

January 2026

## January General Meeting Highlights

# January Presentation



If you missed the meeting this week, you missed a really great presentation. Heidi Grevstad has been hooking rugs since 2004. She first learned from her mother and has since traveled to many traditional rug hooking schools across the United States, and also in Canada and the United Kingdom.

She is the owner of Birch Bay Rug Hooking, which supplies rug hookers with patterns, wool fabric and all the tools needed for making traditional hooked rugs. Heidi became a McGown Certified Rug Hooking Teacher in 2023. She has had rugs accepted into juried fiber art shows and has been published in several rug hooking magazines and books.



# JANUARY

## In The Gallery

The January Gallery Show kicks off 2026 with a bang for the **Opening Reception on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4pm - 7pm.** The Gallery is filled with new artists and work not seen here before! You'll not want to miss it!



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

# JANUARY

## 2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

Join us for the  
Art Gallery's  
**JANUARY**  
**OPENING RECEPTION**

January 10<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 - 7:00PM

January's Downtown Art Walk celebrates new artists and excitement of new beginnings at the Blaine Art Gallery.

Stop by and get a first glimpse of what is new and creative!

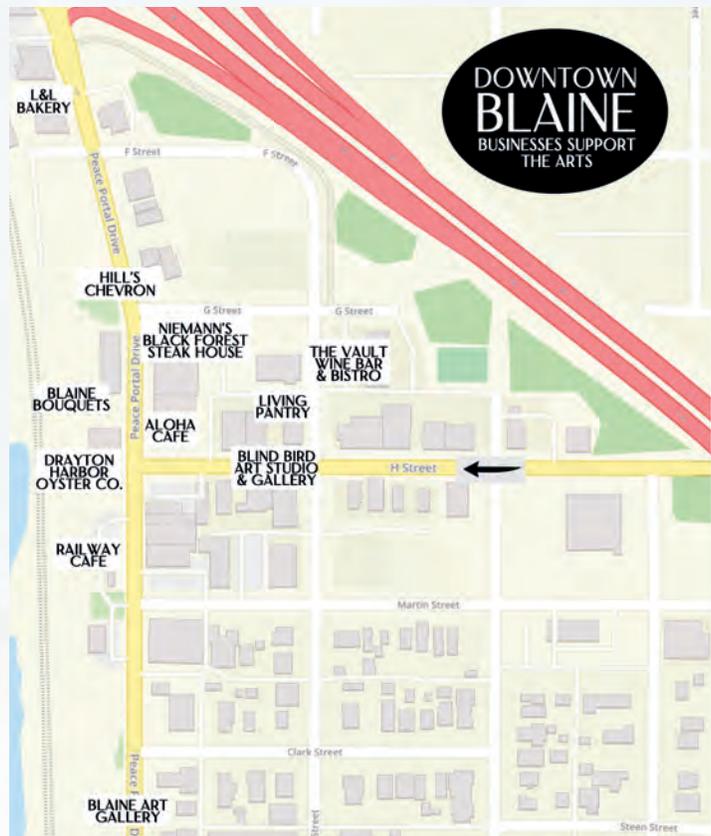
Celebrate **Creativity**  
Shop Local • Spread Joy  
Enjoy savory snacks, hot chocolate, and some sweet treats from L & L Bakery!

**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 work by more local artisans.

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

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



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

*We are grateful for our partnership with Blaine's local business community & we look forward to expanding in 2026!*

## Members Showing in January in the Gallery

### *Participating January Artists*

Join us for the  
**Opening Reception**  
4pm - 7pm  
January 10, 2026



Bruce Scott



Dan DeLong



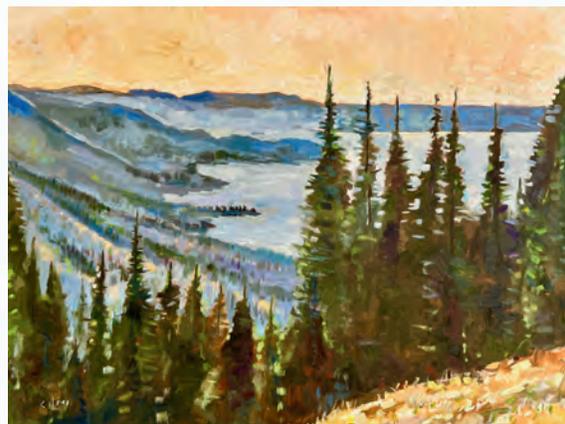
Dana Hayden



Jo Edwardsen



Lorraine Day



Scott Cilmi

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## BLAINE ART GALLERY EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

This is going to be an exciting year at our little gallery! To mix things up we have a few themed months, we're adding a second juried show in the Spring, and also an online auction to create more exposure for our artists and gallery. July brings our 2-year anniversary, which will once again bring a DJ and food truck to our parking lot to increase traffic and bring the party spirit! If you would like to participate/show in the gallery this year, please let us know.

### How to Participate:

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!**

#### February 2026

Theme: Love!  
Runs: 2/14 - 3/8  
Openings: 10-14 artists

#### March 2026 - Inaugural Spring Juried Show

Theme: Birds  
Runs: 3/14 - 4/5  
Openings: 20-30 artists  
**Applications** will be run through Cafe, and will be open by end of January. Stay tuned!

#### April 2026

Theme: Fabric Art (Quilts, Embroidery, etc)  
Runs: 4/11 - 5/3  
Openings: 6-10 artists

#### May 2026

Theme: Member Artists  
Runs: 5/9 - 6/7  
Openings: 6-8 artists

#### June 2026

Theme: Members & Evening of Arts Winners  
Runs: 6/13 - 7/5  
Openings: 4 member artists & EoA's winners

#### July 2026

Theme: **Online Auction**  
Runs: 7/11 - 8/9  
Openings: Approx 20 artists

#### August 2026

Theme: Member Artists  
Runs: 8/15 - 9/6  
Openings: 6-8 artists

#### September 2026

Theme: Member Artists  
Runs: 9/12 - 10/4  
Openings: 6-8 artists

#### October 2026 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Juried Show

Theme: Small Art, Big Impact  
Runs: 10/10 - 11/8  
Openings: 20-30 artists  
**Applications** will be run through Cafe, and will be open by end of July. Stay tuned!

#### November/December 2026

Theme: Holiday Gift Show  
Runs: 11/14 - 12/23  
Openings: 18-22 artists

## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

### BLACK SWAN SOCIETY

The Black Swan Society is an independent artist study group that meets once a month at the Jansen Art Center in Lynden. They are having a show at the Jansen, starting with an Opening Reception from 6pm-8pm on January 22nd. The show will run until March 27<sup>th</sup>. There are 21 local Whatcom County artists in the group. These BAC familiar faces will be participating:

Gordon Nealy   Judy Newland   Rebecca Danger  
Rock Morris   Tamara Olson   Vaune Ainsworth

### THE VAULT WINE BAR, BISTRO, & THE STUDIO AT THE VAULT

**Jurying process** has begun for the **January show**, which will hang Jan 12<sup>th</sup> - Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Minimum term is 3 months with 20% commission. Interested artists should submit digitally to [joni@thevaultwine.com](mailto:joni@thevaultwine.com).

### The Vault's every month happenings!

10% off Wine on Saturdays (15% for wine club members)

Trivia Thursdays hosted by Alan | Live Music most Fridays

## BAC Member to Member



**Margaret Owens** is selling a new, sealed in box, 13 x 15 custom-made frame by Frame It Easy. The value of this frame is \$78, and asking price is \$35. If you are interested in the frame, please contact Margaret directly at:

[margaret@owensite.com](mailto:margaret@owensite.com).

**BAC assumes no responsibility for any products listed, and does not endorse or recommend any third-party websites, products, or services.**

**ARTISTS** - we want to know all newsworthy items about you.

Shows, awards, where your art will be, etc - let us know!

Do you have any items you would like to sell or trade? Let us know for the Member to Member section.

Submit information by the 24th of each month to:

[communications@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:communications@blaineartscouncil.org).

## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

### 2026 MEETING PRESENTERS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES!

**Artist Networking at the General Meetings** is our Adult Show & Tell, and is super fun! See below for 2026 open opportunities to be a presenter at a general meeting and share what you do with us!

Feb 12, 2026 - Annual General Mtg

Mar 12, 2026 - Adult Show & Tell

Apr 9, 2026 - Mark Seeger

May 14, 2026 -Rebecca Danger

June 11, 2026 - Adult Show & Tell

July 9, 2026 - Open

August 13, 2026 - Open

September 10, 2026 - Adult Show & Tell

## A Petite Word From The President

Dear Friends,

January has always felt like a softer month to me — a time wrapped in warm sweaters, cozy evenings with my husband, friends, and pets gathered near the fireplace, and maybe a mug of spiked hot chocolate close at hand. After the bustle of the holidays, it's a season that invites us to slow down just a bit, reflect on where we've been, and consider where we're headed.

This time of year naturally encourages reflection: what went well in the past year, what could be improved, and what lessons we'll carry forward to make us better at what we do and who we are. For me, January is both a planning season and a light hibernation — a little goal setting paired with some unapologetic couch-potato time.

As I look ahead in my role with the Blaine Arts Council, I'm feeling especially reflective and optimistic. This will be my final year serving as President, and I'm truly excited about what's to come — including the opportunity for new leadership to step in and guide the Council toward even greater things.

If you look at the 2026 Gallery schedule above, you'll see that there are exciting things afoot — and not just at the Circle K (talking to you, my movie nerds). I hope you'll join us throughout the year to celebrate the shows, meet our presenters, and continue building the vibrant, creative community we're so lucky to share.

Warmly,  
Margaret Owens



## Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Dan DeLong | Jasmine Jones

*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)