

July 2026

Survey Results: July 16th - Member Social at the Gallery!

Member Survey Results: Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent Member Survey. Your feedback was thoughtful, encouraging, and gives the Board a clear direction as we continue building a stronger, more connected Arts Council.

What we heard:

- 80% of respondents support alternating business meetings with member social and educational gatherings.
- No respondents felt moving meetings to the 3rd Thursday would make them less likely to participate.
- Members showed the greatest interest in artist demonstrations, member-led workshops, public art projects, educational opportunities, and art shows and festivals.
- Many also shared exciting ideas for building community through collaboration, networking, and hands-on creative experiences.
- Congratulations to Gaye Sawicki for winning the Wood's gift card! And thank you to the awesome person that donated it to us. We are grateful to our supporters - large & small!

We're excited to begin this next chapter with our first alternating member social on July 16th, this upcoming 3rd Thursday, creating more opportunities to learn, connect, and simply enjoy spending time together. We'll enjoy wine & nosh from The Vault, thanks to previously received gift cards - yay!

Want to dive deeper? The complete survey results, including member comments and all response data, are available by following this link. [Blaine Member Survey Results](#)

Thank you for helping shape the future of the Blaine Arts Council. The best ideas come from the people who make this organization so special.



Check Out Our July/August

Gift Shop Member Artist of the Month

Kay Dee Powell

Cards, hand-painted silk scarves and art, & encaustic.



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

JULY

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

**Join us in the Gallery
From Sea to Shining Sea
July's National Juried Show
OPENING RECEPTION**

**July 11th
4:00 - 6:30PM**

**July's Downtown Art Walk
OPENING RECEPTION**
for the Blaine Art Gallery's latest
National Juried Exhibition,
From Sea to Shining Sea

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!



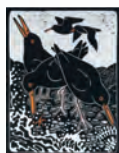
**Aloha Cafe
Bella Consignment
Blind Bird Art Studio & Gallery
Drayton Harbor Oyster Company
L & L Bakery
Living Pantry
Niemann's Black Forest Steak House
The Vault Wine Bar & Bistro**

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

National Juried Artists in the Gallery Summer Show - From Sea to Shining Sea 40 Artists | 69 Pieces of Art



ANNIE HAYNES
ANACORTES, WA



DONA REED
ANACORTES, WA



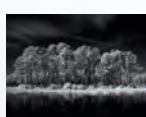
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LANSING, MI



LOUIS STAEUBLE
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ARENA SHAWN
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DONALD KRATT
ORLANDO, FL



JOSH SANDS
COTTAGE GROVE, OR



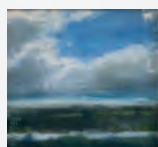
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BLAINE, WA



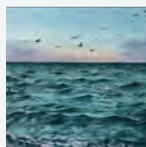
ROBIN PHILLIPS
SAN FRANCISCO, CA



SYDNEY MCMASTER
FEDERAL WAY, WA



BARRETT
BELLEVUE, WA



DREW BURLEIGH
LINCOLN CITY, OR



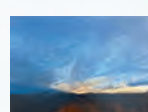
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EDMONDS, WA



MARY BETH KING
SEATTLE, WA



ROBYN BROWER
BLOOMINGTON, MN



TIMOTHY O'CONNELL
SEQUIM, WA



CALLIE ANDREW
GILLETTE, WY



ELAYNE BRYN
HUNTINGDON VALLEY, PA



JUDY BUSKIRK
GIG HARBOR, WA



MELISSA LOVINGOOD
BROCKWAY, PA



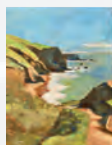
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ANACORTES, WA



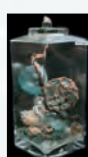
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BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA



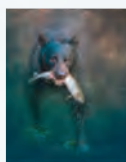
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J. SCOTT CILMI
BLAINE, WA



JUDY MCCULLOUGH
BLAINE, WA



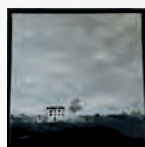
NAONA "PEACHES" WALLIN
KETCHIKAN, AK



SUSAN LALLY-CHIU
SHORELINE, WA



WALT PADGETT
GRANTS PASS, OR



CONNIE WALSER
MT. VERNON, WA



JASON LANEGAN
SPANISH FORK, UT



JULIE BAER
BELLINGHAM, WA



PAM SILLS
BATON ROUGE, LA



DAVID LARSON
ARLINGTON, MA



JEFF KORNELIS
BLAINE, WA



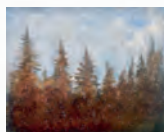
KAY DEE POWELL
BLAINE, WA



RACHEL LEE
CHICAGO, IL



DON WOODARD
BROOMFIELD, CO



JOANNE SCHOENER SCOTT
SNOHOMISH, WA



LAURA BURCIN
LADYS ISLAND, SC



RICHARD STEVENS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

JOIN US FOR

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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!

August/September 2026

Theme: Member Art Show

Runs: 8/15 - 10/4

Openings: Show is full!

[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 30-40 artists

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

Any questions: 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

January/February 2027

Theme: Photography Show

Runs: 1/9/27 - 3/7/27

Openings: Approx 15-20 artists, depending on art sizing & style. **For more info:**

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

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

GANGA ENGLEADOW

The Semiahmoo/Birch Bay Quilters are exhibiting their quilts in a quilt and garden walk, on the **15th of August**. Three gardens are included, beginning with the Engledow garden at 5528 Peregrine Way, the Ullis garden at 8776 Goshawk Road, and the Wendt garden at 8800 Goshawk Road. A few local artists will display and sell their art. This event will also include a plant sale of several exotic plants. The Semiahmoo gates will be open from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Entry will include a contribution to the food bank bins on site. Proceeds from the plant sale go to the Blaine Food Bank.

KELLY LIEDTKE

Kelly has two nature, picture books, North Cascades and Pacific Crest Trail, live at [WildStork](#). Kelly is accepted into the [Shack Art Center's Juried Exhibition: Present Tense](#), thru August 22nd. 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 17th - 20th**. 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.

MARK SEEGER

Mark is included in both the juried art show ReVamp at the Fogue Art Gallery in south Seattle, and the juried Anacortes Art Festival, both happening in July.

SHAWNA MORRIS

At Blind Bird Studio, FIFA stands for Freedom Inspires Fearless Art! Join us on Thursday, July 23rd from 6-9pm for a creative evening of fearless collage. We are launching this year's BFAA fundraiser with community art, and all ages are welcome. We will provide the materials for creating whimsical upcycled collage birds, which will then be used to create a community installation. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$10+, all of which we will be donating to the Blaine Fine Arts Association. Can't make it but still want to participate? Stop by and donate your colorful materials for collage - old cards, fabric, buttons, calendars, magazines, GLUE! Found some money in your old jacket? Drop it in our donation jar for the BFAA. Thank you!

SUZANNE STEEL

Suzanne has two paintings from her series, "Bliss - Birch Bay", showing at the Scott Milo gallery in Anacortes through June and July in a group show of the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Artists.

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
Second Saturday Art Walk 4-6:30

Member to Member

9x12 Gorilla Pochade w/Tripod & Accessories

Immaculate early version, almost never used. Holds paints, palette, brushes, medium/turps/water, paper towels, canvas panels and wet panels for transport. Extensions, tripod and accessories included! \$125
Contact Lorraine Day for more info: 206-499-4617.

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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.

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.



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!

August 20, 2026 - Open

September 17, 2026 - Social TBD

October 15, 2026 - Lorraine Day

November 19, 2026 - Social TBD

December 17, 2026 - Holiday Party

January 21, 2027 - Social TBD

February 18, 2027 - Annual General

March 18, 2027 - Social TBD

A Petite Word From The President

Hello all,

If you've ever wished there was more time to simply enjoy the company of fellow art lovers without a stack of agenda items in front of you... your wish has officially come true!

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent member survey. Your thoughtful feedback showed overwhelming support for moving our meetings to the third Thursday of the month and alternating business meetings with member socials. I couldn't be more excited. These gatherings will give us more opportunities to connect, learn, laugh, and celebrate creativity together while still taking care of the business that keeps our Council moving forward. Sometimes the best ideas begin with a simple conversation over snacks instead of parliamentary procedure. Thank goodness!

Speaking of celebrations, our July National Juried Show is shaping up to be an incredible exhibition, and I hope you'll join us for the Opening Reception this Saturday. We'll also draw the winners of our raffle featuring five beautiful works of art. A huge thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in support of the Gallery.

Our 2nd Anniversary celebration on the Fourth of July was a wonderful success, thanks to an amazing team of volunteers. Scott and Ellen Cilmi, Tom and Kristen Bakker, Deb Freeman, Lorraine Day, and our fantastic DJ, Michael Partlow, created an atmosphere filled with music, laughter, dancing, and community spirit. It was one of those days that reminds us why we do what we do.

Here's to new traditions, new friendships, and another year of making art, and our community, stronger together. I look forward to seeing you all about town and at the gallery.

Warmly,

Margaret Owens



Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Joanne Schoener Scott | Judy McCullough | Jim Van Baalen