



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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October 2025

General Meeting - October 9, 2025

OCTOBER Meeting



October General Meeting: 2026 - A Discussion of Council & Gallery Goals

Join us this month to help shape the Gallery and Arts Council's plans for 2026!

We'll be discussing art classes, community opportunities, and ideas for the year ahead. This is your chance to share your voice and make a difference in Blaine. Bring your ideas, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Board News

We are thrilled to welcome Sara Hansen to the BAC Board as our new lead for Community Outreach! Sara is eager to begin collaborating with local schools and Stafholt Rehab, exploring ways to support and inspire through both art and her first love, music. This role brings exciting opportunities to share knowledge, build partnerships, and provide meaningful support for Blaine. We are grateful for members like Sara who step forward to make a true difference in our community.

Gallery News

🌟 You're Invited! 🌟

Come celebrate the Blaine Art Gallery's Inaugural Juried Show — a lovely evening to honor creativity, connection, and the 29 talented artists joining us from across the Western U.S.

🎉 Opening Reception: Saturday, October 11 | 4–7 PM

Meet several of the artists, enjoy lively conversation, and be the first to experience the 46 extraordinary works of sculpture, paintings, and jewelry.

🍷 The evening will be filled with the spirit of celebration, artful displays, and a warm community welcome you won't want to miss!

Gallery Hours (starting Oct 12): Thursday – Sunday | 11 AM – 5 PM

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
October 9, 2025 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

OCTOBER

2nd Saturday Downtown Art Walk

Gallery Opening Reception

October 11

4:00 - 7PM

This October's Downtown Art Walk is a celebration and opening of the inaugural Juried Show!

We're hoping those of you coming into Blaine for the day will stop by on your way home after supporting your local businesses, or on your way to a fabulous dinner at one of our local restaurants.

Enjoy savory snacks, and some sweet treats from L & L Bakery!

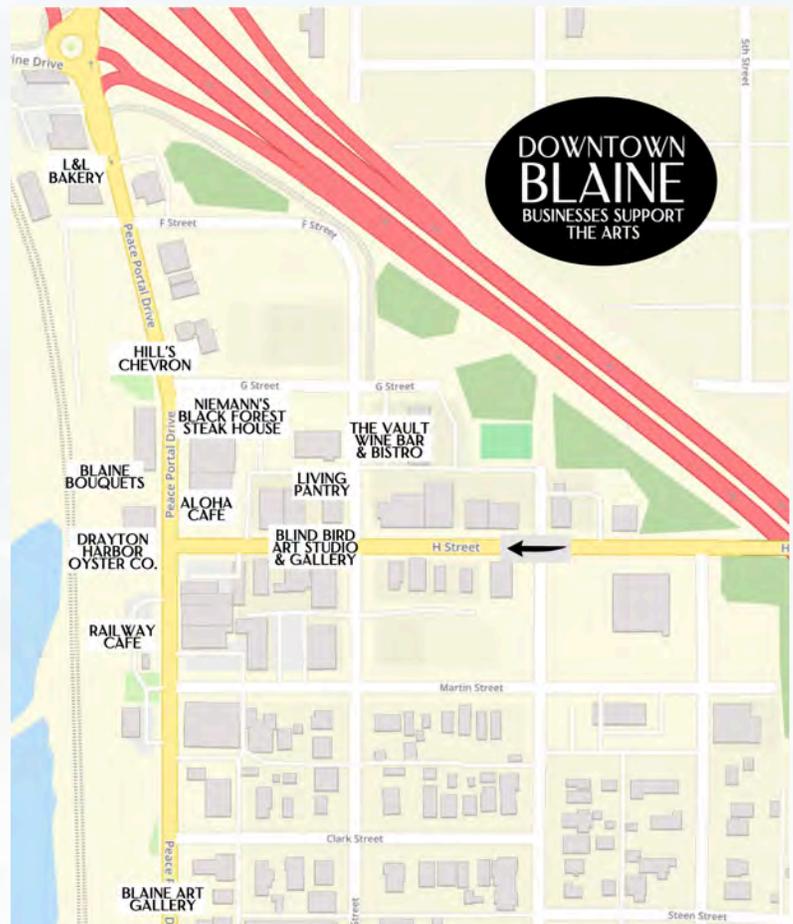
Begin at the **Blaine Art Gallery** at 922 Peace Portal Drive. Check out our amazing artisans' creations and enjoy treats from L & L Bakery.

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
Blind Bird Art Studio & Gallery
Drayton Harbor Oyster Company
L & L Bakery
Living Pantry
Niemann's Black Forest Steak House
The Vault Wine Bar

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

OCTOBER *Juried Art Show*

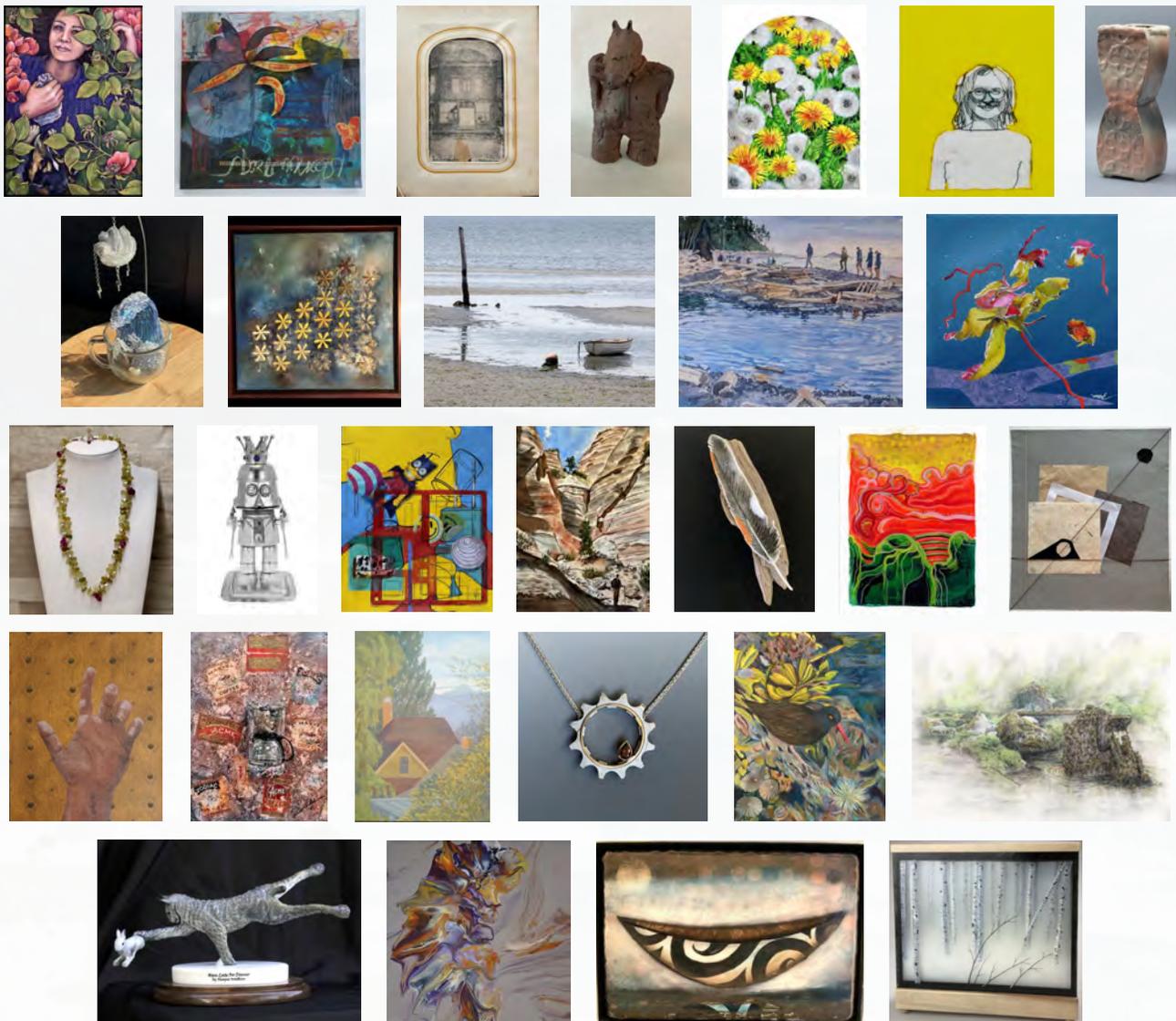
October hosts the Art Gallery's 1st Juried Art Show, with artists participating from all over the Western US. It is very exciting, and we are thrilled to present them to you from October 11th - November 9th. Please come and check out the work of these fantastic artists!

Allison McClay
Barbi Troske
Brenda Stumpf
David Moore
Emma Baldwin
Gordon Miller
Jasmin Beul

Jo Edwardsen
Katherine Reed
Lorraine Day
Lyn Rackley
Madeline Kozlowski
Margaret Owens
Mark Seeger

Mauro de Carvalho
Patti Pierce
Peggy Shashy
Rebecca Mott
Rebecca Novello
Rebekah Cammack
Reinhardt Hollstein

Robert Matinjussi
Sacha Bliese
Sara Koten
Scott Kolbo
Shayne Watkins
Stephanie Hahn
Steve Jensen
Teresa Childers



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

October Gift Shop



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

CALL TO
ARTISTS



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

November/December Call to Artists - Only 4 Spots Left!

November's exhibition will herald the holiday season into the gallery! The Holiday Gift Shop will open on 11/15/25, 2nd Saturday in November, and run through the 28th 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 please let us know asap if you would like to participate. We are looking to have music on most weekends up to Christmas, such as the high school choir, etc, so if you have a recommendation or idea, please let us know.

This year the Holiday Gift Shop has a max item price for sale of \$300, with flexible art sizing/wall location size 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 3 more artists to feature their work.**

February 2026 Call to Artists

February's exhibition will be a stunning display of local artistic talent. **We're seeking 6 artists 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!

BRIAN MAJOR

Brian's studio will be part of the Whatcom Artist Studio Tour, October 4th- 6th and 11th - 12th. Go by and check it out! [WAST Artists & Details-Brian Major](#)



Art by Brian Major

DEB DOLE

Deb's studio will be part of the Whatcom Artist Studio Tour, October 4th- 6th and 11th - 12th. Go by and check it out! [WAST Artists & Details-Deb Dole](#)



Art by Deb Dole

CATHIE RICHARDSON

Cathie's art will be available at the Fall Artisan Market at the Semiahmoo Resort on October 4th, 11-4pm.

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.

LYN RACKLEY

Lyn had two paintings accepted into the Art Gallery's October Juried Show. The painting titled, "Exploring", won 2nd prize. The show starts 10/11/25.



Art by Lyn Rackley

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 will be available at the Fall Artisan Market at the Semiahmoo Resort on October 4th, 11-4pm.



Art by Tomas Vrba

TOMAS VRBA

Rebecca's studio will be part of the Whatcom Artist Studio Tour, October 4th- 6th and 11th - 12th. Check it out! [WAST Artists & Details-Tomas Vrba](#)

Fall Artisan Market at Semiahmoo Resort - Blaine Arts Council members participating.

October 4th from 11am - 4pm

Located in the Semiahmoo Tent Pavilion, behind the resort, looking out over the bay. It should be a lovely place to spend a family-friendly day, so get out and support our local artists and members.

[Semiahmoo Resort](#)

[Semiahmoo Fall Artisan Market Details](#)

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, Rebecca Danger, and Tomas Vrba. For more details: [WAST Artists & Details](#)

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

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!

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

June 11, 2026 - Open



A Petite Word From The President

Dear Friends,

Fall is upon us — a season of change, reflection, and fresh inspiration. Just as the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, it's a wonderful reminder that creativity and community thrive when we embrace new seasons together.

This October, the Gallery will host our first-ever juried Call to Artists show, Small Art, Big Impact, featuring inspiring submissions from across the western states. This event will bring fresh voices and new perspectives into our space, and I am excited to see each artist's inspiration. The opening reception promises to be fun and festive, filled with art, conversation, and community.

As we look toward the close of 2025, there is much to celebrate — and much to plan for 2026. How can we best support our community, our schools, and our seniors? Who is ready to step forward and help bring new ideas to life? If not us, then who? These are questions worth pondering, and I invite you to be part of the solution and share your thoughts/ideas with us.

Come enjoy the show, join the conversation, and be part of shaping what's next. The future is ours to create! Oh, and Happy Halloween, for the candy lovers out there! :)

With gratitude,
Margaret Owens



*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**