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LOCAL ARTS NEWS FROM ALLIED ARTS OF WHATCOM COUNTY

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**MISSION**

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation whose mission is to sustain and enrich our community through the arts.

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Gallery, AARTS & Office hours are  
Monday - Friday

10am - 5pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm

\*Allied Arts Office, Gallery, and Thrift Store will be closed Monday, February 20th in honor of President's Day.

**Board of Directors**

- President** • Gabriel Miles
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The Board of Directors meet the third Tuesday of every month at the Allied Arts Gallery: 1418 Cornwall Ave. 5:30 - 7pm.

The Board of Directors sets the policy for the organization and welcomes your input. All members and friends interested in the arts are encouraged to attend.

**Staff**

- Executive Director  
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- And countless volunteers and interns working behind the scenes!

**Grateful and Prosper: Chinese Cultural Festival Art Show**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Art Walk Reception: Fri, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 - 9pm  
Opening Ceremony: Sat, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is proud to partner with the Bellingham Chinese Cultural Festival on their art exhibit this February. The show will feature works of many local Chinese artists in a variety of media with both traditional and modern subject matter.

This art exhibit is being held in conjunction with a concert at the Mount Baker Theatre on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm. This concert boasts performances by the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra, Western Washington University Choir, and Peking Opera Soprano Solo by Shi Yihong.

Allied Arts is a non-profit gallery, proceeds from sales go to support the arts in our community and the Bellingham Chinese Cultural Festival. For more information visit [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org).



**DIRECTOR'S**

I hope that you have all been taking advantage of there cold winter days to stay inside and create wonderful pieces of artwork (or cleaning out your closet of old art supplies to donate to the AARTS: Art supply thrift store).

Allied Arts started the new year full speed ahead. We have **doubled the size of the thrift store** and the Arts Education section of our **offices have also been rearranged** - come check out the great space!

**The Holiday Festival** as our best ever with an increase in sales by two percent and over 23,000 objects sold by 103 artists. We would like to thank our generous donors for the fabulous space and other contributions.

We have a number of opportunities for artists and arts organizations that have applications due in the next week or so - please visit our web site for full details about the **Arts and Culture Guide, RARE Recycled Arts Resource Expo, Recycled Arts Exhibit, and Enlightening the Arts: lampshade fundraiser**. Also keep an eye out for our application for the **2012 Holiday Festival and the new Bellweather Arts Market** (a collaboration with the Port of Bellingham for 4 arts markets on Sunday afternoons in August in Bellweather Park.)



Executive Director: Kelly Hart  
Photo by Tore Oftness

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## Mark your Calendars!

### Timeline of events

February 1st through mid March

#### February 1st

The 1st of February fall on a Wednesday, and thus marks the first day of a new session of Extreme Arts. This means the kids at Northern Heights will begin to spend their afternoons with one of the following artists: Gabriel Miles, Thor Myhre or Ramon Murillo.

#### February 2nd

This month is the beginning of the banner projects at Carl Cozier Elementary. This project will involve the entire school to tie in with **Character Traits/Habits of Mind** and is scheduled to finish in April, which is perfect timing for Children's Art Walk.

#### February 3rd

Also, it's Bellingham's Friday night Art Walk!

#### February 11th

Allied Arts Open House and Sidewalk Sale!

#### February 13th

This day marks the closing of Cordata's pottery project. Jacquie Bresadola has been working with multiple classrooms there and we are excited to see some of the items made.

#### February 20th

Happy President's Day everyone! Allied Arts office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

#### March 1st

AAEP provides art to the three elementary schools in the The Mount Baker School District. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in movement lessons and a field trip to the **American Museum of Radio and Electricity**.

Today is also the **Registration Deadline** for Children's Art Walk.

#### March 2nd

It's Bellingham's Friday night Art Walk!

#### March 15th & 16th

Two other field trips to the AMRE from Mt. Baker School District are scheduled for these days.

# Allied Arts Education Project in 2012



## Summary of Projects after the Holidays

As we all returned to our duties after the holidays, it was easy not to notice the return to the routine. Fortunately, at Allied routine means the amazing work of our teaching artists as AAEP continues to support programs like Highly Capable Learners and Extreme Arts. Lizanne Schader of The Neighborhood Playhouse was the first artist at Happy Valley Elementary in the year 2012 and teaching artist, Ramon Murillo has added a drum making class to the selection. Janet Lehwalder and Thor Myhre are going to be at Northern Heights during the month of January. LaVonne Chu is the Extreme Arts artists at Roosevelt for the month of January.

Additionally, two of our artists are very busy with large school projects: Jacquie Bresadola is making pottery with the new kiln at Cordata and Janet Lehwalder is helping out with 2 large silk banners, which may be debuted at the Children's Art Walk. Apart from visual arts, we also have some puppetry performances coming up through the collaborative efforts of Christian Anne Smith and Andy Koch. And Burlington School District is about to benefit from the anti-bullying workshops and assembly put together by one of our new teaching artists, J.R. Johnson.

The Mount Baker School District is working with The Spark Museum (AMRE) on a science movement program with teaching artist Rachel Narhi. Students will have the opportunity to learn science through movement at the museum as well as share their experiences with their schools.

To keep things interesting and to help us with our continued growth, Allied Arts welcomes two new interns to our collaborative efforts. Anastasia will be taking over the Extreme Arts afterschool program at Northern Heights and Katie is putting together the Enlightening the Arts. If you're interested in helping out with Enlightening the Arts, Katie can be reached at enlighteningthearts@alliedarts.org.

### 12th Annual Children's Art Walk

*Although it may seem like May 2012 is far away, we have already started preparing for our upcoming Children's Art Walk. There is much to be done since this Art walk is the most meaningful for AAEP as it showcases our teaching artists and the students that benefit from the workshops that we help organize. Thus we want to get started early to ensure that this art walk is as spectacular as it has been in the past.*

*Please contact our office if you're interested in being involved in this project as we will be needing lots of volunteers!*

## Enlightening the Arts!

### Creative lampshade art by local artists!

**Artists:** Pick up your lampshades now at the Allied Arts office to decorate, embellish and add your artistic talent to. They are due back April 2nd - 4th and will be auctioned off between April 6th and 21st at Exit Realty.

### Proceeds benefit Arts Education in Whatcom County schools!



Visit [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org) for more info



What others are saying about our artists—

# Bellingham AAUW Newsletter December, 2011 New Year Greetings.

It doesn't seem possible that the new year fast approaches. It seems as if December flew by.

## Allied Arts Festival - December Meeting

On Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, we thoroughly enjoyed a casual meeting at the festival. Under an indoor tent, we munched exchanged cookies and chatted before the meeting. The Festival coordinators presented an interesting agenda. Three local artists spoke of their art/businesses.

First, Cheyenne Black, co-owner of Sip-T teas, a Fair Trade Company, discussed her serendipitous journey to tea making and owning a tea company. Cheyenne explained how different flavors/styles of tea are made and where they originate. Also, she clarified how her small business hand-makes teas, as opposed to industrial production of teas. Cheyenne's passion and knowledge showed throughout her most interesting topic. Many of us tracked a bee -line to Sip-T's booth for tea sampling after the meeting.



Cheyenne Black, co-owner Sip-T



Don Anderson, metal artist

Don Anderson, a metal sculptor was our next speaker. Don's booth was by our tent area, so we could see his works clearly, as he discussed them. Don spoke enthusiastically about how he welds and processes different metals to create his sculptures. Some of Don's creations are in Bellingham. One is in the park area in back of the main library.

The final presenter was Laura Jacoby, granddaughter of noted Northwest photographer, Galen Bierly (1910-1994). Through his photography, Mr. Biery became one of Bellingham's most noted historians. Mr. Biery shared his love of history and photography using his Magic lantern slide



Laura Jacoby

shows. His family has compiled Looking Back, a History of Bellingham, a book of Mr. Biery's most noted or favorite photographs. Laura shared family stories and photos from the book. Passing on her grandfather's tradition, Laura created a Magic Lantern curriculum to present to schools, using her grandfather's methods and some of his equipment. After the fascinating presentations, members bowed and shopped at the myriad of booths.

Bellingham is a most artistic and creative city and the Allied Arts Festival demonstrates this.



New Member Helene Berg-Kolin & Sherry Thompson at December's meeting.

Thank you Gwen Parker for all the wonderful photos you've taken for us this year.



**Arts and Culture Guide  
Now Available!**

**Learn about the rich culture of  
Whatcom County**

Visit an artist, studio, or other cultural venue or business!

[www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org) for more info.



AARTS is a great place to get started on your new year crafting! We have thousands of items including art supplies, craft supplies, and those odds and ends to create the perfect gift! Come check us out! Located at 1418 Cornwall Ave. in the space behind the Allied Arts Gallery.



**Prepare for a completely unique experience and discover innovative reuse and green technologies at the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual RARE Expo.** Allied Arts of Whatcom County is looking for artists, educators, businesses, environmental advocates, sustainable designers, and anyone with a passion for creative reuse or green innovations to become a part of RARE.

**Artist Trading Cards**

Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) are tiny works of art traded amongst artists. The Bellingham Artist Trading Card group meets to exchange their cards, and share techniques, once monthly at Stampadoodle. The requirements for ATC's are original art and size (2.5 x 3.5 inches). Original art may include rubber stamping, specialty papers, ephemera, photography, paint, and collage. Participants most often make duplicates of one design for trading, however, each is still handmade. No photocopies are allowed, with the exception being photographs displayed on the card. Newcomers are always welcome. Next meeting is Feb 25th at 2pm. Contact Cheryl Ford at [cherylford2011@gmail.com](mailto:cherylford2011@gmail.com) for more information.

calls to artists

**Call to Artists & Designers: Recycled Arts Show  
Deadline March 2nd**



The Re-Store has partnered again with Allied Arts of Whatcom County to bring you the 11th Annual Recycled Arts Show. Work submitted for jury must be made up of at least 75% or more materials that would have otherwise been deposited in the waste streams. Applications are available now at the [Re-Store's website](http://Re-Store's website). Or:

- Bellingham Call for Art and Functional Designs [www.re-store.org/callforart-bham](http://www.re-store.org/callforart-bham)
- Seattle Call for Art and Functional Designs [www.re-store.org/callforart-seattle](http://www.re-store.org/callforart-seattle)
- Main Recycled Arts Show info page [www.re-store.org/recycledartshow](http://www.re-store.org/recycledartshow)

community events



**Allied Arts Open House and Sidewalk Sale  
Saturday, February 11th, 3-5pm**

Come meet our new staff or get reacquainted with our existing ones, see our new remodel, and check out awesome deals from our Allied Arts Reuse Thrift Store. Light refreshments will be served and all members, new and old, are encouraged to attend!

**Bellingham Cultural Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the **Encore Room at the Mount Baker Theatre** on **February 2nd at 10am.** The **Bellingham Cultural Council**

was developed as a way for community members with a common interest in the arts to gather and share ideas. The meeting is open to anyone interested in further developing arts and culture in our wonderful community. Including an update on what happened at **Arts and Heritage Day in Olympia that took place on February First.**



**New Gallery in Bellingham: Worden, Studio & Art Gallery**

Introducing a new art gallery to Bellingham featuring artist Scott Worden. The gallery will be displaying Scott's latest acrylic landscapes as well as his newest "streetrod" paintings. The Gallery will be featuring guest artists in the upcoming months. The gallery is located in the historic Bellingham Hardware Bldg. at 215 W.Holly suite G12. More info call Scott at 360-224-5769 or visit his online gallery at [scottworden.artspan.com](http://scottworden.artspan.com)

**The 33rd Annual Whatcom County Home and Garden Show @  
selects Ben Mann painting for cover art**



Building Industry Association of Whatcom County and the Whatcom County Home and Garden Show Committee has selected a painting by local artist and Allied Arts Member Ben Mann for the cover art of its 2012 show materials and coloring contest for kids.

Showcasing a historic south hill home in Ben's whimsical style, the painting symbolizes the idea of creating a home with lasting quality as well as designing a space that characterizes the owner's individuality.

**Norma Sorby at the Amadeus Project**

Norma Sorby, collage artist, asks the question: Is handwritten correspondence vanishing from our society? Her 12x12" mixed media paintings use written word and images to begin this discussion. Come see this intriguing and thought provoking exhibit at The Amadeus Project, Feb.3rd during Art Walk, from 6-10PM, continues thru Feb.

