



# BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



February 2026

## February 12, 2026 - Annual General Meeting

### *February Meeting*

Join us for the Blaine Arts Council Annual General Meeting, Thursday evening from 6:30–7:30 PM. We'll take a look back at how 2025 shaped up for the Arts Council and Art Gallery, share what's ahead for 2026, and invite your input on proposed projects for both the council and the community. It's a great opportunity to stay informed, get involved, and help shape the future of the arts in Blaine.

### *In The Gallery*

Jennifer Korn's beautiful glasswork comes in as Dana Hayden's beautiful woodwork moves out. It's all beautiful, no matter how you slice it!

Join us for sweet treats on the 14<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, before you head off for a yummy, Valentine's dinner - hopefully at one of our fabulous downtown restaurants.

### *Council Opportunities*

As we look ahead to 2026, the Blaine Arts Council is seeking community members who want to play an active role in shaping the future of the arts in Blaine. We are currently looking for:

**Board Vice President** who is interested in stepping into the Board President role in January 2027, helping guide the Council into its next chapter.

**Events Committee**-Committee Chair and members, to help create engaging experiences such as our annual fundraiser, studio tour, and 2nd Saturday events at the gallery. Participation can be flexible, and committee members are welcome to contribute at the level that works best for them, and no one is expected to do everything.

**Membership Committee Chair** to welcome new members and manage communication.

If you're passionate about the arts, community-building, and making a meaningful local impact, we invite you to step forward. Your time, ideas, and energy can make a real difference, and now is the moment to get involved. Contact us: [communications@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:communications@blaineartscouncil.org).

**Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!**  
**Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street**  
**February 12, 2026 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm**



## Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

# FEBRUARY

## 2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

Join us at the  
Art Gallery for  
2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY

February 14<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 - 6:30PM

February's Downtown Art Walk  
celebrates  
at the Blaine Art Gallery.

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

Celebrate Creativity  
Shop Local • Spread Joy

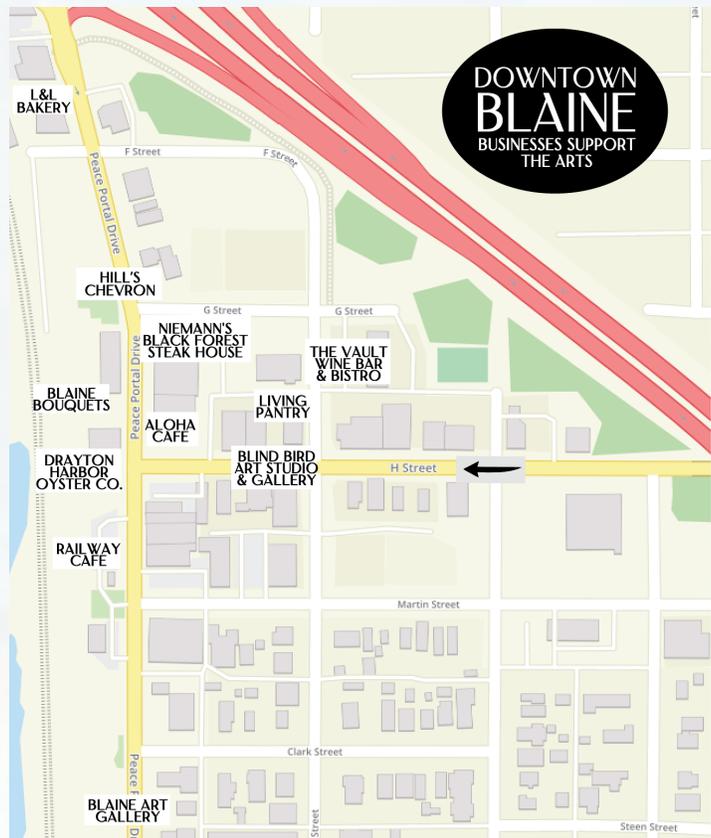
Enjoy sweet treats from  
L & L Bakery!

**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  
Kevin Hoover, Shawna Morris,  
& more local artisans.

**SEE** the fantastic artist showing at  
**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**

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

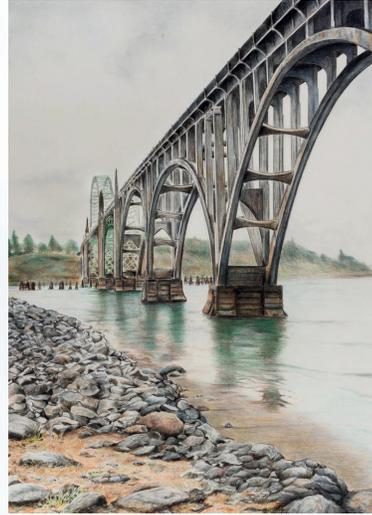
## Members Showing in February in the Gallery

### *Participating February Artists*

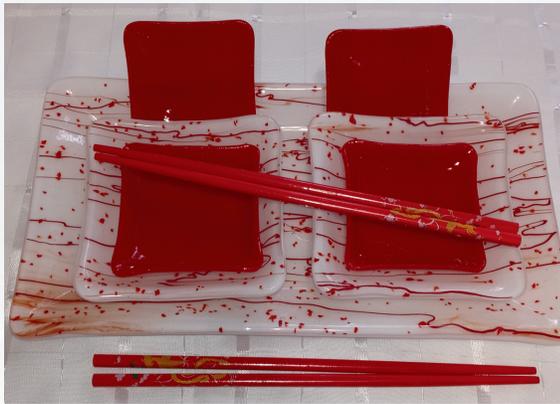
Join us for  
**2nd Saturday**  
4pm - 6:30pm  
February 14, 2026



Bruce Scott



Dan DeLong



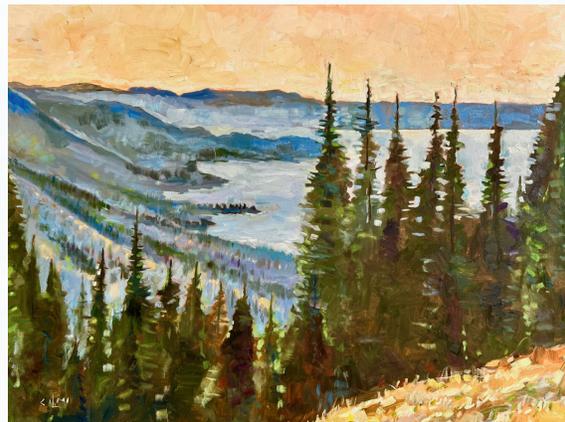
Jennifer Korn



Jo Edwardsen



Lorraine Day



Scott Cilmi

2026

BLAINE ART GALLERY  
EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

This is going to be an exciting year at our little gallery! If you would like to participate/show in the gallery this year, please let us know.

**Don't miss this opportunity to share your art with the community—apply today!**

**March 2026 - Inaugural Spring Juried Show**

**Entry Deadline: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:59pm**

**Theme:** Birds - Wings Over Water

**Runs:** 3/14 - 4/5

**Openings:** 20-30 artists

**Applications** are being run through Cafe, and are now open! Here is the link to apply:

[March CAFE Call To Artists](#)

**April 2026**

**Theme:** Traditional Arts

**Runs:** 4/11 - 5/3

**Openings:** 4-5 artist spots still available

The April show will be devoted to traditional artists and makers! We are seeking work in classic craft forms including textiles, wood, clay, metal, and other handcrafted disciplines rooted in tradition. If you are interested in participating, please let us know asap at:

[GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM](#). Any questions: [gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org)

**May 2026**

**Theme:** Spring!

**Runs:** 5/9 - 6/7

**Openings:** 4-5 artist spots still available

We are seeking spring-inspired artwork in any medium—painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, and more—to welcome the season with color and creativity.

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**June 2026**

**Theme:** Members & BHS Evening of Arts Winners

**Runs:** 6/13 - 7/5

**Openings:** 2-3 member artists & EoA's winners

Stay tuned for more details!

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## 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. 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

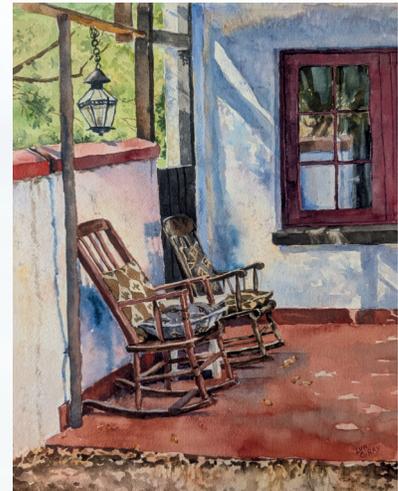
### CHRISTY SCHROEDER-LLOYD

Christy is offering a class in her home studio, titled, "Vivid Whimsy", a 2-session lettering and coloring technique class. February 23 and 24, from 1 - 4:00pm. Contact her directly for details:

[christy@pilgrimsquill.com](mailto:christy@pilgrimsquill.com)

### LYN RACKLEY

Lyn got a watercolor painting accepted in the Arizona Aqueous XL juried show. The show will be at the art center in Tubec, and the painting is called *A Place to Rest (shown on the right)*. The show goes from February 13th to March 20th. Lyn is also teaching watercolor classes February to April at the Quail Creek Art Center.



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

**Check out the Valentine's Specials for February!**

## Valentine's at The Vault

Thursday, February 12, 7 pm

7 pm Galentine's, Palentine's & Valentine's Themed Trivia  
5-8 pm Bouquet Pickup & Bouquet Bar By Auntie M's  
Flowers, Order at [www.auntiemflowers.com](http://www.auntiemflowers.com)

Friday, February 13, 7 pm

À la Carte Menu & Live Jazz with Sam Harris Trio

Saturday, February 14, 5-8 pm

Winemaker's Dinner

UPCHURCH  
VINEYARD

Presented by Chris Upchurch of Upchurch Vineyards  
5 Courses, 7 Wines

\$200 pp, Tax & Gratuity Included

Reservations Required, Call 360-392-0955

Sundays Thru February

Buy One Entrée, Get 50% Off the Second Entrée  
Equal or Lesser Value.

THE  
VAULT

Reservations available  
on OpenTable

### 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

**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!

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  
October 8, 2026 - Open

## A Petite Word From The President



Dear Friends,

As we look ahead, this season brings a sense of possibility for the Blaine Arts Council—growth, renewed energy, and deeper community participation. Spring may be arriving far too early this year (don't get me started), but the sense of renewal feels fitting nonetheless. New projects are taking shape, fresh ideas are emerging, and there are many opportunities for our community to engage, participate, and help shape what comes next. Adding to this feeling of new beginnings, we've been delighted to watch a pair of eagles take up residence in the tall, cool tree across the street from the gallery—an unexpected and inspiring reminder of nature's presence and resilience right in the heart of downtown.

On a more personal note, for those who remember Buddy and the open space his passing left in our lives, we'd like to introduce you to Byrd—Big Byrd, the Byrd Man, Big Byrd Boy. While no one could ever replace Buddy, Byrd has brought his own gentle, joyful spirit into our home. He's sweet as can be, and a delightful new addition to our family and brother to Lily, reminding us that even after loss, there is room for new beginnings.

Warmly,  
Margaret Owens



## Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Ee Lin Lee | Sarah Ulis

*Share  
With Us!*

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