



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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September 2023

## General Meeting Presentation - September 14, 2023 - 6:30pm



Janet Thomas  
&  
Judy Newland

The CLOTH GIRLS are coming! That’s right, our own Janet Thomas and Judy Newland will be our speakers at BAC’s general meeting. In a video presentation they will share their attraction for all things fabric and their passion to share their knowledge of plant dyes, mordants, steaming, and producing unique designs to make clothing, collage, pillows, flags, and scarves.

In their spacious studio and well-equipped maker space, they invite others to experience what happens when you place smoke leaves, flower petals, ferns, and onion skins on fabric wrapped tightly around a stick and boiled in plant-dyed water for an hour. Amazing results, and while you wait, you can sit in a big circle around a fire pit and sew, visit, or play an African drum! Ask about open studio times when you can participate and learn.



## Art ...

<p>Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working. Pablo Picasso</p>	<p>Art must be an expression of love or it is nothing. Marc Chagall</p>	<p>Creativity is nothing but a mind set free. Torrie T. Asai</p>
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## BAC: OUR FIRST YEAR!

That's right! Our first meeting was August 11, 2022, and we're officially one year old. We are quite proud of what we've accomplished in twelve months:

- BAC received a \$5000 grant from Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee to promote art in Blaine.
- Fun booths in 2022 & 2023 OysterFest with information, oyster cookies, fabulous art activities for kids, and a spinning wheel with prizes. We had a repeat performance at Christmas bazaar with the spinning wheel and selling hand-painted Santa shell ornaments.
- Our first BAC Christmas party. Thank you for hosting, Diane!
- DeStash, our one-day swap, buy, and sell of extra art supplies, open to the public.
- Incredible presentations from every kind of art at our general meetings.
- BAC helped lots of children make froggy headbands at the library after our own author, Barb Davis-Pyles for the presentation and reading of her latest book.
- Instead of having to pay a lawyer, we worked together to file and acquire our nonprofit status.
- We have 65 members, and an awesome website, complete with scrolling art.
- The WAVE, our marquee fundraising event and art tour, will have been held by the time this newsletter goes to press, signifying almost nine months of organization and hard work. Anticipating the event, we predict The WAVE will be an annual event, drawing people here with our goal of making Blaine a destination place for art.

## MANY THANKS TO OUR TEAM!

Muchas Gracias, Danke, Merci Beaucoup, Grazie, Mahalo...

In other words, Thanks!

Our BAC Team has given it their all to make our marquee event successful. Major praise goes to Vice President Diane Butts for being the WAVE organizer. She designed the big wave, made countless lists, enlisted a myriad of minions, organized and facilitated many meetings, orchestrated advertising and newspaper coverage, ordered balloons, signs and banners—and probably lots more.

In addition to attending all the meetings and taking notes for each, our secretary Elizabeth Phillips handled all the silent auction items with her own personal touch and flourish.

Our accomplished calligrapher Christy Schroeder-Lloyd inscribed the wine pull sign, all the corks and wine tags, and visitor sheets.

Ken Owens handled the website, online ticket sales, and studio tour map.

Margaret Owens created the map brochure and auction bidding sheets.

The artists were managed by Kay Dee Powell.

Gaye Sawicki and Bryan Johnson thanks for your donations and procurements.



# THE WAVE OPENING NIGHT AND TOUR: PHOTO RECAP

"I think the whole event, from Opening Night to the Studio Tours, was really put together well. Organization and follow through was top notch!"



"We'd like to thank everyone at BAC for the opportunity to participate. Thank you for all your hard work putting The WAVE weekend together! We understand the amount of work and time that's involved, and it seems to have been a huge success! Thank you, thank you!"

## THE WAVE: THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make our first WAVE Event and Studio Tour a success! From the BAC officers, members, and artists, our outstanding community, and the businesses who donated to the Silent Auction and Wine Pull.

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!

7 Elements Wellness Spa	Jesse & Rachel Hughs
ADI Printing	KayDee Powell
Anthony's Hearthfire	Keenan's on the Pier
Anytime Toffee	Kim Morris
Barbara Davis-Pyles	Laura & Marc Parce
Beach Cat Brewing	Lisa Nakama
Benson Winery	Lombardi's
Birch Bay Market	Lyn Rackley
Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee	Margaret & Ken Owens
Bow Wow & Woofs	Marilyn & Ed Muehlbach
Brian Johnson	Marjie Miller
Chamber of Commerce	Mia Richardson
Christy Schroeder-Lloyd	Northern Light
Dana Hayden & Peggy Cahill	Pat Freeman, Blaine Public Works
Deb Freeman	Paul & Diane Berg
Diane Butts	Port of Bellingham
Dirty Dan's Steakhouse	Rhyan Lopez
Dollar Tree	Rock Morris
Elizabeth Phillips	Rooted By The Bay
Gaye, David, & Joe Sawicki	Ruth Lauman
Georgia Donovan	Senior Community Center
Tom Davis, GLM Wine Co.	Storia Cucina
Janet & Cal Thomas	UPS-Blaine
	Widnor Farms



## BAC Member Happenings

Joseph Kinnebrew and Lyn Gray Rackley are having a gallery show at:  
STUDIO ONE, Friday September 15 to Sunday October 1 2023.

Lyn will be showing watercolor and oil paintings that feature North West Washington subjects. Lyn's work is done in a realistic loose style focusing on natural light and the value patterns it creates.

Joseph will be showing botanical paintings, drawings and limited edition giclee prints. Joseph and his work have been described by the senior New York times art critic as the "gorilla in the room, impossible to ignore."

STUDIO ONE encourages you to visit the gallery and discuss the work with the artists.

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Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!  
Blaine Senior Center - 763 G Street  
September 14, 2023 - 6:30pm

## New Members!

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

Lise Hewitt

Harmanna Kunst

Gordon Nealy

Tamara Olson

Bonnie & Shane Ross

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).