



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

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General Meeting - May 9, 2024 - 6:30pm



**Christy
Schroeder-Lloyd**

Christy is a calligrapher and lettering artist who finds her “happy place” surrounded by pens, inks, paper, and a purring cat in her home studio, nestled among the maple trees in Blaine.

Teaching calligraphy and doing commission work for the past 22 years has provided a lot of opportunity to ask why I do this. Short answer: I geek out over a gorgeous handwritten letter - yes, single letter - on paper. The long answer: when art of any form captivates us, it has the ability to connect our deepest creative desires with our emotions, with each other, and even with our spirituality. Calligraphy has done that for me, from the feel of the flow of ink on paper, to the collaborations I've had with clients when I can help bring their vision to life, to the deeply personal felt connection with an ancient lineage of devoted scribes who painstakingly wrote scripture by hand so that the Word of God could be shared from one part of the world to another. Calligraphy allows me to step back in time with appreciation AND to press forward in sustaining the visibility of this art form in a time when technology dominates our culture.

I look forward to sharing my journey of letters with you - from the shores of Northern England to the whimsical playful meanderings of my studio lettering amusement!



**Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
May 9, 2024 - 6:30pm**

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2024 WAVE En Blanc & Art Festival News

SILENT AUCTION!

We have a great start on Silent Auction items for our July fundraiser, and if you know anyone that might want to help out with an auction item, we'd appreciate the support.

If there are any artists interested in adding an item to the auction, we'd love to have you. Here is how you may participate:

- You could submit an item for auction and identify a specific percentage of the sale price you wish to be donated to the gallery fund.
- You could donate an item with 100% of proceeds going to the gallery fund.

All funds raised at the evening will go strictly toward funding a gallery here in Blaine, benefiting our artists and our community. We thank you for your support!

Other options for auction items could be:

Fun Baskets Ideas: Fine dining gift cards - Pet items - Wine & nosh - etc!

Thank you to our members who have brought in these great silent auction items!

Lawn maintenance service

4-hour housecleaning service

2 pre-season Seattle Seahawks tickets

3.5-hour hot air balloon ride for 2

Widnor Farms dinner for 2

Sailing on the Bay

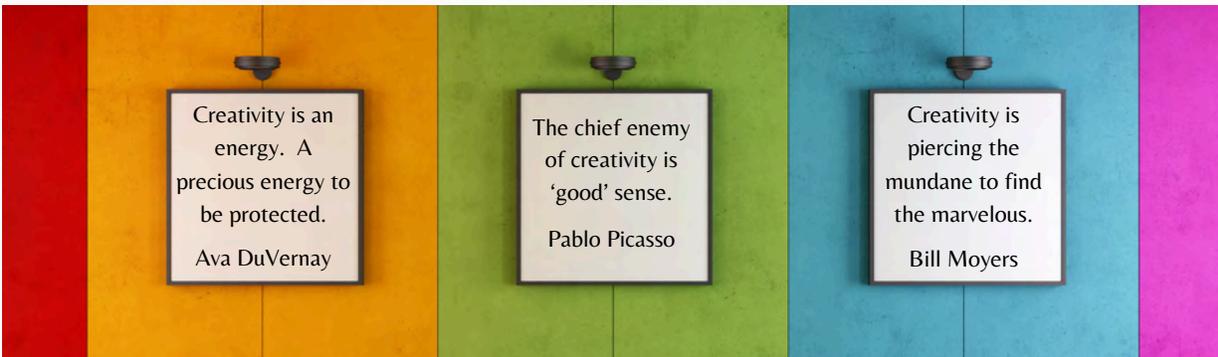
5-hour fishing trip for 2

3-BR/2BA Orlando, FL Spring Break condo - 4/5/25 - 4/12/25

These are awesome, and let's keep them coming!

If you have any items you'd like to add, or know anyone that would be interested in offering an item, please send details to Rachel at:

unclejessespottery@gmail.com or 360-318-4624

The image shows three framed quotes hanging on a wall with a colorful background of vertical stripes in red, orange, green, blue, and pink. Each quote is on a white card with a black border, hanging from a small metal hook. The first quote is on an orange background, the second on a green background, and the third on a blue background.

Creativity is an energy. A precious energy to be protected.
Ava DuVernay

The chief enemy of creativity is 'good' sense.
Pablo Picasso

Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvelous.
Bill Moyers

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

ANNIE PFLUEGER

ANNIE has her work on display through June 8th at the Vault, and starting September 4th, she'll be at the Great Blue Heron at Semiahmoo.

BARBARA DAVIS-PYLES

On the first Tuesday of every month, BAC member BARBARA hosts "Write Here Right Now" at the Blaine library from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. If you're ready to work on that book you've always wanted to write, this is the time and place!

GEORGIA DONOVAN

GEORGIA currently has her work at the Great Blue Heron at Semiahmoo through the month of May.

VAUNE AINSWORTH

VAUNE currently has 29 works on display at the Blaine Senior Center until May 15th. She will be showing at the Great Blue Heron at Semiahmoo starting June 5th.

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES!

Each year, WOODWARD CANYON WINERY features a different West Coast artist on its "Artist Series" label. The application can be found here: [Woodward Canyon Winery](#).

Shared Studio Space Available

Quiet, 250 sq ft. backyard studio space near downtown Blaine. Days & times are flexible.
2 days/week: \$150/mo 4 days/week: \$275/mo

Newly renovated historic main house is available to rent for gallery showings, small group meetings, and conferences. For more info contact: Mike at 360-631-9594 or Robin at 360-722-4759 / robinleeant@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES!

If you'd like to be featured on the BAC Instagram page, please send any jpegs and info to bdavispyles@gmail.com. Barb would love the opportunity to showcase all of our awesome members!

MAY WORKSHOP - WASHI ARTS - MAY 31ST - JUNE 2ND

Join us for a workshop with paper and book artist Velma Bolyard in conjunction with Linda Marshall of Washi Arts. Learn to spin and weave handmade Japanese washi into paper cloth using Velma's unique techniques.

Learn how to mark, cut, and prepare handmade Japanese papers for spinning, spin it into thread (kami-ito), fabricate a simple 'stump' loom, and weave your kami-ito into shifu (paper textile). You'll have the opportunity to color your papers with a variety of mark-making techniques prior to spinning. This workshop will also include: demonstrations of different types of Japanese papers, techniques for treating and decorating them.

For additional info and to register: www.washiarts.com/workshops



MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTIST EXPOSURE!

Blaine Chamber Visitor's Center

The Blaine Chamber is opening up their Visitor Center between the Chevron and Starbucks to display our artist's work! It's a great opportunity for artist visibility. If you are interested, please email Jacquee Sovereign at director@blainechamber.com with examples of your work and sizes.

We are also working on these opportunities with other local businesses. Stay tuned!

2024 MEETING PRESENTERS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

Here are the **General Meeting Presenter** dates: Thank you to all of our members who have graciously shared their talents with us this year. See below for 2025 opportunities!

May 9th - Christy Schroeder Lloyd

Aug 8th - Margaret Owens (OverAll Walls murals)

July 11th - Artist Panel

Oct 10th - Helen Worley

Nov 14th - Bonnie Ventura

Artist Networking at the General Meetings will be held next on June 13th & Sept 12th. It's Adult Show & Tell! We are excited to see what you have been working on, what you've done that you are proud of, or even something you just enjoyed creating!

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

A Petite Word From The President

July Artist Panel

As you can see above, we are hosting an artist panel for the July meeting presentation. We would love to know what you would like to see/hear - what would be valuable for you. If you would like to be part of the panel, or have recommendations, please pop me a note!

2025 Meeting Presenters

If you didn't get to present in 2024 and would like to present in 2025, please let me know. Available months will be: January, February, April, May, July, August, October, & November. We want the Arts Council to benefit you in as many ways as possible, so please let us know how we can best support you. Margaret Owens - president@blaineartscouncil.org.

New Members!

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

Judith Gallinger

Skye Hill

Dennis Olason

ARTISTS - we want to know all newsworthy items about you.
Shows, awards, where your art will be, etc - let us know!

Submit information by the 25th of each month to:
communications@blaineartscouncil.org.