



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

# NEWSLETTER

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August 2025

## General Meeting - August 14, 2025

### *August's Meeting Topics*

#### **August Meeting: Council Discussion for the balance of 2025**

We are foregoing the normal presentation this month, so we may discuss plans/options for the balance of 2025. We will be talking about Board options/changes, what is coming up for the Gallery, and classes. Please come with your support and ideas. Thanks!

#### **August Class in the Gallery: Brushes & Bubbles with Kay Dee Powell**

Guests can choose to create either an abstract or representational painting while learning about composition, perspective, color theory, and mixing — all in a fun, lively atmosphere.

**Tickets are \$40** and all materials are included. **Thursday, August 28, 7–9 p.m**

Bring a friend and reserve your spot at [blaineartscouncil.org/galleryclasses](http://blaineartscouncil.org/galleryclasses).



#### **October Gallery Juried, Multi-State Show - Deadline for entry - 9/3/2025**

We invite you to submit your most compelling small artwork for consideration in our gallery's inaugural juried exhibit. This competition celebrates both 2D and 3D smaller works of art. This event challenges you to present your creative imagery in a more compact format. Cash prizes for 1st - \$300 and 2nd- \$200.

This juried exhibit highlights the western region's abundant talent and their unique artistic visions. Artists residing in WA, OR, ID, WY, MT, NV, CA, UT, AZ, CO & NM.

2D artwork maximum 24" on longest side

3D artwork maximum 15" longest dimension

Allow your artistic mastery to demonstrate content and composition rather than overwhelm with sheer scale. We want to see what you think creative art is when not restricted by a theme but rather size. We encourage you to challenge the boundaries of scale by exploring diverse themes, whether realistic or abstract. Surprise us with innovation. Inspire us with imagination. [October Call For Artists link](#)

**Entry Deadline: Sept 3rd**

**Notice of Acceptance: September 10th**

**Fee to participate: \$30**

**Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!**  
**Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street**  
**August 14, 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Graciously  
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN

*Art Walk*

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**AUGUST**  
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DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF  
PEACE PORTAL DRIVE FOR THE  
BLAINE REVITALIZATION PROJECT,  
THE BLAINE ART GALLERY WILL  
BE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

WE WILL REOPEN WITH A FANTASTIC  
SEPTEMBER SHOW, THURSDAY, 9/11/25,  
AND CELEBRATE ON 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY, 9/13/25  
4:00PM - 6:30PM

WE WILL BE THRILLED TO SEE YOU THERE!

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# August Gallery Classes

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## Calling all local artists!

We are opening up Gallery time and space throughout the year to teach classes - both to our local high school students who will lose their beloved art teacher, Mr. Smith, next year, but also whatever you might like to teach. The sky is the limit! Figure drawing, painting in various mediums, pottery/ceramics, etc. We need you!

If you are interested in moving forward with us to support our community and truly make a difference in the lives of our local burgeoning artists, please let us know asap. Pop an email over to [communication@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:communication@blaineartscouncil.org). We look forward to creating something awesome with you!



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CALL TO  
ARTISTS



**The Gallery's September show is full, and the Holiday show is filling up fast! Here are the upcoming opportunities to participate! Don't miss out to show in 2025!**

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**Entry deadline is September 3<sup>rd</sup>** and the link to apply is: [BAG - Small Art, Big Impact Call to Artists](#).

### **November/December Call to Artists - Filling up Fast!**

**November's exhibition** will herald the holiday season into the gallery! The Holiday Gift Shop will open on 11/8/25, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November, and run through the end of December. We will once again show off the talents our local artists have to offer as we open the gallery up as a **Holiday Gift Shop!** Spots are filling quickly, so get your name in soon!

**These are 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!

### **BONNIE VENTURA**

Bonnie will be teaching a two-session mug class for BBPRD2 at the Blaine Pavilion on 9/13/25 & 9/20/25, from 3pm - 4pm.

### **BRIAN MAJOR**

Brian is exhibiting at the Jansen Art Center as part of the WAST Showcase Exhibit through 9/26.



Art by Brian Major

### **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](#). You may also contact James: [jamesbaby356@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbaby356@gmail.com).



Art by Kaa Shaayi

### **KAA SHAAAYÍ**

Kaa Shaayi's art and carving have been accepted into the Jansen Art Center's Summer Juried Exhibit through 9/26.

### **LYN RACKLEY**

Lyn has a painting accepted into the Jansen Art Center's Summer Juried Exhibit through 9/26. The painting is Done for the Day.



Art by Lyn Rackley

### **MARIA MONKS**

Maria has 5 paintings showing at the Blaine Library through September 30th.



Art by Rebecca Danger

### **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.

### **REBECCA DANGER**

Rebecca is exhibiting at the Jansen Art Center as part of the WAST Showcase Exhibit through 9/26.



Art by Rock Morris

### **ROCK MORRIS**

Rock is a featured artist in the Fine Arts Gallery Summer Exhibit at the Jansen Art Center through 9/26.

### **RUTH LAUMAN**

Ruth's art is showing at the Great Blue Heron through the end of August.

### **VAUNE AINSWORTH**

Vaune has a piece accepted in the Jansen Art Center's Summer Juried Exhibit through 9/26. The piece is called Breakthrough.



Art by Vaune Ainsworth

### **Whatcom Artist Studio Tour (WAST)- Blaine Arts Council member participant studios**

Check out the studios of BAC members this fall, October 4th - 6th & 11th - 12th.

Brian Major, Deb Dole, and Rebecca Danger. For more details: [WAST Artists & Details](#)

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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!

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  
Mar 12, 2026 - Open  
Apr 9, 2026 - Open

## A Petite Word From The President

Hello all!

Blaine is in the middle of an exciting — but challenging — chapter. Our downtown revitalization is in full swing, and with it has come the necessary, if difficult, decision to temporarily close the Blaine Art Gallery while our street is under construction. I know this impacts more than just our ability to share art; it affects our daily rhythms, our local businesses, and our sense of connection.

On a personal note, I know many of us — myself included — are carrying our own struggles alongside these community changes. Life doesn't pause for construction projects, and sometimes the road feels bumpier than we'd like. But I believe these moments of disruption are also where our resilience and creativity shine the brightest.

We'll reopen our gallery doors for September's 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Downtown Art Walk to a renewed downtown, stronger than before. We'll look back and see this not just as a detour, but as a turning point — one that challenged us, bonded us, and pushed us to imagine what's possible for Blaine's future.

Thank you for walking this road with us. Let's keep creating, connecting, and holding space for one another until we meet again in the gallery.

With gratitude,  
Margaret Owens

## Welcome BAC Newest Member!

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

Charles Konner | Laura Blaker

*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)