

January 2012

LOCAL ARTS NEWS FROM ALLIED ARTS OF WHATCOM COUNTY

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[www.alliedarts.org](http://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.

**Allied Arts Gallery/Office**

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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 Dec. 24th thru Jan. 1st. We will reopen at 10am, Jan 2nd.**

**Board of Directors**

- President** • Gabriel Miles
- Vice President** • Kristin Slone
- Co-Treasurers:** Phil Hanson & Jonathan Campbell
- Secretary** • Charlotte Guyette
- Board Members** • Alicia Dauber

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  
[Kelly Hart](#)
  - Artist Services Coordinator  
[Katy Borden](#)
  - Art Education Schools Coordinator  
[Brend Holma](#)
  - Art Education Outreach Coordinator  
[Kristina Droppers](#)
  - Art Education Assistant  
[Genie Ankoudinova](#)
  - Bookkeeper  
[Judy Taylor](#)
- And countless volunteers and interns working behind the scenes!

**2012 Allied Arts Members' Show**

January 6th thru 28th 2012

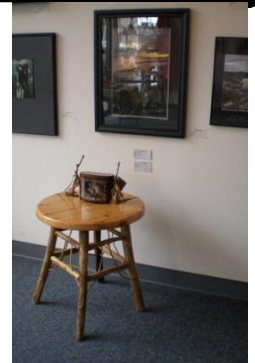
**Opening Reception: Friday, January 6th, 6pm to 10pm**

Participation is open to all current Allied Arts Members at any level of membership to exhibit one piece of work for the month of January. During the show, a jury will select 50 pieces to be shown around Whatcom County for 8 months and then at the Washington State Convention Center for the rest of the year. *(Please note: due to the Convention Center Show, our jurors will be placing an emphasis on works that highlight Whatcom County.)*

**Drop off your work at the Allied Arts Gallery, Monday or Tuesday, January 2nd or 3rd.** Pieces will be shown on a first come first served basis. Work submitted to hang on the wall cannot be more the 30 inches in any direction. Sculpture pieces will be limited, please call for availability. Registration forms are available in the Allied Arts office or online at [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org).

**Wild About Whatcom:** Back by popular demand, 50 of the finest pieces from the Allied Arts Membership Show will be selected to travel in our "Wild About Whatcom" traveling show to public spaces throughout the county AND in October they will be exhibited in the **Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, WA.**

For more information visit [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org) or contact: Katy Borden, Artist Services Coordinator at 676-8548 x5 or [katy@alliedarts.org](mailto:katy@alliedarts.org).



**DIRECTOR'S**

We are so truly fortunate to have such wonderful support of the arts in our community. We have accomplished so much in 2011 and excited about changes in 2012.

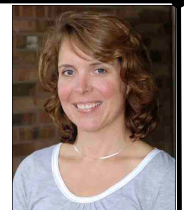
I would like to welcome our newest board member - **Jonathan Campbell**. His experience as a Lender with US Bank will be of great help to juggling our finances! I would also like to give a huge thank you to **Paul Hughes** for his six years of service on our board, Paul has gone far above and beyond the role of board members to help keep this organization thriving.

I am writing this before the end of the Holiday Festival, so I don't have the final numbers but we are currently even with our record sales last year! The variety of terrific art has been a key to the success of our 32nd year. (as well as our awesome festival staff!)

The Gallery/Offices/Thrift Store will be closed the last week of December to take down the **Holiday Festival** and do a bit of remodeling in the gallery so as to double the size of **AARTS - our Art Supply Thrift Store**. We will be moving a couple of walls to increase access to the thrift store which has sold over 1000 objects since the opening in July! (Don't worry, we won't be losing any wall space in the gallery!)

One major item on our **wish list for 2012 is a new-to-us phone system**. Our current system was generously donated by Interconnect Systems years ago and is dying a slow death, the circuit panel is failing and we are currently down to 4 1/2 operating phones and have 8 desks in the office! Please let us know if you hear of anyone upgrading or getting rid of their systems. We need something that can handle 5 phone lines and at least 8 phones.

We look forward to a wonderful 2012 and hope to see you soon!



Executive Director: Kelly Hart  
Photo by Tore Oftness

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## We are In The Schools!

Here are some of the great things we have going on - *Brend Holma, Arts Education Schools Coordinator*

### Highly Capable Learner Program

The HCL program is composed of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from across the district and is taught at Happy Valley. We have just completed the first and will begin again on Jan 13. We are adding some different student requested art opportunities this 2nd session.

### The Mount Baker School District

AAEP provides art to the three elementary schools in the 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**. These classes will be held on March 1, March 15 and March 16.

### Carl Cozier Elementary

has chosen to make silk banners. This project will involve the entire school to tie in with **Character Traits/Habits of Mind**. The project is scheduled to begin on February and finish in April.

### Cordata Elementary

is fortunate to have a beautiful new kiln in their beautiful new school. They have chosen to do clay projects with the entire school. Training will be given to the teachers and the lessons will begin on Jan 6 through Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Sunnyland Elementary

will be doing a school-wide mural depicting the lions in their natural habitat.

### Alderwood Elementary

has decided to do individual classroom teacher projects.

### The Integrated Creative Arts Grant

letter has been drafted and sent to **Jim Facciano** for the middle and high school-initiated arts project. Looking forward to hearing from the schools and their ideas.

### Northern Heights Elementary

Extreme Arts on Wednesday is doing a variety of art lessons. Feedback has been very positive.

### Roosevelt Elementary

has been provided with different afterschool programs such as sculpture, theatre, acrylics, A little bit of everything, etc.

## AAEP's Children's Activity Booth at the Holiday Festival Entertained Hundreds of Kids Each Weekend



**Christian Smith (right) supervising her Shrinky Dinks Workshop at the Holiday Festival**



Allied Arts Education Project contributed to the AAWC's annual Holiday Festival by organizing the Children's Activity Booth. Although intended for the kids to have something to do while mom and dad had fun shopping, the intriguing workshops entertained adults as well as children. Above is a picture from **Christian Smith's** workshop, which alone had attracted over 100 participants. Everyone was very excited to walk away with their own Shrinky Dink that they could either hang on their tree or keychain. Behind on the metal display you can see the crafts and lanterns made by participants in **Ellen Clark's** Holiday Crafts workshop and **Deirdre Czoberek's** Lantern Making workshop. Ellen's holiday mice were a favorite among the younger participants, we look forward to her Christmas trees next year. Making lanterns was a ton of fun as well! Additional artists that hosted workshops were **Thor Myhre** with his usual Junk has Soul workshop & **Jacquie Bresadola** with her annual Printmaking. Thor's workshop yielded very interesting statues, and Jacquie's workshop produced many holiday cards! We are very pleased with the numbers of individuals that had participated in artsy activities. However, we would not be able to handle such numbers without wonderful volunteers. Special thanks goes out to anyone that helped with the Children's Activity Booth—this great project wouldn't be possible without you!

### 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!*

### Still accepting donations for Enlightening the Arts

The Allied Arts *Enlightening the Arts* Lampshade Auction was so successful in 2010, we want to do it again in April of 2012!

To prepare, we are currently taking donations of **lampshades** and **lamps**. Lampshades with color or pattern are fine as long as they are still in good condition. Local artists will then add their creative flair to the lampshade and will auction them off at the event in April.

You can donate your lampshade at the Allied Arts Office:  
1418 Cornwall Ave



## The 32nd Annual

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A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped to make the Holiday Festival possible including the thousands of patrons, over one hundred artists, dozens of volunteers, interns, incredible sponsors and a devoted staff.

We look forward to a 2012 filled with art and creativity!

### Our Wonderful Event Sponsors



### Allied Arts welcomes our newest Umbrella Project: Little Bird Theater



*Little Bird Theater presents performances to wake you up. We prioritize excellence, intellect, love and beauty so that artists and audiences alike might leave the theater feeling more connected and alive.*

After 15 years of writing, acting, directing and helping to manage theaters in Bellingham, Carolyn McCarthy is thrilled to create Little Bird. For their debut, they're presenting Carolyn's new play, *February September*. It's about a single woman who decides to get pregnant, and her family's reaction. It's about brothers and sisters and chipwiches, and features a stellar cast. Kickstarter willing, we'll perform it for you in April 2012.

Little Bird Theater doesn't have a permanent home. Instead, they'll do pop-up performances, slipping into vacant spaces for a short term rental. They'll build the set, rehearse and perform the show, then move on. By fully inhabiting each space, they aim to create a rich experience for our audiences while injecting life into the empty buildings.

Kickstarter funds will pay for the building blocks of Little Bird (e.g. lights & a mobile stage) and cover the production costs for their first show.





**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.



Allied Arts of Whatcom County, in partnership with the Downtown Bellingham Partnership and the City of Bellingham, hosts Creative Spaces, a juried show of temporary art exhibits and installations that enlivens the darkened windows of vacated facilities in Downtown Bellingham with art from the community and create an attraction along this primary corridor. We are accepting applications now for upcoming exhibits.

**Showcase Application Open for - 2012 NW Booking Conference**

The online Juried Showcase application is now open at [www.artsnw.org](http://www.artsnw.org). Apply today for consideration as a showcase artist or ensemble for the 32nd Annual Northwest Booking Conference in Boise, Idaho, October 15-18, 2012. Juried Showcases are scheduled as standalone events and constitute the heart of the conference. Showcase applications are welcomed from artists and agents across the country and internationally. To apply, login, renew or join as an Arts Northwest member and complete the online process.

**Spokane Overhead**

The Public Facilities District Board and [Spokane Arts Committee](#) will commission an artist or artist team to create wall pieces or overhead sculptures at the Spokane Convention Center for several indoor locations. Art work must show a connection to the region and the unique attributes to the City of Spokane. Deadline for the design phase of the project is Jan. 20.

**Murals in Edmonds**

The [Edmonds Mural Society](#) announces a Call to Artists for the 2012 mural raising season in Edmonds, Wash. The theme this year is "An Edmonds Kind of Day." Submitted artworks must include people in some form. Deadline for initial concept drawing and narrative is Jan. 30. The announcement notes, "If you have never painted a mural before, but wish to learn how, we can help you figure it out. Do not let that be a barrier to submitting your concept. Of our 9 muralists, 7 were first-timers that we helped along the way."

**Gig Harbor Call for Outdoor Gallery**

The Gig Harbor Arts Commission invites artists to submit proposals for its inaugural exhibit of the [OutDoor Gallery Program](#), a new venue for public art. Artists may submit proposals for bronze sculptures or other durable outdoor art for display within City limits from spring 2012 to spring 2014. The sculpture exhibit is intended to integrate art into the daily lives of local residents and visitors by presenting works from locally and regionally acclaimed artists. Click here for more information.

**Bellingham Cultural Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in the **Encore Room at the Mount Baker Theatre on January 5th 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. Due to the new legislative session beginning in January - our agenda will include advocacy updates from **Mark Gerth at the WA State Arts Alliance** and information about the upcoming **Arts and Heritage Day in Olympia to take place on February First.**



**James Lourie's Works on Exhibit at  
The Amadeus Project**

**James Lourie** will be showing original oil and acrylic paintings at **the Amadeus Project**, 1209 Cornwall Ave. James has taught and lead Art Talk, a popular discussion group, at the Whatcom Museum, as well as, being an incredible painter. He will talk about his artwork on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 2:00 PM. Please join us. Exhibit runs through January.