



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



August 2026

August Presentation: Thursday, August 20, 2026

Presentation - Adult Show & Tell

It's that time again - yeah! We love seeing 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-ish minutes to share and answer questions, depending on the number of artists participating. There is always an opportunity to mingle, get a closer look at the art, and talk with other members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Member Social at the Gallery

Our First Member Social Was a Hit!

What happens when you mix great art, great people, and a spread of delicious cheeses and charcuterie from The Vault? A pretty fantastic evening!

30+ members and guests joined us at the Gallery for our very first Member Social, celebrating the Gallery's second anniversary while enjoying the beautiful July National Juried Show. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces chatting, laughing, and making new connections - exactly what we hoped these gatherings would become.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and helped make the evening such a success. We're already looking forward to our next Member Social in September.

And yes...next time we'll remember to take pictures. We were apparently having too much fun to think about it! :)

Two months. One great show. Lots of art to love!

The upcoming Member Gallery Show is getting twice the time to shine! Instead of its usual one-month run, the show will fill the gallery throughout August and September, closing October 4, prior to the fall juried show, Small Art, Big Impact.

Join us for the Opening Reception on Saturday, August 15, from 4:00–6:30 PM and help us celebrate the creativity and talent of our BAC members!

Check Out Our August/September

Gift Shop Member Artist of the Month

Dennis Olason
Woodwork coaster,
charcuterie boards,
cheese slicers, etc.



Join Us At Our General Meeting Location!
Blaine Community Complex - 763 G Street
August 20, 2026 - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Graciously
Hosted by:



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive



2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

**Join us in the Gallery
for the August Show's
OPENING RECEPTION**

**August 15th
4:00 - 6:30PM**

**Downtown Art Walk
OPENING RECEPTION**

for the Blaine Art Gallery's
August Show.

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!*

August & September Artists in the Gallery



Dana Hayden - woodworking



Debi Sellinger - oil



Jeff Aspnes - photography



Jennifer Korn - glasswork



Jim Van Baalen - pottery



Lyn Rackley - watercolor



Nanci Scoular - mixed media

JOIN US!

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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!

October 2026

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

Runs: 10/4 - 11/8

Openings: Approx 30-40 artists

Call Opens: 8/19/26 - **Deadline to Apply:** 9/16/26

Applications will be run through CAFE, and link will be sent out to the mailing list by 8/18/26. Look for the info in your mailbox soon!

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 - 2/28/27

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

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

March 2027

Theme: 2nd Annual Spring Juried Show - Wings Over Water

Runs: 3/6/27 - 4/4/27

Openings: Approx 30-40 artists

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

Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

EE LIN LEE

Ee Lin Lee solo art exhibit has just opened at the Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, Stevenson, WA. The show runs from Aug 1st - Sept 30th.



GANGA ENGLEADOW



The Semiahmoo/Birch Bay Quilters is hosting their Annual Quilt & Garden Show on **August 15th from 10am - 4pm**. Admission is a non-perishable item for the Food Bank. Proceeds from the plant sale will benefit the Blaine Food Bank.

The show begins at the Engledow garden at 5528 Peregrine Way, and includes 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. Refreshments, arts & crafts for sale, and the beautiful artwork that Semiahmoo is known for.

KAY DEE POWELL

Kay Dee's art will be showing at the Last Chapter Cafe, above Village Books in Fairhaven. The show runs August 2nd through the end of October.

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. You'll find her books in the Blaine Art Gallery during the August/September Gallery Show.

JANSEN ART CENTER JURIED EXHIBITION ARTISTS SHOWING

BAC members, Lori Linscheid, Lyn Rackley, Nanci Scoular, Thomas Ledcke, and Vaune Ainsworth have been chosen for the Jansen Art Center's Juried Exhibition. The show runs from July 16th - Sept 25th.

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.

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 - \$125

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! Contact Lorraine Day for info: 206-499-4617.

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

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!

September 17, 2026 - Social - Gallery
October 15, 2026 - Open
November 19, 2026 - Holiday Party
December - **NO meeting - Merry Christmas**

January 21, 2027 - Social - Gallery
February 18, 2027 - Annual General
March 18, 2027 - Social - Gallery
April 15, 2027 - Open

A Petite Word From The President

Hello all,

Summer is in full swing, and there is so much to celebrate at the Blaine Arts Council!

I couldn't be prouder of our Summer National Juried Show. The talent, creativity, and diversity of the work made this exhibition truly special, and a wonderful reflection of where our Gallery is headed.

Another highlight was our first Member Social at the Gallery. Seeing so many members simply enjoying one another's company, surrounded by beautiful art (and some pretty fabulous food!), was exactly what we'd hoped for. I'm already looking forward to the next one!

As we head into the peak of summer, I hope everyone finds time to soak up these glorious August days, enjoy our beautiful corner of the world, and perhaps make a little art along the way.

At the same time, the fires affecting so many communities are a sobering reminder of how quickly things can change. We hold all those impacted — and our members' families and friends who may be in harm's way — close in our hearts and hope for their safety.

Enjoy August, stay safe, and keep creating!

Warmly,

Margaret Owens



Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Ava Grambo | Janet Nunn | Jeff Aspnes