



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

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General Meeting - June 12, 2025

June Presentation



Calling All Creatives!

June's Arts Council presentation is Adult Show & Tell + Artist Networking!

It's that time again, and we can't wait to see what you've been up to! Whether you've been painting up a storm, experimenting with something new, or finally finished that piece you're proud of, this is your moment to shine.

Show it. Tell it. Share it.

Each artist gets a few minutes to present their work and answer a few questions—just enough time to inspire and be inspired.

After the presentations, stick around to mingle, connect, and get a closer look at the amazing art. It's a relaxed, supportive space to celebrate creativity, meet fellow artists, and grow your network.

Join us as we celebrate the joy of creating. We can't wait to see what you bring!

Support Request

Deb Freeman & Jennifer Korn have graciously taken the lead to clear/weed the gallery lot and the lot across the street for the Art by the Sea event. If you would like to help, please contact Deb directly at: telkadebby@gmail.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL
SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

JULY 26 & 27, 2025
10AM - 4PM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2025

Art by the Sea



Are you an artist looking to share your work with the community? We'd love to have you join us in our beautiful setting by the sea!

**SPACES ARE FILLING UP FAST,
SO SIGN UP NOW!**

[Click here for more information and application!](#)

**Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
June 12, 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive



2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN

Art Walk

June 14 - 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!**

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

Then, head to **Major Arts Studio** at 978 Harrison Avenue to check out all the incredible pop art, sculptures, and paintings.

Continue to **Blind Bird Art Studio** at 264 H Street and see Shawna Morris' lovely artwork.

See the fantastic artists showing at **The Vault.**

And enjoy the many things Blaine's local businesses have to offer!

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



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: Rod Kent & several WAST artists)

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

June Gallery Show

NEW GALLERY HOURS!

Thurs - Sun
11-5

Participating Artists

Blaine HS Evening of the Arts Winners

Heidi Grevstad

KaaShaayi

Kathleen Carlsson

Maria Monks

Join us this month at the Blaine Art Gallery as we showcase awesome works by these talented, local artists.



Art by just a few of the talented BHS Evening of the Arts winners on display in June



Art by Kathleen Carlsson



Art by Heidi Grevstad



Art by KaaShaayi



Art by Maria Monks

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June Gift Shop

**GALLERY
HOURS**
Thurs - Sun
11-5

Gift Shop Artists



Pottery by Cathie Richardson



Jewelry by Cheryl Smith



Paintings & Cards by Deb Freeman



Prints & Cards by Georgia Donovan



Silk Scarves & Cards by Kay Dee Powell



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



Photography by Martin Johnson



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 gift shopping
needs!**

**Connect
with us!**



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 1 more artist 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 2 more artists to participate in this exciting exhibit.**

October Call to Artists

October's exhibition will be a **Nationwide Call to Artists**. Info coming soon, so stay tuned!

November & December Call to Artists

November's exhibition is going to herald the holiday season into the gallery, and run through the end of the year! **Get your name in to participate in the Holiday Gift Shop!**

Once again we will be showing off the talents our local artists, as we open the gallery up even longer as the **Holiday Gift Shop!** The November/December show will run from 11/8/2025 - 12/28/2025. Please let us know by 10/1/2025 if you plan to participate via email at: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org.

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.

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!

BRIAN MAJOR

Brian is featured at the Fine Arts Gallery in the 2025 Summer Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center that will run from Thursday, July 10 – Friday, September 26, 2025. Reception is Thursday, July 10, 6PM – 8PM. He is also featured in the Whatcom Artist Studio Tour (WAST).

CHRISTY SCHROEDER-LLOYD

Christy is teaching "Whimsical Letters at four (4) Whatcom County Library locations this summer.

Everson - Wed, June 25th, 6-8pm

Blaine - Sat, June 28th, 11am - 1pm

Lynden - Thurs, July 24th, 6 - 8pm



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 updated link.

LINDA GRAY

Linda's photography is on display until June 30th at the Great Blue Heron in Semiahmoo.

Photography by
Linda Gray



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.

ROCK MORRIS

Rock is featured at the Fine Arts Gallery in the 2025 Summer Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center that will run from Thursday, July 10 – Friday, September 26, 2025. Reception is Thursday, July 10, 6PM – 8PM

ROD KENT

Rod is featured in the Bistro at The Vault starting in June.

RUTH LAUMAN

Ruth's art is showing at the Great Blue Heron in Semiahmoo, July & August

THE VAULT

The Studio at the Vault will feature several artists from WAST. **In celebration, June 14th's 2nd Saturday Art Walk hours will be extended to 2pm - 6:30pm.**

VAUNE AINSWORTH

Vaune has 2 pieces in the 2025 Spring Juried Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center, including this mixed media on canvas, *Daring To Go Beyond*. The show will run from April 10th - June 28th.



Art by Vaune Ainsworth

BAC Member to Member

Motoko Lewis has approx 5 new Blick Bamboo frames for sale - 18x24 and 14x17 sizes available. Each valued about \$35. She also has Bristol, wire-bound pad, with easy remove sheets. Both smooth and vellum, 19x24 and 11x17. Best offer. Please reference BAC email in subject line with serious inquiries only. Motoko can bring to one of the meetings if more convenient. artistinfo@motokolewis.com



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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!

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, 2026 - Open

Feb 12, 2026 - Annual General Mtg

A Petite Word From The President

Sometimes the Universe Whispers—Then It Shoves.

A few weeks ago, while dancing and having too much fun, I took a decidedly ungraceful fall, and landed in the ER with a compression fracture to my L1. To add considerable insult to injury, we also had to say goodbye to the best boy, Buddy, the sweetest and gentlest of souls. So... 2025? Let's just say it is currently holding a solid 1/2-star Yelp rating.

With a whole lot of horizontal rest, and three months of healing ahead, I've had much time to reflect. While life has thrown me a couple of curveballs, one thing I know for sure: my love for this town - and its incredible potential as a thriving arts hub - is as strong as ever.

Times are tough. Local businesses are struggling, school arts funding is way down, and the path forward isn't fully lit. But even sad and flat on my back, I know this: NOW is the moment to rally. This is the time to lift each other up and keep the creative spirit burning bright.

So, let's each ask ourselves, what can I do? How can we support our community and help it grow, even in daunting times?

One recent bright spot? I had the privilege to serve as a juror - alongside three of our Arts Council members, Diane & Paul Berg and Jasmine Johnson - for this year's Blaine HS Evening of the Arts. The talent these students display gives me so much hope for the future. I know you'll agree when you see their art showing in the Gallery this month.

I'm still all in, and I believe that together, we will emerge stronger, more connected, and a whole lot more colorful.

With joy and gratitude,
Margaret Owens



Buddy Owens
10/10/2010 - 6/5/2025

Welcome BAC Newest Member!

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

Beverly Davis | Linda Gray

*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