



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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May 14, 2026 - General Meeting

Meeting Presenter - Rebecca Danger



Rebecca Danger is an artist, designer, and author living in the tranquil woods of Blaine. Her creative practice spans a wide range of mediums, including painting, digital illustration, sewing, knitting, quilting, jewelry making, sculpting, and pattern writing. With a lifelong devotion to making, her work reflects a deep curiosity and joy in exploring how ideas take shape through the hands.

Rebecca's sewing and knitting patterns have inspired makers around the world, with her books translated into multiple languages and helping countless crafters bring their own creative visions to life. Teaching and sharing knowledge remain an integral part of her creative journey, rooted in a belief that creativity flourishes when it is passed from one person to another.



Currently, Rebecca has returned to her deep love of textile arts, focusing on sewing and fiber-based work that explores texture, color, and form. Her pieces often reflect a layered, intuitive process - one that embraces both structure and spontaneity. Drawing on her background across disciplines, she blends traditional techniques with a contemporary, expressive approach.

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
May 14, 2026 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

MAY

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

Join us for the
Art Gallery's
OPENING RECEPTION

May 9th
4:00 - 6:30PM

May's Downtown Art Walk celebrates the **Opening Reception** 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!



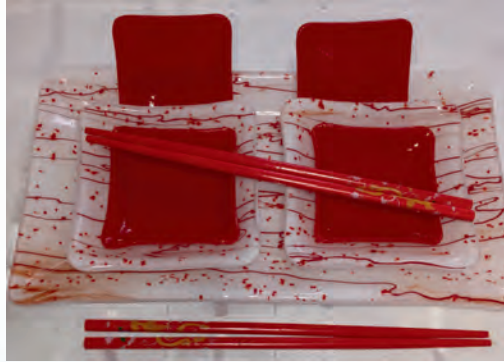
- Aloha Cafe
- Bella Consignment
- Blind Bird Art Studio & Gallery
- Drayton Harbor Oyster Company
- L & L Bakery
- Living Pantry
- Niemann's Black Forest Steak House
- The Vault Wine Bar & Bistro

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

Members Showing in May in the Gallery



Ee Lin Lee
Acrylic



Jennifer Korn
Glasswork



Linda Strauss
Pottery



Linda Gray
Photography



Peggy Shashy
Glass & Driftwood



Suzanne Steel
Watercolor



**Check out our newest
Gift Shop Feature!**

**Gift Shop
Member Artist
of the Month**

Kelly Liedtke

Cards & Magnets
Prints (Matted & Metal)

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!

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 - From Sea to Shining Sea

All things scenery/icons that are beautiful/impactful all over North America

Runs: 7/11 - 8/9

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

Applications will be run through CAFE, and open June 1st! Stay tuned for the link in separate email! Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

August/September 2026

Theme: Member Art Show

Runs: 8/15 - 10/4

Openings: 3 artists spaces 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

October 2026

Theme: 2nd Annual Fall Juried Show - Small Art, Big Impact

Runs: 10/10 - 11/8

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

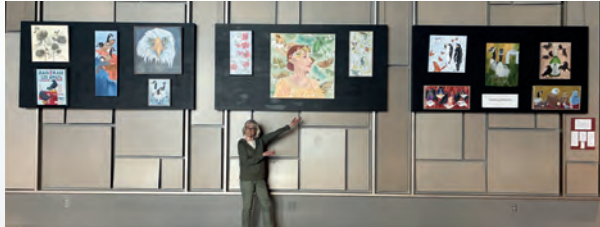
BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

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.

GEORGIA DONOVAN

Georgia is having a one-woman show of her work, originals and hand-finished prints, at Mount Baker Theater - in the smaller, more intimate space, the Walton Theater. The show will run through June.



Georgia Donovan-Mount Baker Exhibit



Ladder Monkey/Hanger Extraordinaire - Marjie Miller

JEFF SHEARER (48 CONTOURS)

Jeff is running a sale (25% off) on the remaining maps in previous generation frames with with acrylic glazing here:

[Clearance-framed-maps](#) - example shown here

Jeff is partnering with the [North Cascades Institute](#) this season, and donating 10% of his sales to their advocacy work. He is also exhibiting at [Renegade Craft in Seattle](#) at Magnuson Park, May 30th & 31st, and participating in a pop-up gallery at the Bellingham Portal Container Village (Trackside) - June 17-29



KEVIN HOOVER

Kevin's solo show "Embark: to make a start" will be showing at Blind Bird through Saturday, May 9, from 4pm-6:30pm, at 264 H St. "EMBARK: a tour of Kevin's creative ourney over the last six year . Feel free to share and invite your friends!

LORRAINE DAY

Lorraine would like our members to know that the registration is open for the Whidbey Island 2026 Plein Air Paint-out. Check it out here: [Whidbey Island 2026 Plain Air Paint-Out](#)

PEGGY SHASHY

Peggy's' Red-shafted Northern Flicker Feather on Driftwood has been accepted in the 2026 MoNA Art Auction in La Conner.



SHAWNA MORRIS

The Whatcom Artist Studio Tour is adding a spring tour this year for the first time, in addition to the long-loved October tour. It will be May 16th & 17th, and Blind Bird Studio will be participating. Planned open times will be 10 - 5pm, and located at 264 H St.

VAUNE AINSWORTH

Vaune is showing at The Next Chapter Cafe within Village Books in Fairhaven, through July 31st.

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



Council Member Opportunities

Council Opportunities - Important Info

As we look ahead to 2026, the Blaine Arts Council is calling on our community to step forward and help shape the future of the arts in Blaine. We have several key volunteer roles that are essential, not just to keep things running, but to allow us to grow and move forward as an organization. If you've been looking for a way to get involved, now is the time. Please consider where you can lend your time and talents, your support truly makes all the difference.

Current Need:

Board Vice President (President-Elect) – We are urgently seeking someone to step into this role now, with the intention of becoming Board President in January 2027. This is a critical leadership position — our current President's term ends in December and will not be renewed, and the future of the Council depends on filling this role.

You do not need to be an artist, but you should bring vision, leadership, and a commitment to guiding the Council into its next chapter. If you're ready to make a meaningful impact, or know someone who is, please reach out as soon as possible at: president@blaineartscouncil.org.

Board Secretary

We're seeking a reliable, detail-oriented individual to serve as Board Secretary — an essential role that helps keep the Council organized, informed, and moving forward. This position is vital to our operations and leadership continuity.

The time commitment is manageable, just 2–3 hours per month, which includes attendance at General Meetings and a monthly Board Zoom (first Friday at 1pm). If you're looking for a meaningful way to support the arts behind the scenes while making a real impact, this is a wonderful opportunity to step in and contribute.

Events Committee – Chair & Members

We're actively seeking a Chair and team members to help bring our most visible and engaging programs to life — including our annual fundraiser, studio tour, and 2nd Saturday gallery events. These roles are key to keeping our community connected and our events thriving.

Whether you can lead or simply lend a hand, there's a place for you here. Participation is flexible, and this is truly a team effort, and no one is expected to do it all. If you enjoy creating meaningful, fun experiences and want to be part of something special, we'd love to have you involved.

Membership Committee Chair

We're looking for a welcoming, organized leader to serve as Membership Committee Chair, helping to keep our community connected through thoughtful communication.

If you're passionate about the arts, love building community, and want to make a meaningful local impact, this is a wonderful opportunity to step in and make a difference.

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



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!

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

January 14, 2027 - Open

A Petite Word From The President

May is here, and for all my fellow art nerds, that means one very important thing... May the 4th be with you! I trust you'll all be celebrating accordingly. Creativity, imagination, and a little bit of rebellion against the ordinary feel especially fitting this time of year.

We're excited to carry that energy into our next gallery show, opening Saturday, May 9 from 4:00–6:30. This exhibit features several of our talented new member artists and a vibrant mix of watercolor, acrylic, photography, pottery, and glasswork. It's a beautiful reflection of the diversity and creativity thriving in our community—come out, connect, and be inspired.

As we continue to grow, we're also at an important moment for the Council. To remain a strong and sustainable arts organization, we need both leadership and support. There are meaningful opportunities to step into volunteer and leadership roles, as well as simple ways to contribute financially and help fuel what comes next.

As Steve Jobs reminded us, "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing... the worst thing you can do is nothing." And in the wise words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Now is the moment to be part of something bigger. We invite you to step in, support, and help shape the future of the arts in Blaine.

Warmly,
Margaret Owens



Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Peggy Shashy

*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