

April 2026

April 9, 2026 - General Meeting

Meeting Presenter - Mark Seeger



A passionate Robot/Sculpture builder, Mark Seeger creates unique robots using found objects, which he affectionately calls SeegerBots.

He scours thrift stores, antique shops, estate and garage sales, and even the streets for interesting pieces. If he needs something specific, he might search online, but he always prioritizes reusing and recycling materials. The thrill of the hunt is just as rewarding as the challenge of assembling these one-of-a-kind creations. He hopes his enthusiasm for these robots shines through and brings joy to others as well.

Mark is an award winning artist who enjoys showing in galleries and vendor events.



Interested in Presenting?

Presenting at our General Meetings is casual, fun, and informative. If you would like the opportunity to share with our members what you do, why you do it, and how you do it, we would love to have you. Open slots are July 9, Aug 13, Oct 8, and Nov 12. Please let us know so we can put you in the calendar! Communications@blaineartscouncil.org.

Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
April 9, 2026 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

APRIL

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

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

April 11th
4:00 - 6:30PM

April's Downtown Art Walk celebrates the **Opening Reception** of the **Traditional Arts 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 check out Kevin's solo show, from 4-7pm.

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!



Members Showing in April in the Gallery



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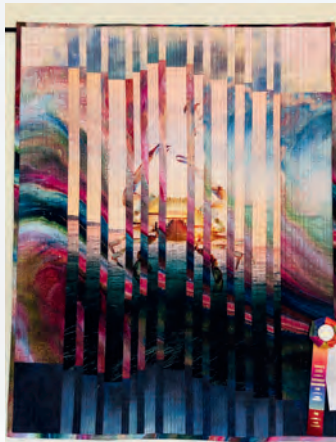
Cathie Richardson
Pottery



Dennis Olason
Woodworking



Ganga Engledow
Blaine, WA



Kathy Heaverlo
Fabric Arts



Lorraine Day
Fabric Arts



Mark Seeger
Metal Works



Rebecca Danger
Fabric Arts



Ron Snyder
Traditional Carved Brooms



Sarah Ulis
Fabric Arts

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!

May 2026

Theme: Spring!

Runs: 5/9 - 6/7

Openings: Pedestal 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.

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

June 2026

Theme: Members & Blaine High School Evening of Arts Winners

Runs: 6/13 - 7/5

Openings: 1 member artists & EoA's winners

We are looking to host the Blaine High School Evening of the Arts Winners again, along with our member artists.

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

July 2026

Theme: 1st Annual Summer Juried Show - Theme TBA

Runs: 7/11 - 8/9

Openings: Approx 40 - 50 artists, depending on art sizing

Applications will be run through CAFE, so please stay tuned for more details!

Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

August/September 2026

Theme: Member Art Show

Runs: 8/15 - 10/4

Openings: 3 - 5 artists space available

We are looking for members to showcase their wall and pedestal art. Please send in your interest to the following link for consideration.

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

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities



CATHIE RICHARDSON

Cathie will be showing pottery pieces in the Jansen Art Center exhibit Flicks, Flow and Flair show from April 9th through June 26th. In addition she is selling pottery pieces in the Jansen gift shop.

JEFF SHEARER (48 CONTOURS)

Jeff is exhibiting at:

Valley Made in Mt. Vernon April 26

Renegade Craft in Seattle (Magnuson Park) May 30--31

A pop-up gallery at the Bellingham Portal Container Village (Trackside) - June 17-29

KEVIN HOOVER

Kevin has a solo show this month at Blind Bird, with the Opening Reception on 4/11, from 4pm-7pm. "EMBARK: to make a start" Recalling work from his very first painting in decades, the one that re-ignited the creative spark, to the most recent works from the studio. There'll be a reception with some nice things to eat and drink, a lot of art (and art lovers, hopefully) and as always, the good vibe we like to hold in our space for the community. Feel free to share and invite your friends!

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



BAC Board Secretary - Bonnie Ventura

Bonnie has stepped down as Board Secretary due to a family matter, and we are truly sorry to see her leave the role. She has been an invaluable part of the Blaine Arts Council, serving on the Infrastructure Committee, as a Board member, and most recently as Board Secretary. Her spirit, compassion, and depth of character have meant so much to us, matched only by her wonderful sense of humor. She remains in our thoughts, and we look forward to seeing her soon.

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 Secretary who can be at the General Meetings and on the Board Zoom, with approximately 2 - 3 hours of time per month.

Board Vice President who could be 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. It's a team opportunity, so 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.

Community Involvement That Enriches Us All

BUILDING A CREATIVE, CONNECTED COMMUNITY THROUGH ART THAT IS SEEN, SHARED, AND EXPERIENCED.

The Blaine Arts Council brings creativity into the heart of our community through hands-on projects, shared experiences, anchored by the Blaine Art Gallery - a welcoming hub for exhibitions, classes, and connection. Together, these efforts engage all ages and make creativity accessible year-round.

By connecting gallery programs with youth initiatives, we build confidence, spark imagination, and create a stronger sense of pride in our community - where creativity is not just seen, but lived.

These efforts add vibrancy to our streets, support local businesses, and help shape Blaine as a welcoming, creative coastal destination.



SCAN THE **QR CODE** BELOW, GO TO WWW.BLAINEARTSCOUNCIL.ORG/SUPPORT, OR CONTACT PRESIDENT@BLAINEARTSCOUNCIL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PUBLIC ART IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INCREASES VISITOR SPENDING SUPPORTS LOCAL BUSINESSES
BUILDS COMMUNITY PRIDE

VIBRANT COMMUNITIES ARE BUILT — INTENTIONALLY — BY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THEM.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT?

CHOOSE YOUR LEVEL OF IMPACT

VISIONARY - \$25,000 +

LEAD INSTALLATION SPONSORSHIP

COASTAL ICON - \$10,000

GATEWAY OR MAJOR PROJECT SPONSOR

COMMUNITY BUILDER - \$5,000

DOWNTOWN SCULPTURE OR PROGRAM SPONSOR

GALLERY PARTNER - \$2,500

ONE MONTH GALLERY SPONSOR

CREATIVE PARTNER - \$1,000

WORKSHOP OR ART SUPPLY SPONSOR

ART PARTNER - \$500

GALLERY UTILITIES PARTNER

SMALL GIFTS. REAL IMPACT

IT ONLY TAKES:

4 GIFTS OF \$500 FUNDS
ONE MONTH OF GALLERY SPACE
10 GIFTS OF \$200 DO THE SAME
20 GIFTS OF \$100 MAKE IT POSSIBLE

SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF ART
AND COMMUNITY IN BLAINE.
YOUR SUPPORT MAKES IT POSSIBLE.

TO GIVE, SPONSOR, OR GET INVOLVED

SCAN TO GIVE



Follow this link or scan QR code to give.

SPONSOR A SCULPTURE • FUND A CLASSROOM • UNDERWRITE A LANDMARK • LEAVE A LEGACY

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!

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
December 10, 2026 - Holiday Party

A Petite Word From The President

Happy April!

Spring is definitely upon us, with new growth and blooms in every color of the rainbow – and it's only getting more beautiful as the month progresses. While I missed having a true winter (ah snow, why did you forsake me!), I'm excited for what's ahead.

I'm especially proud of the success of our first Spring Juried Show, Wings Over Water. The exhibit was well-received, featuring inspiring work from artists across the country, with five pieces finding new homes—from WA, TN, PA, and NY. The gallery looked exceptional, thanks to Scott Cilmi and Gordon Nealy for their masterful hanging.

As the season continues, join us April 11 for the Opening Reception of our Fabric & Traditional Arts Show, celebrating the beauty and craftsmanship of fiber and traditional arts.

With so much momentum this season, we invite you to help keep it going. Use the QR code on the page above to support our fundraising efforts and fuel the next wave of creativity in Blaine.

Looking ahead, exciting new projects are on the horizon. Be part of it – attend, support, share, and celebrate the arts with us as we continue building a vibrant, connected, and art-filled Blaine.

Warmly,
Margaret Owens



Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Don Janzen | Jane Janzen | Kelly Liedtke | Linda Strauss
Lori Linscheid | Rosemary Gray | Sherry Donald | Tom Bakker

*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