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LOCAL ARTS NEWS FROM ALLIED ARTS OF WHATCOM COUNTY

Visit our website at
www.alliedarts.org

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 & Office hours are Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm
**The Gallery and Office will be closed from Dec 25 until January 3rd for Festival take-down,*

Board of Directors

President • Gabriel Miles
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Treasurer • Paul Hughes
Secretary • Charlotte Guyette
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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.

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Gary Armstrong

2011 Juried Artist Series: Up for Interpretation
January 7th - 29th, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, January 7th, 6pm - 10pm

Gallery Hours: Monday thru Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 12 to 5pm

The Allied Arts 2011 Juried Artist series kicks off with *Up for Interpretation*, featuring the work of Gary Armstrong, George Jartos, and Trevor Smith. There will be an Exhibit Walk-Thru with the artists from 6:30pm to 7pm on opening night.

At first all of these artists' work may seem whimsical or silly. But look deeper and the themes you discover might surprise you.

In conjunction with this show, Allied Arts' Inside the Box Series will feature work from Jayme Curley.

Allied Arts is a non-profit organization; proceeds from sales go to support the arts in our community. For more information visit

www.alliedarts.org or contact: Katy Borden, Artist Services Coordinator at 676-8548 x5 or katy@alliedarts.org.



Trevor Smith



George Jartos



Jayme Curley

DIRECTOR'S

This has been a challenging year for most of us. It has been a time to reflect on what our key mission as a non-profit organization is and how best to achieve our goals and remain a financially stable business.

While there were some very financially tight times time this year, we have made it through with some significant improvements and increases in our programs. Here are just a few of the things we have to be thankful for this year. (We will supply specific dollar amounts and numbers in the 2010 annual report!)

- We have new carpeting in the Gallery!!!
- Four new-to-us computers and a Gift Works donor data system
- New board room chairs, office chairs, book cases and tables-Thanks CH2MHill
- Gallery sales have dramatically increased
- Over 75 artistically enhanced lampshades were contributed to our "Enlightening the Arts" Fundraiser
- Local School District and PTA support for our arts education program has increased significantly
- Our volunteer numbers tripled! Thank you all!
- The number of Holiday Festival participants increased by 16
- Our most exciting news is that we broke the 2003 record for sales at the Holiday Festival of the Arts for a new all time high this year!!!

Thanks to all of your for your support and encouragement. We look forward to great advancements in 2011. Have a very happy news year!

Kelly Hart, Executive Director



Photo by Tore Offenness

CORNER



Businesses!
We're looking for art display venues for the May 6, 2011 Children's Art Walk

Each year over 4,000 works of children's art adorn the windows and walls of downtown Bellingham businesses. Last year 60 businesses and organizations participated in the Friday night opening celebration and the three-week display of art.

If your business is interested in being a venue for this playful event again this year or if you want to join in the fun as a new venue, contact Chris at 676-8548 ext 3 chris@alliedarts.org



Sponsors Needed!

Your help is needed to support the children's art this year. Funds for this project are low due to state funding cuts.

How you can help:

- Sponsor a site:** \$100 donation
- Sponsor a school:** \$35 donation
- Be a Community Sponsor** \$250, \$500 or \$1000 sponsorship
- Advertise in our event map:** \$100

Painted Wings: Arts Workshops for Girls Grades 6-8

Sponsored by Allied Arts, four talented Fairhaven College students offer creative arts classes for teen girls. Artwork encourages self-discovery as they paint their metaphorical wings!

Where: Presence Studio
When: Tuesdays 3:30-5:30
 Jan 11- March 8
Cost: \$200 for 8 weeks
Contact: annikamola@gmail.com
 206-779-7554
Instructors: Leah Preble, Mackenzie Gregg, Analiese Kamola Robin Jacobs

Community Arts Activities

Bring the Family to the Whatcom Museum for Creative Workshops with Teaching Artists

Join us for some tantalizing winter arts workshops that the whole family can enjoy. The Education Project is collaborating with the Whatcom Museum to provide creative fun one Saturday each month. The workshops elaborate upon the museum exhibits, giving participants a chance to put their inspiration into a creative work of art. This fall participants got artistic in workshops provided by Janet Oakley, Thor Myhre, Ben Mann and Claudia Furlow. See below for January's workshop and stay tuned for more info on February metal repousse with Gabriel Miles and March book-crafting with Ellen Clark.

Mask-Making with Gail Weiss

January 29, Saturday at 12—4:00 pm (drop in workshop)

Gail Weiss brings mask-making to life in a human and animal faces workshop. All ages are welcome to create hand-held papercraft masks, which will delight participants in storytelling and theatrical fun for hours and days after the activity. Visit the exhibitions for inspiration and then join Gail in the FIG studio to make your own mask! \$3 includes admission to the exhibits/free to museum members.

Location: Lightcatcher Building, 250 Flora Street.



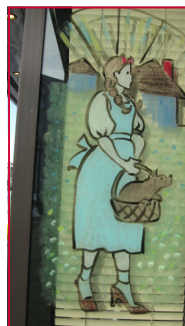
Teachers: Sign up for Magic of Masks after your class visit to the Mount Baker Theatre Faustworks Performance

The Faustwork's Mask Theatre is a series of vignettes ranging from comic to bizarre to poignant. language, psychological insight, and humor. The set consists of an impressive collection of masks. Performers demonstrate the power of transformation by removing the masks from the wall and assuming the emotional state expressed in each face.

Students in Whatcom County have the opportunity to see the Faustworks Mask Theatre in daytime performances on January 25th. Teachers whose classes are scheduled to attend will want to consider having the AAEP Mask-Making workshops bring some of that magic into their classrooms! Teaching artists Gail Weiss and Gabriel Miles offer follow-up mask-making workshops to schools. Contact Chris to schedule a workshop for your classroom. 676-8548 ext 3, chris@alliedarts.org A two hour workshop costs \$100. For specific information on the workshop click on the following links or go to our website and look under "Education" and "Teaching Artists". See "Visual Arts" and click on artist name.

[Gabriel Miles workshop](#)

[Gail Weiss workshop](#)



While you're at Mount Baker Theatre-- check out the window art highlighting upcoming MBT performances. It was painted by AAEP Teaching Artist Ellen Clark!!~ Great job!





Pottery Co-op

Birch Bay area art teacher seeks potters interested in forming a pottery co-op in northwest Whatcom County for the purposes of:

- Sharing equipment and space
- Purchasing power
- Offering classes to children and adults in the area
- Bringing in experts for workshops
- Combining costs and space for marketing our pottery

Anyone interested email Sharon Statema: sharrose@comcast.net

ARTIST TRUST FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

Online Application Deadline: February 25, 2011

Artists practicing in Emerging Fields & Cross Disciplinary, Performing, Visual and Traditional & Folk Arts in Washington State are eligible to apply for the Artist Trust Fellowship Program. This program recognizes practicing professional artists of exceptional talent and demonstrated ability, acknowledging an artist's creative excellence and accomplishment, professional achievement and continuing dedication to their artistic discipline.

The award amount is \$7,500 - \$7,000 is unrestricted and \$500 is payable to artists upon completion of a *Meet the Artist* event. *Meet the Artist* events are offered by Fellowship recipients to a community that has little or no access to the artist and their work. Apply online by visiting www.artisttrust.org.

Save the Date: Art and Hearth Fundraiser

Friday, February 11th: 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$40
(includes a drink and dinner)

Location: TBA



Join Allied Arts of Whatcom County for an evening of food, fun, and friends! Dinner will include comfort food and home made baked goods. The live auction will feature usable home items made by local artisans and craftspeople.

Proceeds from this evening will help with improvements to the Allied Arts Gallery and Office spaces.

More information to come about donating items for auction and the location of the fundraiser. Please contact Katy Borden, Artist Services at katy@alliedarts.org or 676-8548 x5 for more info.

New Deal 1930's Swing Dance

(First in a new series "Mix It: Where art and music mingle")

Saturday, January 8, 7 – 10 PM

Whatcom Museum Lightcatcher Building,
250 Flora Street, Bellingham

Cost: \$10 per person, \$5 Museum Members

Dance your cares away! Dancing to big band music was a popular pastime to relieve depression era blues. Join teachers and swing dance students from Bellingham Dance Company for an evening of 1930's music and dance. Begin the evening with dance lessons and a performance by Bellingham Stars dance class, then enjoy open dancing to live music by The Jazz Project. Period costume encouraged! Door prizes, drinks, refreshments!



Tickets available in advance for this limited space event at the Museum's ticket line: (360) 778-8963



Volunteer Artist Wanted:

Emeritus at Fairhaven is in need of a volunteer artists who would be willing to teach a small group of our residents some basic skills in the arts. We are an assisted living with a lot of talented folks! The residents are really excited, some even have backgrounds in art. Any and all materials will be provided.

If you are interested, time and dates can be set up with Janet Newman-Hickey LED at 360-647-1254.

Thank you the businesses that so graciously give our members discounts.

**Quicksilver Photo Lab
1130 Cornwall**

25% on one fine art reproduction on canvas or watercolor paper

YMCA—1256 N State

20% on all levels of annual membership 26 members are members of the "Y"

**Chuckanut Ridge Winery
1017 N State**

20% on case price

Copies Now—810 N State

15% discount your order

Dakota Arts—1415 Cornwall

Congratulations on a new location, right next door but bigger! Check it out and use your 10% discount on your purchase

Paper Zone—915 Iowa St.

10% discount on your purchase Handmade papers, envelopes, colored papers and so much more. If you've never gone, check it out!

Local Artist Prints

www.localartistprints.com

Email: info@localartistprints.com
15% off your entire order. Simply enter **alliedarts15** in the discount code section at checkout. Local Artist Prints offers fine art prints from artists around Whatcom County. All of our prints are produced on state of the art printers using pigment based inks for outstanding color quality. Check back often as new artwork is always being added!

**Beauty in the Bead Shop -
436 W. Bakerview Rd.**

www.beautyinthebead.com

10% off total purchase. Excludes classes and consignment items.



On behalf of all of us at Allied Arts, I would like to thank the artists, non-profit organizations, teaching artists, performers, volunteers and contributors that helped to make the 31st Annual Festival of the Arts the best ever!

The festival was a huge success:

*Over 116 local artists and non-profit organizations filled the venue with beautiful works of art, wonderful handmade treasures and tempting treats.

*All of the booths made larger profits than in previous years.

*The fantastic performers who kept the crowds hopping.

*Of course, we can't forget to comment on the incredible 14,000 square foot facility - Thanks again this year to Pacific Continental Realty and Squalicum Corporate Park.



Our programs would not be possible without the generous support from our donors and sponsors



- Myna IT
- Honeymoon
- Idiom
- Village Books
- Cascadia Weekly
- City of Bellingham
- Washington Federal Bank
- Econolodge
- North Sound Alarm
- Bay City Supply
- NW Business Monthly
- Bellingham Herald
- Whatcom Magazine
- Re-Electronics
- Farmer Brothers Coffee KAFE Radio
- Lithtex NW, Paper Zone
- Squalicum Corporate Park
- WWU Service Learning Class
- Washington State Arts Commission
- Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism
- Pacific Continental Realty

The 2011 Arts NW Booking Conference

October 17-20, 2011 in Eugene, OR.

The Juried Performance Showcase component at the Arts Northwest Booking Conference is renowned for its commitment to quality and diversity, as well as its reputation as one of the most effective methods for performing artists to make themselves known to presenters in the west.

Juried Showcase Application is now OPEN at www.artsnw.org and in 2011, for the first time, the entire process will be conducted online. To apply online, go to www.artsnw.org. Click on the "Conference 2011" tab, then on "Juried Showcase Overview and Application" and proceed from there.