



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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General Meeting - May 8, 2025

## May Presentation

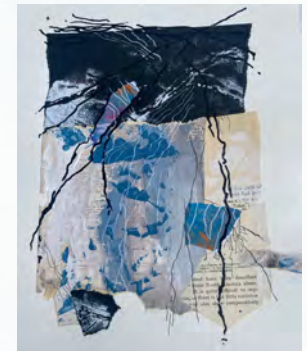


### May Meeting Presenter: Keren Taylor

Keren Taylor is an artist, songwriter and the founder/director of WriteGirl, an international creative writing and mentoring organization for teen girls and gender-expansive youth.

In 2013, WriteGirl received the National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award, the highest national honor awarded to exemplary after-school programs. Keren is the editor of 38 award-winning anthologies of youth writing, and in 2020, she received the Los Angeles Times Innovator's Award.

Keren works in mosaic, collage, assemblage, acrylics and watercolor. An avid rock collector, she also designs jewelry with semi-precious gems. Keren's artwork and jewelry has been exhibited in several galleries in Los Angeles and New York and is the featured cover art for several books. She lives in Blaine, WA, where she makes art and jewelry, writes poetry, oversees WriteGirl programs, and bakes exotic desserts.



Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!  
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street  
May 8, 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously  
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

# May Gallery Show



**NEW GALLERY  
HOURS!**

Thurs - Sun  
11-5

## Participating Artists

Brian Major & Keren Taylor

Join us this month at  
the Blaine Art Gallery as we showcase  
awesome works by these local painters  
and sculptures.



Art by Brian Major

Art by Keren Taylor



# Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

## May Gift Shop

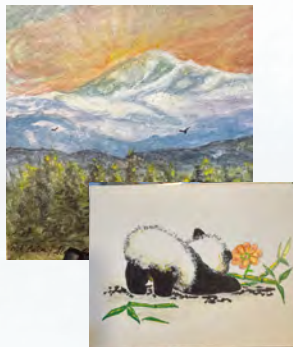
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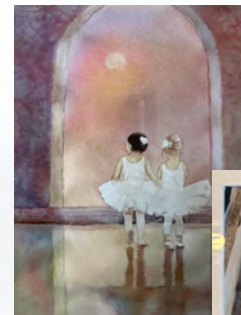
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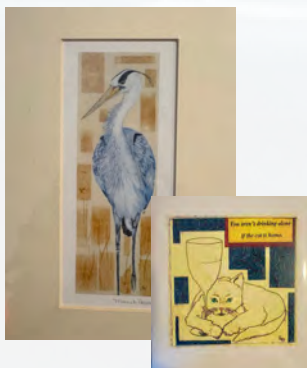
Jewelry by Cheryl Smith



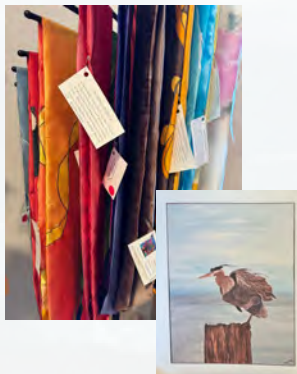
Paintings & Cards by Deb Freeman



Watercolor prints & tiles  
by Deborah Haggman



Prints & Cards by Georgia Donovan



Silk Scarves & Cards by Kay Dee Powell



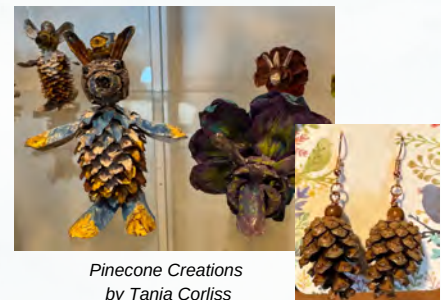
Paintings, Cubes,  
Fabric Bags, &  
Cards by Marjie Miller



Photography by Martin Johnson



Cards by Ruth Lauman



Pinecone Creations  
by Tania Corliss

**The Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop  
has many gift options from our incredibly talented local artisans.**

**Come check us out for all your  
Mother's Day shopping!**

**Connect  
with us!**



## Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

### 2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN

# Art Walk



**May 10 - 4:00PM-6:30PM**

Our Downtown Art Walk is 2nd Saturday! We're hoping those of you coming into Blaine for the day will stop by on your way home after supporting your local businesses. And those of you coming in for the evening will begin at the gallery and then go on to see the wonderful artworks displayed at local businesses who have partnered with us.

Enjoy sweet & savory treats from  
**L & L Bakery!**



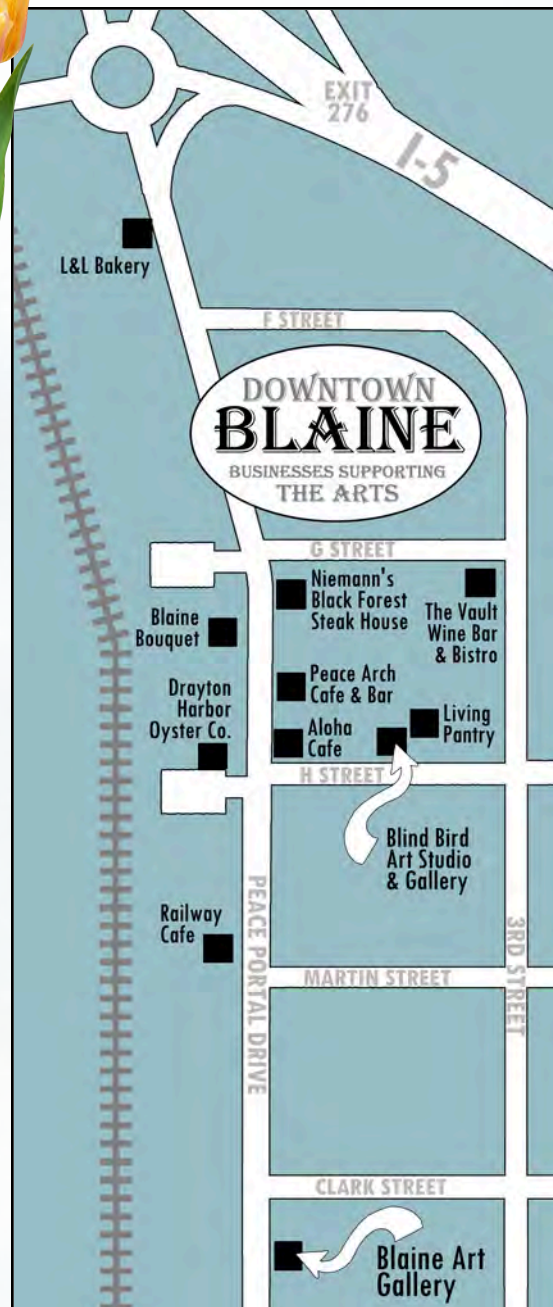
Nothing says **LOVE**  
like beautifully crafted art.  
Come find the perfect  
**Mother's Day** gift in the  
**Art Gallery Gift Shop!**

*Begin* at the **Blaine Art Gallery**  
at 922 Peace Portal Drive. Check out our  
amazing artisans' creations and enjoy  
sweet & savory treats from L & L Bakery.

*Continue* to **Blind Bird Art Studio**  
at 264 H Street and see BAC member,  
Shawna Morris' artwork while she paints  
live during the event.

*Also,* enjoy the many things Blaine's local  
businesses have to offer and see more of our  
members' artwork gracing their walls!

We are grateful for our partnerships with  
Blaine's local business community and look  
forward to growing our impact in 2025!



**Aloha Cafe**

**Drayton Harbor Oyster Company**

(Artist: Kim Morris)

**L & L Bakery** (Artist: Kay Dee Powell)

**Niemann's Black Forest Steak House**

**The Vault Wine Bar** (Artists: Ruth Lauman  
& Shawna Morris)



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

CALL TO  
ARTISTS



**The Gallery is fully booked through July! Here are the upcoming opportunities to participate! Don't miss out to show in 2025!**

#### August Call to Artists

August's exhibition will be a stunning display of local artistic talent. **In addition to the fantastic artists currently scheduled, we're seeking 2 more artists to feature their work.**

#### September Call to Artists

September's exhibition is shaping up to be another outstanding month for art in Blaine! **In addition to artists currently scheduled, we have space for 3 more artists to participate in this exciting exhibit.**

#### October Call to Artists

October's exhibition will be a new and exciting one, so stay tuned for more info!

#### November Call to Artists

November's exhibition is going to herald the holiday season into the gallery! **In addition to the amazing artists currently scheduled, we have space for 5-6 additional to participate.**

#### December Call to Artists

December's exhibition will once again show off the talents our local artists have to offer, as we open the gallery up as a **Holiday Gift Shop!** Plan to participate with varied art pieces.

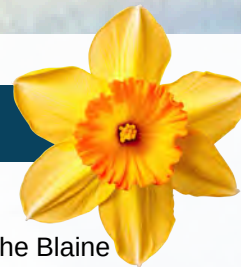
**These are all fantastic opportunities to exhibit in a vibrant, community-focused gallery.** We welcome submissions from artists across all mediums, including painting, photography, sculpture, woodworking, jewelry, and more.

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Submit your entries to the [GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM](#). Have questions, contact us at [gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org).

**Don't miss this opportunity to share your art with the community—apply today!**

## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities



### 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!

### JAMES ROBINSON

James is offering an online, still-life & photo drawing course for pencil, for beginners to advanced. If you would like more info, visit [Online drawing course info link](#) - please note this is an updated link for James' art lessons. You may also contact James at [jamesbaby356@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbaby356@gmail.com).

### MARTIN JOHNSON

Martin is featured in an online art exhibition through Artsy.net, as well as the Decagon Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, the Chicago Digital Showcase, and the Greece Digital Showcase.

### RUTH LAUMAN

Ruth's art is showing at the Vault through June.

### SABRINA GOMEZ-VANNELLI

Sabrina's Day-to-Day Dance presents Mother Earth Dances Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm and Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show. Admission is \$15, with tickets at the door and at [www.daytodaydance.com/events](http://www.daytodaydance.com/events). Blaine Performing Arts Center - 975 H Street.

### SIERRA JAMES

Sierra is showcased in "Women Rising: Expanding Visions/Diverse Perspectives", [Cascadia International Women's Film Festival](#) art exhibit showcasing the work of Pacific Northwest women artists at the Dakota Art Store in Bellingham.

### SHAWNA MORRIS

Shawna's art is showing at the Vault through June. **ALSO: Blind Bird Studio Art Lab & Gallery** featuring the abstract expressionist artwork of Shawna Morris & Kevin Hoover is **hosting a Studio Sale to Clear the Nest** and make room for the New. For the entire month of May, we are **offering deep discounts up to 50% off** on original artwork and reproductions, including art cards, magnets, and prints. We will be participating in Art Walk and the Blaine Block Party and are available for showings by appointment.

Follow us on social media! @blind.bird.art.

### VAUNE AINSWORTH

Vaune has 2 pieces in the 2025 Spring Juried Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center. The show will run from April 10<sup>th</sup> - June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Call for Artists

### Join Us for Art by the Sea!

We're thrilled to announce Art by the Sea, our summer arts festival celebrating creativity, community, and coastal charm!

**When:** July 26 & 27, 2025 / 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Where:** BAC Gallery Parking Lot and the open lot across the street

**Deadline to apply:** June 15, 2025

**Apply now to reserve your space:** [Call For Artists Application](#)

### 2-Day Event Includes:

Live Music  
Art Demonstrations  
Vibrant Outdoor Market



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### 2025 MEETING PRESENTERS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

**Artist Networking at the General Meetings** is our Adult Show & Tell, and is super fun! See below for 2025 open opportunities to be a presenter at a general meeting and share what you do with us!

Jun 12 - Adult Show and Tell

Jul 10 - Michelle Kamrath

Aug 14 - Open

Sept 11 - Adult Show and Tell

Oct 9 - Open

Nov 13 - Open

Dec 11 - BAC Holiday Party

Jan 8, 2025 - Open

## A Petite Word From The President

### Nurturing the Next Generation of Creators

There's something especially powerful about witnessing young artists share their voices with the world. Right now, our gallery windows are alive with their work, and in June, we're thrilled to welcome the winners of the Evening of the Arts into the gallery space. Throughout the summer, we're hoping to add performances from student musicians, theater groups, and other rising talent to keep that creative momentum going.

At a time when arts funding is shrinking and uncertainty looms large, we're choosing to double down on what matters: community, creativity, and connection. Supporting young artists isn't just an investment in the future, it's a way to bring fresh energy, hope, and perspective to the present.

We know that art doesn't erase adversity, but it does illuminate a path through it. It invites us to feel, to imagine, and to connect. When we make space for young people to create and be seen, we're planting seeds of joy and resilience that can grow into something extraordinary.

Let's keep showing up – for our artists, our community, and each other.

With joy and gratitude,  
Margaret Owens

## Welcome BAC Newest Business Member!

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

Joni Finston

*Share  
With Us!*

We want to know all newsworthy items about your art and you! Shows, awards, where your art will be, art items you would like to sell or trade?  
**Please submit information by the 25th each month to:**  
[communications@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:communications@blaineartscouncil.org)