



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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Annual General Meeting - January 11, 2024 - 6:30pm

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday, and are ready to take on 2024 with gusto! We have much to accomplish this year, and I'm so excited to start creating with you all.

This month brings our first Annual General Meeting, and I'd like to give you an idea how that will look. We will spend the first part of the meeting taking care of BAC Board business, and then there will be time for questions, chatting with our fellow members, and best of all, cookies and cupcakes - a sweet ending to the evening!

Coming to a computer near you, Sunday, January 7th, the slate of proposed Board members and Committee Chairs will be presented for BAC active member approval. At the Annual General Meeting, you will be presented with the approved Board. The new Board and Committee Chairs will be in attendance, so you will be able to ask questions and meet those you may not know. It's possible that there may still be a need for additional Board members. If there are any unfilled positions after the January 11th meeting, any future nominations will be sent out for confirmation on an ad-hoc basis.

I want to thank our members who have nominated/suggested someone for Board consideration. I believe it will take all our participation to grow into the arts organization that will both benefit us, and be what our Blaine community so richly deserves.

The current positions still available are:

- Board VP
- Board Treasurer
- Membership Committee Chair - there are possibly 2 Committee members interested in supporting.
- Community Outreach Chair - Partner with schools and local businesses to promote our artists and the arts in Blaine.

For more details on the open positions, please see the last page of the newsletter.

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Senior Center - 763 G Street
January 11, 2024 - 6:30pm

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BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

CHRISTY SCHROEDER-LLOYD

Did you make a New Year's resolution to be more creative? CHRISTY is planning a 6-week intro course in February for Foundational Hand Calligraphy. Possible classes will be held at her home studio in Blaine on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday afternoons or Monday/Thursday evenings. The class is limited to 7 students. The cost is \$160, plus the required supply list. Includes: step-by-step handouts and 12-hours of instructions. If interested, please contact Christy at 360-332-4337 or christy@pilgrimsquill.com.

GEORGIA DONOVAN

GEORGIA has her work on display at the Colophon Cafe in Fairhaven, January and February. The theme is "For the Birds", and gives her the opportunity to participate in two 4th Friday Art Walks.

LISA NAKAMA

LISA is presenting a demo of Nuno Felting with resists at the So. Arizona Arts Guild on January 27th, for an artist weekend for the public. If you are in the Tucson area, pop in!

SUZANNE STEEL

SUZANNE has a painting juried into the Winter Show at Blakely Hall in the Issaquah Highlands. The title is Merced Winter, and is based on a photo she took while visiting Yosemite over Thanksgiving in the 80's. The show will run through February. <https://blakelyhall.com>



TAMARA OLSON

TAMARA has her work on display at the Blaine Public Library. She also won 2nd place with her painting for the month of November at Seattle Co Arts. <https://seattlecoarts.com>

BLAINE LIBRARY - ARTIST OPPORTUNITY

THE LIBRARY is looking for an artist to exhibit in their space for the winter quarter. Please contact Jonathan Jacobitz directly at 360-332-8146, or Jonathan.jacobitz@wcls.org.

BLAINE SENIOR CENTER - ARTIST OPPORTUNITY!

HARMANNA KUNST manages the wall art at the Senior Center, and starting January 15th she is looking to display art that has a winter theme - oil, watercolors, photography, etc.

Artwork needs to be at the Center by Friday afternoon, January 12th, and must be framed and ready to hang. Please contact Harmanna directly at 360-306-0613.

2024 MEETING PRESENTER & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

Here are the **General Meeting Presenter** opportunity dates: April 11th, May 9th, July 11th, Aug 8th, Oct 10th, & Nov 14th. **Thank you, Rock Morris, for stepping up to present in February!**

Artist Networking at the General Meetings will be on held on March 14th, June 13th, & Sept 12th. We are excited to see what you have been working on!

BAC's Holiday Party will be on December 12th!

4th Quarter Meeting Presentations & Networking

OCTOBER

Our 1st Artist Networking Evening



NOVEMBER

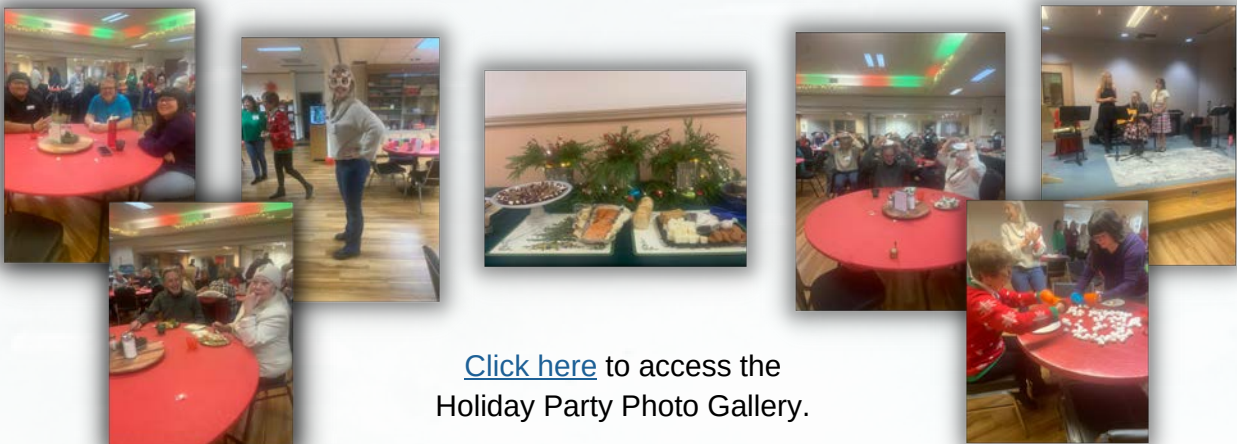
Diane Berg



2023 BAC Holiday Party!

DECEMBER

Our Holiday Party was filled with fun and games, great conversations, and wonderful food. We'll call that a win! Thank you to this year's Christmas Party team: Diane Butts, Elizabeth Phillips, Gaye Sawicki, Kay Dee Powell, and all who brought delicious hors d'oeuvres!



[Click here](#) to access the
Holiday Party Photo Gallery.

Have no fear of
perfection, you'll
never reach it.

Salvador Dali

Music is the
shorthand of
emotion.

Leo Tolstoy

To create one's
own world takes
courage.

Georgia O'Keefe

We Need Your Partnership To Grow

Board Positions

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.

Committee Chairs Needed & Their Responsibilities:

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.

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.

2024 WAVE En Blanc & Art Festival

MANY THANKS TO: GAYE SAWICKI for taking on the Events Chair position!

LISA NAKAMA for Coordinating the WAVE Silent Auction.

DIANE BUTTS & MARJIE MILLER for Coordinating the WAVE Wine Pull.

KIM MORRIS & STEVEN MAGALLON for Coordinating the WAVE decorations.

STILL NEEDED: WAVE Advertising & Marketing Coordinator. If you would like to support, please contact Gaye at gayesawicki@hotmail.com.

New Members!

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

Sieneke Stevenson

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.