

June 2023

General Meeting Presentation - June 8, 2023 - 6:30pm



Xandra Blackburn

Xandra Blackburn works at Allied Arts of Whatcom County as the Program Manager and Gallery Coordinator. She is also an artist, painting in various water media, as well as experimenting with anything interesting. She will be getting into the nitty gritty of selling your art, drawing from her experiences working in a gallery, selling her own artwork on occasion, sharing strategies with fellow artists, and various marketing research she has done over the years. The main topics she aims to cover will be presentation, pricing, and using the internet to your advantage."



Art is Passionate

<p>You are both a work of art and an artist at work. E. R McManus</p>	<p>Art speaks where words are unable to explain. Threadless Artist Mathiole</p>	<p>An artist is not paid for his labor, but for his vision James Whistler</p>
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Spotlighting



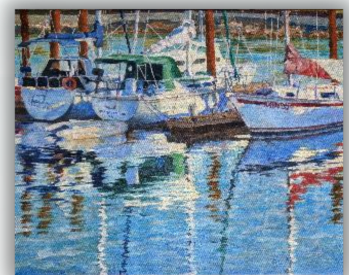
Lyn Rackley

At first glance everyday events that shape our lives emerge in Lyn's works. On a deeper level, Lyn likes to create an atmosphere charged with other possibilities dealing with the many layers of our lives, meaning within meaning. To Lyn, this way of expressing herself presents the abstract within reality.

Lyn's choice of subject matter includes people doing everyday activities, seascapes, landscapes, old buildings, and things outside that show interesting textures and value patterns. Lyn's present choice of mediums includes watercolor and oil. She is also exploring fabric art and jewelry making. Her most recent works are inspired by the area around her two homes, one in Washington and the other in Arizona. Lyn's work is realistic, executed in a loose style, with emphasis on the abstract qualities of recognizable objects. The atmospheric qualities created by weather and natural light also intrigue the artist and find their way into her paintings.

Living in varied locations and traveling has influenced her work as new people and experiences allowed for personal growth as well as artistic expansion. The creative process is an important portion of Lyn's life.

She has received several awards for works from regional and national shows. This recognition comes in the form of acceptance to annual juried shows, awards received from first place to honorable mention and the privilege of being a former signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society and the Pastel Society of North Florida. As an illustrator Lyn has eight published children's books, greeting cards for Centaworld and posters for Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC). She worked as an Art Professor at NWFSC from 1991 to 2012. Lyn presently lives in Birch Bay, WA and Green Valley, AZ. She is married and has one son who lives in Texas.



Get Ready to DeStash

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - RSVP NOW!

Saturday, June 10, 10am - 1pm
Blaine Senior Community Center

Fees:

10% of your sales for BAC members
20% for non-member artists

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

Bring your own display setup with items priced to sell. There will also be a donation table. You will be responsible for your own sales and providing BAC the appropriate fee percentage. This is not a garage sale—only art-related supplies!

Member Happenings

CHRISTY SCHROEDER-LLOYD

is offering two classes:

CREATIVE BRUSH PEN LETTERING

June 10th - 11am - 2pm

Introduction to the printed alphabet using the brush marker pen. No calligraphy or brush pen experience required. \$40, + \$15.50 for supplies

FOUNDATIONAL HAND CALLIGRAPHY

Mondays - June 5th - July 10th
4pm - 6pm

6-week introductory course to calligraphy hand ideal for beginners. Step-by-step handouts, 12-hours of instruction, & personal work review each week. Register by June 2 - limited to 6 students. \$160, + required supply list.

Contact Christy at 360-332-4337 or
christy@pilgrimsquill.com

DANA HAYDEN

will be showing his incredible wood crafting skills

Northwest Tune-Up

Trackside at Bellingham's waterfront

July 14th - 16th

Three days of music, bike demos & bike racing for all ages.

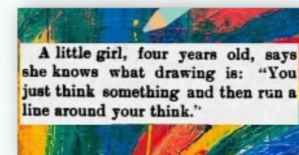
For more info, visit:

nwtuneup.com or @nwtuneup



GEORGIA DONOVAN

is in a show through July at the Old Town Cafe in Bellingham. She is also a guest artist in the Whatcom Horticultural Society's Garden Tour. For more info about the Garden Tour, visit www.whatcomhortsociety.org.



THE WAVE

Blaine Arts Council's Marquee Event

What is THE WAVE? A full weekend experience celebrating the arts on the last weekend in August.

Opening Gala: Friday night, August 25th, 6:00-10:00 p.m. A ticketed affair being held in the beautifully remodeled Vault Event Studio. The evening will include live music by Bellingham's, Rosin & Reed, an upscale nosh menu with fine wine, and an opportunity to meet local artists. A special Wine Pull and Silent Auction also promise to delight.

Art Tours: Saturday and Sunday, August 26-27th. The public is invited to participate in a free, self-guided Art Studio Tour scheduled at both private studios and public venues. Map programs will be available the night of the Gala and at the Blaine Visitors Center as well as on our website.

Tickets for the Gala will go on sale soon on our Washington nonprofit website www.blaineartscouncil.org



Blaine Oyster Fest

Blaine was quite the place to be on Saturday, May 23, for the second annual Oyster Fest, this time with donations being made to worthy, nonprofit organizations. Our Blaine Arts Council booth was busy all day with kids lining up for a prize on our spinning wheel, and visitors interested in our organization.

A weather-perfect day in our beautiful town enticed everyone to come out and hear great music, buy good stuff, and learn about worthy organizations such as ours. A special thanks to Diane Butts for organizing our presence there. Thanks also to Lisa, Bryan, Elizabeth, Kay Dee, Paul, Diane, Helen, Georgia, Gaye, and Lyn, who spent the afternoon sharing BAC and prizes with the public.



Wide Open Walls Mural Festival - Sacramento, CA

Many of you have heard me talk about the mural festival I produce in Sacramento, CA through my nonprofit, Wide Open Walls. Since 2017, we have added 208 pieces of public art to the area, and since last May, through our Wide Open Walls: Uplifting Schools project, we have added 227 murals to local schools - all in underserved neighborhoods. The transformation that occurs for the students, staff, and community is immediate and inspiring. Here are just a few photos from this year's festival. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at margaret@wideopenwalls.com.

Here is a link to an ABC segment at one of our recent schools. Enjoy!

<https://youtu.be/nUxbgm0tW-4>

Margaret Owens



A Word From Our President

Blaine Arts Council is almost one year old, and some exciting things have happened during the last eleven months!

We received a \$5000 grant from the City of Blaine, because they believe in our motto, "Art Connects", and our goal to establish Blaine as a destination for art. Our team worked together to achieve our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, and we are very pleased with both accomplishments. Still, we want to hear from YOU, our readers. You will be receiving a simple survey asking for feedback, and we would appreciate you taking a minute or two to complete it.

We have a couple of repeating questions about The WAVE, and we would like to address them.

First, there has been some confusion around your art submittals. The three pieces you submit will be juried for your participation in the art studio tour itself. Upon your acceptance, your jury fee will count toward your entry fee as stated on the form. Some unique pieces will be chosen by jurors to be hung in The Vault for our Gala opening on August 25th. If your art is chosen for The Vault, you will receive a complimentary ticket to the Gala. Please let us know any other considerations.

Second, per your request, we are extending the deadline for entry to June 30.

Kay Dee Powell

Join Us At Our New General Meeting Location!
Blaine Senior Center - 763 G Street
June 8, 2023 - 6:30pm

New Members!

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

Sierra James - Mixed media artist

Ruby Starr - Mixed media 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.