



BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



September 2026

September Social at the Gallery: Thursday, Sept 17, 2026

Member Social at the Gallery



Our next Member Social is coming up!

Join us at the gallery on **Thursday, September 17, from 6:30–7:30 PM** for a relaxed evening of good conversation, great company, tasty beverages, and bit of nosh.

No agenda, no business meeting, just a chance to connect, catch up, and enjoy the gallery together.

See you there!

New Board & Committee Members!!!

It's True!

We're delighted to welcome three talented members stepping into important leadership roles with the Blaine Arts Council!

Mike Wolfgang — Board Vice President

Mike joins us as Vice President and will step into the President's role in January 2027. The founder of SpearPoint Advisors, helping business owners build stronger, thriving businesses. Mike also brings a lifelong passion for photography. Behind the camera since age twelve, he specializes in macro and abstract photography, finding beauty and detail in things the rest of us might walk right past.

Judy McCullough — Board Secretary

Judy's artistic journey began with stained glass at Fairhaven College and led to architectural glass studies at Pilchuck Glass School and in Germany. Her creative résumé includes innovative 3-D pop-art glass work, while her life résumé ranges from emergency care and the medical field, to raising a family and cruising aboard a sailboat. She also brings six years of experience as a high school Athletic Boosters Secretary and Treasurer.

Janet Nunn — Events Chair

New to Washington, Janet is an accomplished watercolor artist and instructor whose vibrant work has appeared in Watercolor Artist magazine and the Splash 14 and Splash 16 books. She loves capturing landscapes and helping students discover their own painting style, and we're excited to see some of that creative energy make its way into BAC events!

Please join us in welcoming Mike, Judy, and Janet, and thanking them for saying "YES!" to BAC!

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

SEPTEMBER

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

**Join us in the Gallery
for the September
Art Walk**

**September 12th
4:00 - 6:30PM**

**2nd Saturday
Downtown Art Walk**

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!*

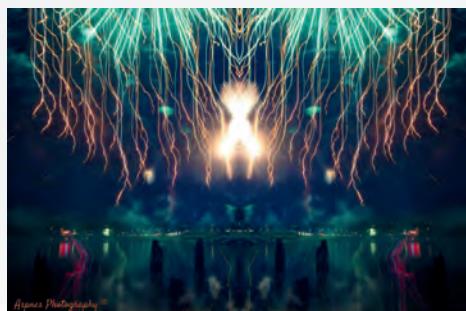
August & September Artists in the Gallery



Dana Hayden - woodworking



Debi Sellinger - oil



Jeff Aspnes - photography



Jennifer Korn - glasswork



Jim Van Baalen - pottery



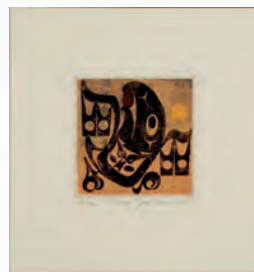
Lyn Rackley - watercolor



Nanci Scoular - mixed media

**Check Out Our
September
Gift Shop
Member Artist
of the Month**

Jean Ferrier
Tribal inspired art
and cards.



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 Fall Juried Show

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

Runs: 10/4 - 11/8

Openings: Approx 30-40 artists

Deadline to Apply: 9/16/26 - Filling up fast!

Applications are being run through CAFE and are now open.

Here is the link to apply: [October CAFE Call to Artists](#)

Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

November/December Holiday Gift Shop 2026

The Return of the Much Anticipated Holiday Show!

Runs: 11/14 - 12/23

Openings: Approx 20 artists, depending on art sizing & style.



Participation list is filling up, so let us know if you are up for some holiday fun!

The Gallery will close for the Thanksgiving Holiday (Thursday & Fri, 11/26 & 11/27), and from 12/24/26 - 1/8/27 for the Christmas Holidays.

We will once again show off the talents our local artists have to offer! Spots are filling quickly, so please let us know asap if you would like to participate. The high school choir will once again perform Opening Night on 11/14, which had standing room only last year.

The Holiday Gift Shop has a max item price for sale of \$300, with flexible art sizing/wall location size options. The charge for the space is \$65, with a 25% commission.

There will be no commission on cards.

For more info, or to be added to the list:

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

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.

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](#). You'll find her books in the Blaine Art Gallery starting with the 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.

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

PAINT A LITTLE HOLIDAY CHEER! * LIMITED SPACE * GET SIGNED UP NOW!

Create your own beautiful watercolor holiday note cards while learning fun techniques in a perfectly manageable small format! Experiment with wax paper, plastic wrap, and more to add texture and personality to your miniature works of art.

No experience or supplies required. Everything you need is provided. Bring a friend, get creative, and paint the day away!

Come for the watercolor, leave with up to 10 beautiful, handmade cards ready for the holidays!

To register: [Paint A Little Holiday Cheer](#)

Janet Nunn Watercolor Note Card Class

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 20, 10 am to 2 pm

Location: Blaine Art Council Gallery

Cost: \$60 per participant, includes supplies



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.



5 Gridwall display panels \$40 ea

White, standard 2' x 6'

Contact Suzanne Steel for more info:
creatix3@gmail.com



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Council Member Opportunities

Council Opportunities - Important Info

As we look ahead to 2027, the Blaine Arts Council is calling on our community to step forward and help shape the future of the arts in Blaine. We have a few 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.

Events Committee – Team Members

Great events don't just happen; they happen because great people pitch in! We're looking for Events Committee members to help with favorites like our annual fundraiser, studio tours, and 2nd Saturday/Gallery events.

Lead a project, share an idea, or simply lend a hand when you can. It's flexible, it's a team effort, and no one has to do it all.

If you enjoy bringing people together and creating a little fun along the way, we'd love to have you on the team!

Events Interest: janetnunn@comcast.net

We Need You: Fundraising & Grant Writing

Great art takes creativity, and keeping a nonprofit thriving takes a little of that same creative thinking! Fundraising and grant writing are essential to the future of the Arts Council and Gallery. Art sales alone cannot sustain our programs and operations, so finding new funding opportunities, developing fundraising ideas, and pursuing grants and foundation support are critical.

If you have fundraising or grant-writing experience, or simply an interest in helping us explore new possibilities, we would love to hear from you. If not you, but you know someone who might be a great fit, please send them our way!

A few hours, a good idea, or the right connection could make a tremendous difference.

Fundraising & Grant Writing Interest: president@blaineartscouncil.org

Your time, ideas, and energy can make a real difference, and now is the moment to get involved.



JOIN US!

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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!

October 15, 2026 - Lorraine Day
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
May 20, 2027 - Social - Gallery

A Petite Word From The President

Hello all,

There's something about September that I just love. The air gets a little crisper, summer begins packing its bags, and suddenly pumpkin spice is trying to get into everything - although that's not my particular jam, no offense to the pumpkin spice fanatics among us. My personal favorite - the hint of sweater weather to come. Be still my heart!

It also feels like a season of change for the Arts Council, and I couldn't be more excited about where we're headed. Our current member show continues through September, so stop by the Gallery, enjoy the incredible creativity of our members, and perhaps find something you can't live without!

I'm especially grateful to our fabulous members who have recently said "yes" to leadership and are stepping into new Board and committee roles. There's a quote attributed to former Steelers coach, Mike Tomlin, that feels particularly fitting:

"It's not what you are capable of; it's what you are willing to do. Plenty of people are capable. Fewer people are willing."

To those who are willing to give their time, share their talents, take a chance, and help propel BAC into its next chapter, we thank you. You are helping us build something stronger, more creative, and ready for what comes next.

Here's to fall, fresh energy, and the possibilities ahead!

Warmly,
Margaret Owens



Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

Karen Rice | Mike Wolfgang