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Allied Arts of Whatcom County announces the Grand Opening Celebration of AARTS — Allied Arts Reuse Thrift Store on Friday, July 1 at 5 p.m. Located in part of the back office of our current downtown gallery at 1418 Cornwall, this is the new place to discover your next upcycled project. The goal of the store is to take objects that are seen as un-useful or trash, remove them from the wastestream, redefine them and demonstrate their value as art supplies. AARTS will provide the community with new resources and materials to make art, more avenues to explore creativity and new conceptions of art. There are stores similar to this in cities all over the world including Portland, OR; San Francisco, CA and Vancouver, BC. For more information visit: www.alliedarts.org/aarts.

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is a not-for-profit whose goal is to sustain and enrich our community through the arts. Our many programs include an art gallery offering art education programs in local schools and organizing art opportunities for local artists to sell their work.

To make the store possible we will rely on the community for donations to stock our store. Some of the supplies we will accept are:

Traditional Art Supplies

- Markers, paints, brushes, stamps, canvas and papers
- Paper (leftover letterhead, trimmed edges, mat board and Foamcore)
- Textiles (fabric, yarn, samples, mill ends and patterns)

Non-Traditional Art Supplies

- Surplus, off-cuts, defects and remnants from manufacturing
- Architectural and interior samples (flooring, carpet samples, tile, laminate and fabric)
- Beakers and test tubes
- Clean bottle caps
- Buttons, beads, wire and notions
- Natural materials (feathers, sea shells, candles, wax)
- And many other supplies accepted at staff discretion!

If you have supplies that you want to donate and/or questions about what we will accept, please contact us at AARTS@alliedarts.org to arrange for us to pick them up or for you to drop them off on Monday afternoons!