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Holiday Party: Thursday, November 19, 2026

BAC Member HOLIDAY PARTY



JOIN US FOR THE BAC MEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

PLEASE RSVP TO EMAILED INVITATION

BEVERAGES PROVIDED



Holiday Gift Shop at the Gallery!

November 14 - December 23

Closed Thanksgiving & Friday after Thanksgiving

Opening Reception

Nov 14th - 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Sweet treats from L & L Bakery

The **Blaine HS Chamber Choir** will be singing us into the holiday season, starting at **4:30pm - performing for 30-45 minutes**.

You won't want to miss it!

Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

NOVEMBER

2ND SATURDAY DOWNTOWN ART WALK

Join us in the Gallery for the Holiday Gift Shop Opening Reception

November 14th
4:00 - 6:30PM

See all the fabulous new art, just in time for your holiday shopping!

Enjoy the HS Choir while they ring in the season with carols.

Stop by and get a first glimpse of what is new and creative!

Celebrate Creativity
Shop Local • Spread Joy

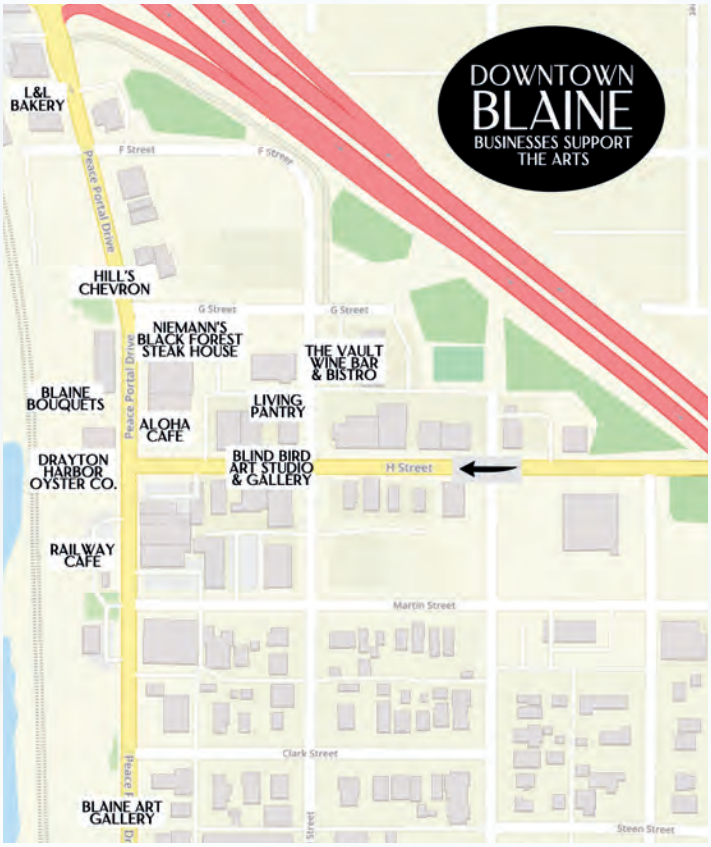
Enjoy sweet treats from L & L Bakery!

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!

Artists in the Gallery's Holiday Gift Shop - Nov 14th - Dec 23rd



BLAINE ART GALLERY WELCOMES YOU TO OUR

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

NOVEMBER 14TH - DECEMBER 23RD

OPENING RECEPTION
NOV 14TH | 4PM - 6:30PM

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY: 11 TO 5
MON - 12/21 THRU WED - 12/23: 11 TO 5
CLOSED: THANKSGIVING - 11/26 & 11/27

922 PEACE PORTAL DRIVE, BLAINE

STEP INTO OUR HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP, FILLED WITH HANDCRAFTED TREASURES BY OUR TALENTED BLAINE ARTS COUNCIL ARTISANS.

WARM UP BY A COZY FIRE AND ENJOY THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WHILE YOU BROWSE ONE-OF-A-KIND CREATIONS PERFECT FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST!

SHOP LOCAL • CELEBRATE CREATIVITY • SPREAD JOY

JEWELRY
MIXED MEDIA
PAINTINGS & PRINTS
HAND-DYED SILK SCARVES
TOPOGRAPHICAL CARVED MAPS
CUSTOM CRAFTED WOODWORKS
HOLIDAY CARDS, ORNAMENTS
& HOLIDAY DECORATIONS
WHIMSICAL GIFTS
AND MORE!

STEP INSIDE AND FIND YOUR HOLIDAY INSPIRATION!

Gallery Gift Shop Participating Artists

Ava Grambo
Cathie Richardson
Cheryl Smith
David Hathaway
Deb Freeman
Dennis Olason
Diane Butts
Evelyn Turner
Janet Nunn
Jean Ferrier
Jeff Brand
Jeff Shearer
Jennifer Korn
Jennifer Hammond Landau
Jim Van Baalen
Joanne Schoener Scott
Jo Edwardsen
Judy McCullough
Kathy Heaverlo
Kay Dee Powell
Kelly Liedtke
Keren Taylor
Linda Gray
Marjie Miller
Mark Seeger
Rod Nibbe
Suzanne Ravet
Tamara Olson



Blaine Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 922 Peace Portal Drive

2027 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!

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 National Juried Show

Theme: Wings Over Water
Runs: 3/6/27 - 4/4/27 (Note, this show will start on the 1st Saturday of March so that it runs at least 4 weeks)
Openings: Approx 50 artists, depending on art sizing & style.
Applications will be run through CAFE, so stay tuned for more details!
Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org



April/May 2027

Theme: Traditional Arts
Fabric arts, Woodwork, Metalwork, & Glassworks
Runs: 4/10/27 - 6/6/27
Openings: Approx 8-10 artists, depending on art sizing & style. **For more info:** GALLERY PARTICIPATION FORM. Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org

June/July 2027 National Juried Show

Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea
Runs: 6/12/27 - 8/8/27
Openings: Approx 50 artists, depending on art sizing & style.
Applications will be run through CAFE, so stay tuned for more details!
Any questions: gallerychair@blaineartscouncil.org



BAC Member Happenings & Opportunities

BAC ARTISTS AT THE JANSEN ART CENTER

MARK SEEGER is featured at the Jansen Art Center in Variations in Metal Sculpture: The Art of Mark Seeger. The show runs through Jan 8, 2027.
KEVIN HOOVER, SHAWNA MORRIS, & VAUNE AINSWORTH are featured in the Fall Exhibition: The Poetry of Pieces. The show runs through Jan 8, 2027.

NANCI SCOULAR PRICE

Nanci is participating in the Allied Arts, November-December Show: The Nature of Becoming. November 6th – December 26th, 2026. Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Sunday 11am – 4pm Opening Reception: November 6th, 6pm-9pm. 1213 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225
[november-december-the-nature-of-becoming/]

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

BLAINE ART GALLERY HALLOWEEN FUN!

The Art Gallery provided the kick-off location for Downtown Blaine's Trick or Treat Night last Saturday, with all the fun and adorable costumes you could imagine. In total, we had 168 people come through the gallery between 4 - 6pm, with 86 kids showing off their Halloween best. It was a fantastic turnout! Here are some of the cuties that came through!



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!

Holiday Gift Shop Opening Reception & 2nd Saturday Art Walk

November 14th

4:00PM - 6:30PM

Check out the great gifts, hear carols beautifully sung by the BHS Chamber Choir, and enjoy refreshments & sweet treats from L & L Bakery.



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

2027 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!

December - **NO meeting - Merry Christmas**
January 21, 2027 - Social - Gallery
February 18, 2027 - Annual General
March 18, 2027 - Social - Gallery
April 15, 2027 - Presentation Open
May 20, 2027 - Social - Gallery
June 17,2027 - Presentation Open
July 15, 2027 - Social - Gallery
August 19, 2027 - Presentation Open
September 16, 2027 - Social - Gallery
October 21, 2027 - Presentation Open
November 18, 2027 - Holiday Party

A Petite Word From The President

Hello to all!

November is here, and somehow we've gone from summer sunshine to holiday sparkle in what feels like about fifteen minutes!

We've just wrapped up another wonderful National Juried Show, and now we're rolling up our sleeves to transform the Gallery into our much-loved Holiday Gift Shop. And don't forget our Member Holiday Party on November 19th, with yet another opportunity to celebrate the friendships, creativity, and community that make BAC so special.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I find myself reflecting on just how much we have to be grateful for. There's a beautiful thought that resonates with me: Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more.

Gratitude isn't simply a feeling; it's a choice. A choice to recognize the good, even when life gets messy, to find peace amid the storms, and to appreciate the abundance that surrounds us - especially in the people who enrich our lives.

I am deeply grateful for each of you who gives your time, talent, energy, and heart to this organization. You are what makes the magic happen, and believe me, there's a lot of magic happening!

As we enter this beautiful season of gratitude and giving, I wish you and those you love warmth, peace, laughter, and time to simply enjoy all that you have.

Happy Thanksgiving, and here's to a holiday season filled with art, joy, and grateful hearts!

Warmly,
Margaret Owens

Welcome BAC Newest Members!

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

David Hathaway | Suzanne Ravet