



# BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



June 2026

## June 11, 2026 - General Meeting - Adult Show & Tell

### *Artist Networking - Adult Show & Tell*

It's that time again - yea! 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!

### *Membership Chair News!!!*

We are pleased to welcome **Lorraine Day** as our new **Membership Chair**. We are grateful for her willingness to step into this important role and look forward to working with her as she helps strengthen and grow our organization.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to **Christy Schroeder-Lloyd** for her four years of dedicated service as Membership Chair. Christy's hard work, generosity, kindness, and countless hours of volunteer effort have been invaluable to the Blaine Arts Council, and we are deeply grateful for the lasting impact she has made on our organization and our members.

### *Live Music at the Gallery - June 20th!*

**Live Music Reveal: Willoria at Blaine Gallery**  
**Saturday, June 20 | 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Join us for the exclusive live debut of Willoria, a cinematic art pop project exploring our search for meaning. While their upcoming music features collaborators who have worked with Prince, John Mayer, Beyoncé, Lenny Kravitz, and the Spin Doctors, Willoria's heart is local. Lead singer Shivani Williams is a new Blaine resident and wanted to celebrate this launch in her hometown first.

Experience an intimate, two-part performance revealing their new music, moving from raw storytelling to the fully realized studio tracks. Attendance is strictly limited to 50 guests. Admission is pay-what-you-want with a suggested minimum donation of \$15.

- **Listen:** Watch the debut single "Into Your Arms" [on YouTube](#).
- **Tickets:** Space is limited. [Reserve your spot via Stripe](#).

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Hosted by:



**Join Us At Our  
General Meeting  
Location!**  
**Blaine Community  
Complex**  
**763 G Street**  
**June 11, 2026 -**  
**6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive



## 2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

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

June 13<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 - 6:30PM

June'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.

**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 June in the Gallery



## June's Gallery Show Includes These Artists from the Blaine High School

Addie Sakali  
Lillian Alms  
Ruby Friese



Gordon Nealy  
Acrylic & Wood



Lyn Rackley  
Pastels

**JOIN US FOR**  
**Last Chance Thursday**  
June 4<sup>th</sup> | 3:30PM - 5PM  
Come see the May show before it is  
going, going, gone!

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**The Art Gallery's  
OPENING RECEPTION**  
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Check out the new show and enjoy  
refreshments & sweet treats  
from L & L Bakery.

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Tom Bakker  
Acrylic

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

**Gift Shop  
Member Artist  
of the Month**

**Marjie Miller**  
Cards, Stickers, and  
Encaustic Art of All  
Shapes & Sizes!



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!**

### July 2026

**Theme:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Juried Show - From Sea to Shining Sea

A celebration of the landscapes, communities, culture, and character that make the places we call home extraordinary.

**Runs:** 7/11 - 8/9

**Openings:** Approx 40 artists, depending on art sizing

**Applications** are OPEN through CAFE! **Deadline to apply is June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Link:** [Call To Artists - July Show](#) **Questions?:** [gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org)

### August/September 2026

**Theme:** Member Art Show

**Runs:** 8/15 - 10/4

**Openings:** Show is full!

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

### October 2026

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

**Runs:** 10/10 - 11/8

**Openings:** Approx 40 artists, depending on art sizing

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

Any questions: [gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org](mailto:gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org)

### Holiday Gift Shop 2026

**The Return of the Much Anticipated Holiday Show!**

**Runs:** 11/15 - 12/24

The Gallery will close for the Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday & Fri), and from 12/25/26 - 1/8/27 for the Christmas Holidays.

**Openings:** Approx 20 artists, depending on art sizing & style. **For more info:**

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

**The 2027 January/February Photography Show will open on 1/9/27!**

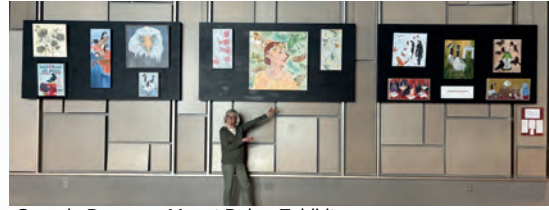
## BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

### 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

### JEFF SHEARER (48 CONTOURS)

Jeff be hosting a pop up shop at the [Portal Container Village in Bellingham](#) June 17-29 (Hours TBD). A good chance to see a huge assortment of maps that are not normally seen at shows.

### KELLY LIEDTKE

Kelly has two nature, picture books, North Cascades and Pacific Crest Trail, live at [WildStork](#). Books will also be available in the Gallery Gift Shop mid-June. Kelly is accepted into the [Shack Art Center's Juried Exhibition: Present Tense](#), thru August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Artist Reception & Garden Party - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 8pm. She was also accepted into the [Edmonds Arts Festival](#), June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. She will be part of [Leavenworth Art in the Park](#) shows, 4th of July weekend.

### LORRAINE DAY

Lorraine would like our members to know that the registration is open for the **Whidbey Island 2026 Plein Air Paint-out - Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**. Check it out here: [Whidbey Island 2026 Plein Air Paint-Out](#)

### MARGIE CREEN (HAYES STREET CANDLES)

Margie is teaching a candle-making class in September at It's About a Time in Ferndale. She'll be incorporating art in the form of "create your own" stickers, and the class will cost \$60 per person. Each person will leave with 3 candles. She has generously offered a partnership, and donate 20% of proceeds to the Blaine Art Gallery, which is extraordinarily kind.

### ROSEMARY GRAY

Rosemary has two paintings accepted into the [Edmonds Art Festival Juried Show](#), Father's Day Weekend, June 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be her 3rd showing at this event. It is a sensational show with over 500 artists from across the nation & Canada. Galleries are located inside the Francis Anderson Center, next to the festival booths.

### TOM BAKKER

Tom has a four painting installation in the San Juan Airlines at Bellingham International Airport's public. Bellingham Alive Magazine's Managing Editor, Kristen Boehm, was present during the installation for an interview and photos. Look for the article in an issue TBD soon.

### 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 - June 12 - Monk Slippers**

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, as our current President's term ends in December, and she will not be adding a second term. The future of the Council depends on filling this role.

You do not need to be an artist, but need to have a 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](mailto:president@blaineartscouncil.org).

#### **Board Secretary**

We're seeking a reliable individual to serve as Board Secretary — an essential role that helps keep the Council 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.

**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).



# 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](http://WWW.BLAINEARTSCOUNCIL.ORG/SUPPORT), OR CONTACT [PRESIDENT@BLAINEARTSCOUNCIL.ORG](mailto: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!

July 9, 2026 - Open

August 13, 2026 - Open

September 10, 2026 - Adult Show & Tell

October 8, 2026 - Lorraine Day

November 12, 2026 - Open

December 10, 2026 - Holiday Party

January 14, 2027 - Open

February 11, 2027 - Annual General

## A Petite Word From The President

As summer approaches, the Blaine Art Gallery is buzzing with activity! This week the gallery sign gets a fresh coat of paint - no more drab & rusty - and more focused lighting is being added to highlight our member art. As in life, it's often the little things that make a world of difference.

We have an exciting few weeks ahead at our awesome, little gallery. From June's Opening Reception, to the gallery's first live musical performance, and of course, Last Chance Thursday, awesome things are afoot!

The arts have a unique way of bringing people together across generations, backgrounds, and experiences. A vibrant and diverse community is a stronger community, one where different perspectives are celebrated, creativity is encouraged, and meaningful connections are formed. Through art, we create spaces where everyone can feel welcome, inspired, and part of something larger than themselves.

As always, none of this happens without you, our members, volunteers, sponsors, and donors. Every exhibition, class, youth program, and community event is made possible by people who believe that art helps build stronger, more connected communities. As we continue to grow the gallery and expand our programming, financial support is more important than ever.

If you believe the Blaine Art Gallery and Arts Council make a positive difference in our community, I invite you to follow the link or scan the QR code above and make a contribution. Every gift, large or small, helps us continue creating opportunities for artists, students, and our community.

Thank you for your support, your encouragement, and your belief in what we're building together. I am deeply grateful for each of you who helps keep creativity growing and thriving in Blaine.

I look forward to seeing you at the gallery soon, and if you're feeling inspired, bring a friend. Art is always better when shared.

Warmly,  
Margaret Owens



## Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Annie Haynes | Debi Sellinger | Rhonda Koogle