



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



March 2026

March 12, 2026 - General Meeting

Artist Networking - Adult Show & Tell

It's that time again - yeah! We love to see all the fabulous things you have been working on, projects you have enjoyed, and things of which you are proud. We'll be excited to see whatever it is! Each artist will have 5-10 minutes to share and answer questions, depending on the number of artists participating. After all presentations are complete, there'll be an opportunity to mingle, get a closer look at the art, and talk with other members. We look forward to seeing you there!

In The Gallery

The March show ushers in the 1st Annual *Wings Over Water* juried show. The Gallery will host artists from all over the US and even up in Quebec, with 43 participating artists and 62 unique pieces of art. Five of our council members were juried in as well. We hope you will join us on the 14th for the Opening Reception - 4:00 - 6:30pm.

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.

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

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive



MARCH

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

Join us for the
**WINGS OVER WATER
SPRING JURIED SHOW
OPENING RECEPTION**

**March 14th
4:00 - 6:30PM**

March's Downtown Art Walk celebrates the **Opening Reception** of the **Spring Juried Show** at the Blaine Art Gallery.

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

**Celebrate Creativity
Shop Local • Spread Joy**

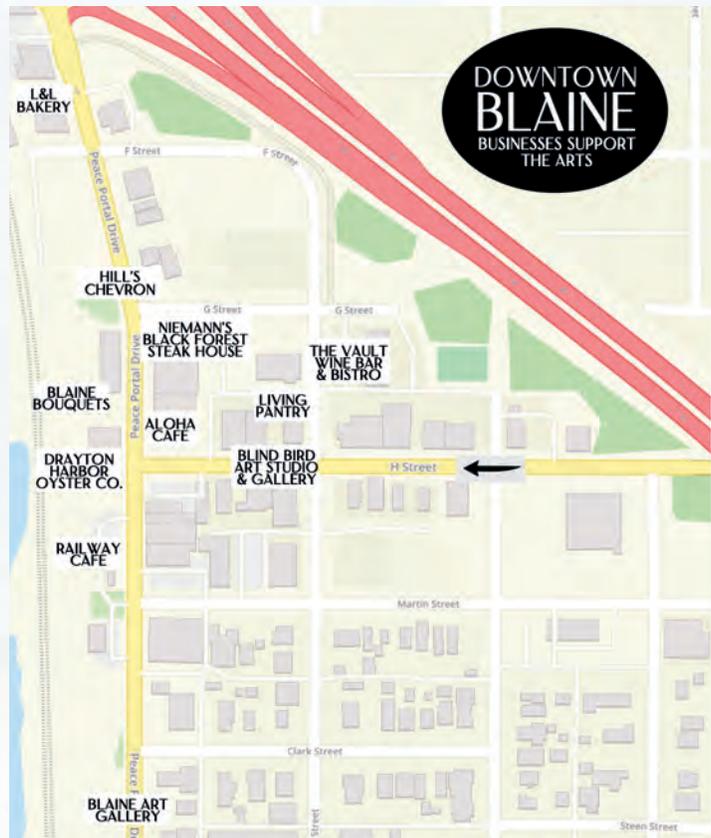
**Enjoy sweet treats from
L & L Bakery!**

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 **Bella Consignment, L & L Bakery, & The Vault Wine Bar & Bistro.**

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



- Aloha Cafe**
- Bella Consignment**
- Blind Bird Art Studio & Gallery**
- Drayton Harbor Oyster Company**
- L & L Bakery**
- Living Pantry**
- Niemann's Black Forest Steak House**
- The Vault Wine Bar & Bistro**

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

Spring Juried Show in the Gallery - Wings Over Water Theme



Amber Braxton
Redmond, WA



Bette Kaufman
Monroe, LA



Callie Andrew
Gillette, WY



Brianna A Bonefield
Ranchester, WY



Carol Farnsworth
La Conner, WA



Cindy Rizman
Rio Rancho, NM



Corinne McAuley
Bunker Hill, IN



David Blow
Hickory Creek, TX



Debbie Ranniger
Tacoma, WA



Deborah Meyers
New York, NY



Ganga Engledow
Blaine, WA



Hammond Whiting
Kirksville, MO



Elayne Bryn
Huntingdon Valley, PA



Hannah Litt
Eagle, CO

Spring Juried Show in the Gallery - Wings Over Water Theme



Jake Levin
Saint Lambert, Quebec



Janet Blohm Pultz
Kirksville, MO



Jennalyn Speer
Cordova, TN



Jonelle Johnson
Lopez Island, WA



Joshua Phelps
Edmonds, WA



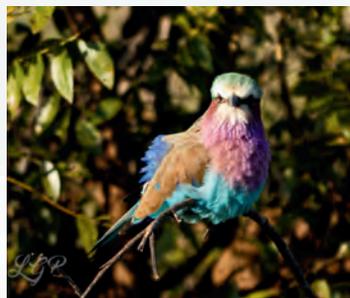
Juliana Brandon
Seattle, WA



Kay Dee Powell
Blaine, WA



Kelly Liedtke
Coupleville, WA



Linda Gray
Blaine, WA



Lisa Bildar
Parker, CO



Madeline Goolie
Anchorage, AK



Liz List
Greenville, SC



Mary Quintrall
Mt. Vernon, WA



Meghan Church
Pacifica, CA

Spring Juried Show in the Gallery - Wings Over Water Theme



Michelle Mielke
Lopez Island, WA



Mirka Knaster
Sea Ranch, CA



Paulina Johnson
Steamboat Springs, CO



Peggy Shashy
Oak Harbor, WA



Rohan Subramanian
Denver, CO



Rosemary Gray
Anacortes, WA



Sandy Aronson
Kennewick, WA



Scott Cilmi
Blaine, WA



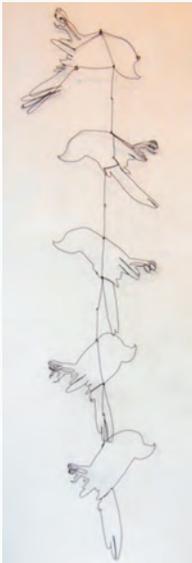
Shawna Morris
Blaine, WA



Ruby Lori Linscheid
Custer, WA



Sokthea Chan
West Sacramento, CA



Valerie Mann
Saline, MI



Walt Padgett
Grants Pass, OR



Sherry Donald
Blaine, WA

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive



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!

April 2026

Theme: Traditional Arts

Runs: 4/11 - 5/3

Openings: 2 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

May 2026

Theme: Spring!

Runs: 5/9 - 6/7

Openings: 1-2 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 & Blaine High School Evening of Arts Winners

Runs: 6/13 - 7/5

Openings: 2 member artists & EoA's winners

Stay tuned for more details!

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July 2026

Theme: Online Auction Fundraiser

Runs: 7/11 - 8/9

Openings: 15-20 artists depending on art sizing

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 27th. 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

LYN RACKLEY

Lyn got a watercolor painting excerpted 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

WALLA WALLA VINTNERS WINE PAIRED DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026
 5:00PM 8:00PM

JOIN US FOR OUR PAIRED WINE DINNER
 WITH WALLA WALLA VINTNERS

PRESENTED BY CHRIS BERNING, NATIONAL SALES DIRECTOR.

TICKETS ARE \$175 (INCLUDING TAX AND GRATUITY).
 CALL US AT (360) 392-0955 TO ARRANGE RESERVATIONS.

DINNER WILL INCLUDE 5 COURSE, 5 WINES.

FIRST COURSE:

'25 SAUVIGNON BLANC, COLUMBIA VALLEY
 TROPICAL WALDORF SALAD

SECOND COURSE:

'25 ROSE OF SANGIOVESE, COLUMBIA VALLEY
 PRAWN SPRINGROLL
 '22 SANGIOVESE, COLUMBIA VALLEY
 CHICKEN CACCIATORE
 '22 CABERNET FRANC, COLUMBIA VALLEY
 PORK STUFFED DUMPLING
 '22 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, WALLA WALLA VALLEY
 VEAL CUTLET

Member to Member

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

BONNIE VENTURA is selling a Chicago Electric Blunger Model 1VD56C17D1140A SKU: P 36549

Discontinued by Harbor Freight in 2024; listed under "Electric Motor" Asking \$60 - please text Bonnie directly if interested: 360-224-5169

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
 Second Saturday Art Walk 4-6:30



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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!

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

November 12, 2026 - Open

A Petite Word From The President

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the promise of spring here in Blaine, I am especially excited to share what lies ahead for the Arts Council. March marks not only a change in season, but a celebration of creativity with our Spring Juried Show, Wings Over Water.

This year's exhibition brings together talented artists from across the United States and into Canada, offering an inspiring collection of work that reflects both the beauty and spirit of nature. From jewelry and sculpture to watercolor, oil, acrylic, collage, mixed media, and ceramics, the show truly offers something for everyone. It will be a joy to see our gallery filled with such diverse and remarkable artistic voices.

Wings Over Water is more than an exhibition, it is a gathering place. Our opening reception on March 14th invites neighbors, artists, and visitors to come together in celebration of art, conversation, and connection. As spring approaches, this event feels like a fresh beginning for our community and for the gallery itself.

Looking ahead, we are energized by the opportunities before us. From expanding public art initiatives and youth engagement projects to strengthening partnerships and programming within the gallery, this year holds tremendous promise. The arts continue to play a vital role in shaping Blaine's identity - enriching daily life, supporting local businesses, and welcoming visitors with creativity and pride.

Thank you for being part of this vibrant community. We look forward to seeing you at the gallery this spring and throughout the year ahead.

Warmly,
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