea is excited to announce OysterFest 2023 is coming back on Victoria Day weekend. This is an exciting, all-day celebration of all things oysters!

The festival will include a street fair, live music, kids' activities, Semiahmoo Resort Cooking Demonstrations, and oysters galore from Drayton Harbor Oyster Company.

Bring the family! There will be plenty of FREE family fun for everyone!

blainebythesea.com/events/blaine-oyster-fest

BAC will have an information booth. To volunteer for 1-2 hour shifts, email: info@blaineartscouncil.org

#### THE WAVE

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



Gala tickets on sale soon! Friday, August 25th The Vault

### WAVE Artist Deadline Extended

Hello Artists,

By popular request, we have extended the deadline on the Call for Artists for THE WAVE until May 30th. I know what it's like to want to submit your finest work, take the time to consider the very best title, measure your pieces, and fill in all the boxes on the website - but life keeps getting in the way!

I finally submitted my three pieces for THE WAVE, and it only took a few minutes. I strongly encourage you to do the same. This will be BAC's premier studio tour, and we will be advertising widely, taking our Blaine community one step closer to being an art destination. Get crackin' artists! ~Kay Dee

#### A Word About Our Website

Significant work has been put into the BAC website in the last couple months, providing you opportunities to advertise yourself and your work in a Member Directory, and an image carousel on the homepage where members can display up to five of their current works. If you have not yet taken advantage of the Member Directory and don't know how to log in to your account, please contact info@blaineartscouncil.org for assistance. When updating your profile, please note: If you DO NOT want your phone number to be publicly visible on the Internet, then you should remove your phone number from your profile.

The image carousel on the homepage is intended to display a variety of member's art. Images of pieces submitted by members will be displayed in a randomized rotating order, including the piece name, medium and artist name. This is another excellent way to generate interest in your work. You can submit images of your art for the carousel at (https://www.blaineartscouncil.org/upload-your-art/).

The website will be a cornerstone for producing THE WAVE in August. An interactive map for the Studio Art Tour will be available. Tickets for the event will be sold through the site, and we expect to be able to accept payments for silent auction items from the event on the site as well.

All in all, the BAC website is an important part of your membership. We highly recommend you complete your member profile today, and visit the site frequently to stay apprised of everything BAC has going on. If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to contact us for support at info@blaineartscouncil.org.

Ken Owens

Join Us At Our New General Meeting Location! Blaine Senior Center - 763 G Street May 11, 2023 - 6:30pm

#### **New Members!**

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

Tara Helene - Promoter of the arts
Vaune Ainsworth - Mixed media artist
Rock Morris - Mixed media artist
Sabrina Gomez-Vanelli - Business owner - Day-to-Day Dance

Interested in being a contributing editor to the newsletter? We'd love to have you on board! Please contact Kay Dee Powell at <a href="mailto:info@blaineartscouncil.org">info@blaineartscouncil.org</a>.

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 <a href="mailto:info@blaineartscouncil.org">info@blaineartscouncil.org</a>.