



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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BAC Holiday Party - December 14, 2023 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

TIS THE
SEASON FOR
LIGHT BITES
& LOUD
LAUGHTER

COME CELEBRATE THE
SEASON WITH YOUR
BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL
COMMUNITY!

NO MEETING
JUST MERRIMENT

BLAINE SENIOR
COMMUNITY CENTER
763 G STREET

DECEMBER 14TH
6:00PM - 7:30PM
RSVP BY DEC 7TH

Please Join Us
For Our Member
Holiday Party!

December 14th
6:00pm - 7:30pm

RSVP TO EMAIL
INVITE BY
DEC 7TH

Bring an
hors d'oeuvre to
share, and enjoy
an evening of
merriment, games,
& surprises with
your fellow BAC
members!

Beverages and
desserts will be
provided.

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End of Year Fundraising

BAC End of Year Fundraising

As we approach the end of 2023, I kindly ask you to consider supporting our cause. At the Blaine Arts Council, we strive to make a difference in the lives of individuals through the power of the arts. Your generous donation will directly impact our ability to grow and fulfill our mission to our members and our community. If it is in your heart to support our end of year goals, please follow the link below. Thank you, your BAC Board.

[BAC End of Year Fundraising Opportunity](#)

BAC Member Happenings

ROCK MORRIS

ROCK will be participating in an Artist Reception with 4 other artists at The Vault. December 9th, from 2:00PM - 4:00PM.

Call 360-392-0955 for \$15 advanced tickets. Tickets at the door will be \$18.



LYN RACKLEY

LYN has had one of her Plein Air paintings accepted to the annual juried watercolor show in Tubec, AZ. Her work will be shown in the Art Center Gallery in January.

GEORGIA DONOVAN

GEORGIA was commissioned by a couple married at the Semiahmoo Resort this summer to paint a picture of the Resort.

She also received a commission from someone she met at the Sea to See pop-up art show to paint 2 beloved dogs. You never know where your next customer will come from!



THE 2024 WAVE is Coming!

Our WAVE Event & Art Festival will be held July 26th - 28th. The expanded Opening Evening will be at the Blaine Boating Center, and the 2-day Art Festival will be under white tents in Marine Park. Gaye Sawicki is the Chair for the Evening Event, and needs the support of an additional 6 volunteers. If you are interested, please email: gayewawicki@hotmail.com.

We Need Your Partnership To Grow

NEW BAC BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

To meet our hopes and goals, we will need the partnership of a strong Board and membership. We are seeking nominations for both Board and Committee Chairs.

The current Board/Committee Chairs will vet any nominations and provide a slate of potential Board members to be voted in by the membership prior to the January, Annual General Meeting. The vote will be held online, so the entire membership will have an opportunity to have their voice heard.

We need your support. Please nominate anyone you feel would be a valuable asset to the Board. You may also self-nominate. Participation is critical. If we don't have an active Board, our organization will be a good idea that unfortunately just withers away.

What We Need: The Addition of 5 – 7 New Board Members

New Board members may be from our current BAC membership or recommended leaders in our community. They do not need to be artists, in fact we need Board members who aren't – think lawyers, CPAs, business owners – people that want to be part of expanding the arts and tourism in Blaine.

Board Commitment:

- One 30 – 60-minute Exec/Board meeting per month via Zoom. Must attend a minimum of 8 per year. Any additional absences must have prior approval from the Board.
- Current BAC membership (if not an active member, they will need to join).
- Attend a minimum of 7 General Meetings per year.
- Support a BAC Committee.

The newly adopted BAC bylaws call for a 3-year Board commitment. Board members may resign early if needed. If that occurs, and the Board member holds an Officer position, the Board will vote on their replacement and notify the membership of the change.

Board Officers: In January, the newly elected Board will select from within its ranks, Officers to fill the remaining open positions. The membership will be notified of those appointments. If you are interested in being on the Board and holding one of these positions, here are the estimates of time involved and required duties.

Secretary: Approx 3 hours per month

Takes minutes at the Exec/Board & General meetings. The Zoom meeting will be transcribed for ease of minutes.

Keeps the Corporate Binder updated each month with minutes and finance reports.

Treasurer: Approx 2 hours per month (except during the WAVE, which could be 10 – 15 hours during the event month).

Reconciles the monthly bank statement.

Provides financial reports for monthly meeting of the Exec/Board.

During events: Pays for rentals, supplies, and reimburses committee for expenses, etc.

Compiles and submits the BTAC grant paperwork for reimbursement.

Vice President: Approx 5 hours per month

In the absence of the President, the VP will preside over Exec/Board or General Meetings, etc.

Oversee the Committees – The Committee Chairs will advise the VP of their progress and notify of any issues that the Board needs to manage/provide input.

Attend Committee meetings if they desire or are requested by the Committee.

We Need Your Partnership To Grow - Continued

Committee Chairs Needed & Their Responsibilities:

Artist Relations Chair: Need 2 members

Set artists for art festivals/studio tours, and any other events that will host our local artists. Build relationships with area non-member artists and invite them to join us.

Community Outreach Chair: Need 3 members

Chair information-only events, i.e. Holiday Bazaar, 4th of July Parade, & Oyster Fest. Work with schools to promote art, art camps, and recommend student scholarships, etc.

Events Chair: Need 3 - 7 members, depending on the event size

Chair the WAVE Opening Night & Art Festival, and the Sea to See Art Show.

Membership Chair: Need 2 - 3 members

Manage the membership list and communicate with members regarding their membership status. Membership correspondence and membership/sponsorship enrollment. General meeting: name tag management, greeting, evening enrollments, and keeper of tags.

A Word From Our President

Seasons Greetings, my fellow BAC members!

I hope this finds you all well, happy, and filled with much to be grateful for as we embark on this holiday season. I look toward to a new year filled with endless possibilities and opportunities for growth, both professionally and personally.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and dedication to our growing organization. It is with common passion and enthusiasm for the arts in our community that we will be propelled forward.

As we reflect on challenges faced this past year, it is important to acknowledge the resilience and creativity that has emerged from these difficult times. I am confident learning from our challenges only makes us stronger, and I am so grateful to be on this journey with you.

My best to you always!
Margaret Owens

New Members!

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

Steven Magallon

Interested in being a contributing editor to the newsletter? We'd love to have you on board!
Please contact Margaret Owens at communications@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 communications@blaineartscouncil.org.