



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



September 2025

General Meeting - September 11, 2025

September Meeting Presentation

September Presentation: Artist 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!

Board News

Some of you may have heard that our long-standing Board Secretary, Dave Sawicki, has had to step away for family reasons. We appreciate so much all that he has done, both in the role of Secretary, but also the many other jobs he has taken on because he is wonderful - installing signage, supporting 2nd Saturday, logistics for the festival, and the list travels on down my arm. We are so grateful for his time and generosity, and he will be greatly missed.

That said, we are so fortunate to be welcoming Bonnie Ventura back on to the Board, who will be stepping into the Secretary role. We missed her being gone for a few months, and are so excited to have her back with her invaluable input and humor. We are lucky to have such amazing people as members, willing to step up and make a difference in our community.

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
September 11, 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

SEPTEMBER

2nd Saturday Downtown Art Walk

September 13

4:00 - 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 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.

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

See the fantastic artists showing at **The Vault & L & L Bakery.**

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
L & L Bakery
Niemann's Black Forest Steak House
The Vault Wine Bar

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

September Gallery & Gift Show

Participating Gallery Artists

Cathy Taggett
Elizabeth Carneiro
Jean Ferrier
Linda Gray
Tomas Vrba



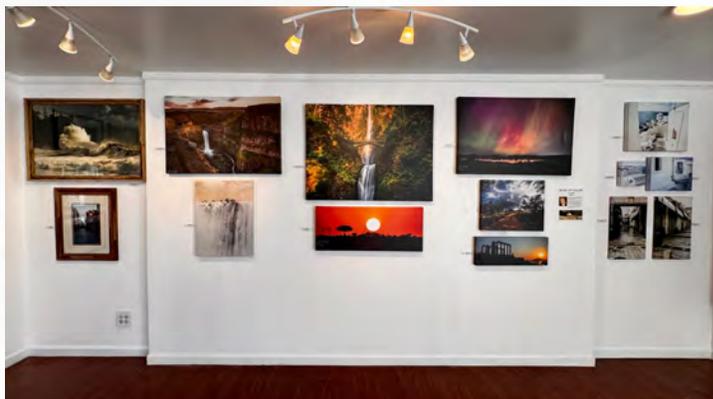
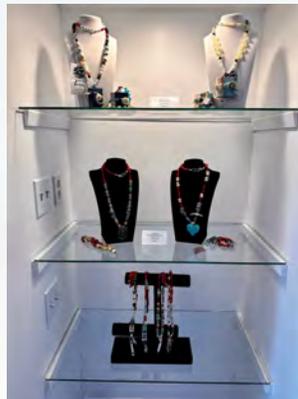
Art by Cathy Taggett



Art by Elizabeth Carneiro



Art & Jewelry by Jean Ferrier



Art by Linda Gray



Art by Tomas Vrba

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September Gallery & Gift Show

Participating Gift Shop Artists

Cheryl Smith
Christy Schroeder-Lloyd
Deb Freeman
Georgia Donovan
Jean Ferrier

Kay Dee Powell
Linda Gray
Margie Creen
Marjie Miller
Martin Johnson



Come in and see the new local member gifts of art, cards, jewelry, & candles.

So many talented artists, and so many yummy smells to bring home!



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

Gallery Classes

Brushes & Bubbles - The gallery's 1st art class was a huge success!

Kay Dee Powell hosted her first every paint & sip painting class, and much fun was had by all! We are looking forward to her next class and what else we will learn!



We have 5 local artists preparing to teach this fall/winter season, but we would love to offer more!

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, photography, etc.

If you are interested in supporting our community, and truly make a difference in the lives of our local burgeoning artists, please let us know at communication@blaineartscouncil.org. We look forward to creating something awesome with you!



CLASS



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CALL TO
ARTISTS



Here are the upcoming opportunities to participate! Don't miss out!

October Call to Artists Show - Small Art, Big Impact

October's exhibition is set with applications from 39 artists and 104 pieces of art submitted! It's going to be an awesome mix of local and regional art, and you are not going to want to miss it! The show will start on 2nd Saturday, 10/11, and run through 11/2 - just in time for the holiday show to start. More info to come in the October newsletter, so stay tuned!

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, 2nd Saturday in November, and run through the end of December, with close out during the first week of January. 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 please let us know asap if you would like to participate.

This year the Holiday Gift Shop has a max item price for sale of \$300, with flexible art sizing options. The charge for the space will be \$65, with a 25% commission. There will be no commission on cards.

January 2026 Call to Artists

January's exhibition will be a stunning display of local artistic talent. **We're seeking 4 more artist to feature their work.**

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.

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.



Art by Kaa Shaayi

KAA SHAA YÍ

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 participating in the Semiahmoo Craft Show on October 4th.

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!

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

May 14, 2026 - Open

A Petite Word From The President

Dear Friends,

This month brings exciting momentum for the Blaine Arts Council and our community. After a brief closure during downtown revitalization, the Blaine Art Gallery is reopening on September 11 with a brand-new show featuring the incredible talent of our local artists. Just two days later, on Saturday, September 13, we'll celebrate together at the Second Saturday Downtown Art Walk from 4:00–6:30 p.m., complete with sweet treats from L & L Bakery. It promises to be a joyful evening of art, connection, and community.

As we step into fall, there is even more to look forward to. In October, the Gallery will host our first-ever juried Call to Artists show, Small Art, Big Impact, featuring submissions from across the western states. This event will bring new voices and perspectives into our space, and I can't wait for the inspiration it will spark.

And before the year ends, we'll celebrate the season with our Holiday Gift Shop, a perfect chance to support local artists while finding unique gifts for family and friends.

So much promise lies ahead — in our gallery, in our members, and in the community we are building together. Let's celebrate every moment.

With gratitude,
Margaret Owens

Welcome BAC Newest Member!

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

Margie Creen | Tomas Vrba

*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