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LOCAL ARTS NEWS FROM ALLIED ARTS OF WHATCOM COUNTY

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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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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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Allied Arts Annual Member's Show

March 4th thru 26th, 2011

Opening Reception: Friday, March 4th, 6pm to 10pm
Gallery Hours: Monday thru Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 12 to 5pm

Allied Arts of Whatcom County will host its 2011 Members Show in March. This show will feature work from over 100 Allied Arts members, including professional artists, students, and new or emerging artists. Works presented will range from traditional paintings to photography to contemporary sculptures and everything in between.

Participation is open to all current Allied Arts Members at any level of membership. Applications can be obtained online at www.alliedarts.org or in our office at 1418 Cornwall Ave, Downtown Bellingham.

New this year! Allied Arts will be hosting its new traveling art show called 'Wild About Whatcom' starting in April 2011. The show will feature 50 selected pieces of work (wall art only) from the March members show.

Allied Arts is a non-profit gallery, proceeds from sales go to support the arts in our community. For more information contact: Katy Borden, Artist Services Coordinator at 676-8548 x5 or katy@alliedarts.org.

DIRECTOR'S

The futures of both the Washington State Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts are in jeopardy due to budget cuts this year. Below are the most recent updates on the situation as well as how you can help. For more information in regards to how the two funders have influenced Allied Arts and Whatcom County as a whole in the past years, please visit the [Advocacy page at www.alliedarts.org](#).

On a State Level: (Quote: Washington State Arts Alliance 2/2/2011)

The Governor's proposed 2011-13 biennium budget includes plans to eliminate the Washington State Arts Commission as a separate agency, and to move arts functions – at a much smaller scale - to the Department of Commerce. For many reasons, we need to maintain a state arts agency structure. A very important point is that our state receives federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, over \$900,000 annually, on a matched 1:1 basis. Without a state arts agency in place, these additional federal funds would not be available for distribution through our state. While we recognize that funding will be reduced in the next biennium, we cannot lose our state-recognized arts agency or we lose NEA support and possibly other private support.

On a National Level (AmericansfortheArts.org 2/18/2011)

The U.S. House of Representatives approved, by a close vote of 217-209, an amendment to cut an additional \$20.5 million from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in the FY 2011 appropriations package. The amendment offered by Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) would reduce the NEA budget to \$124.5 million, turning the clock back four years to its FY 2007 funding level. Considering the fact that the House Appropriations Committee had already cut the NEA's budget by \$22.5 million before it even got to the floor, this additional cut aggravates an already difficult situation. The NEA has not seen this kind of deep cut in 16 years.

How can you help?

- Contact your elected officials and tell them how important WSAC and the NEA are to your community.
- Contact five of your friends and ask them to do the same.
- Become a member of the Washington State Arts Alliance now at <http://www.wsartsalliance.com/> enable the advocacy work necessary to keep our arts agencies!



Photo by Tore Oftness

AAEP Community Arts Activities

Book-binding with Ellen Clark at the Lightcatcher

March 26, Saturday at 12—4 pm
(drop in workshop)

Join Ellen Clark in creating your own book after getting inspired by the *Arts and Craft Movement in the Pacific Northwest* exhibition. Books are as unique as the individuals who make them. Learn the basics of book-crafting and experiment with tools and tactile materials as you change your understanding of the way you read, write and design. Co-sponsored by the Whatcom Museum.

Fee: \$3 includes admission to the exhibits/free to museum members.

Location: Lightcatcher Building, 250 Flora Street.



Children's Art Walk 2011

Opening Event: May 6, 6 - 9 pm
Downtown Bellingham

The ever-popular celebration of children's art is underway with 25+ schools planning art for display in nearly 50 business venues!

Look for art and performances at the Whatcom Museum and an art exhibit featuring our Teaching Artists work and that of their students at Allied Arts. Also on display—

Arts Alive! middle school students show art made under mentorship with our AAEP Teaching Artists.



Answers to Your Questions

What do Puppets and Atoms have in Common?

These seem like two unlikely topics to be connected, don't they? So what's the connection? The Allied Arts Education Project, of course. Our arts projects cover the gamut from the atomic particles to theatrical productions! Check these out!

Schoolwide Projects—these projects engage an entire school so that all students and their teachers (and often staff and PTA) are a part of a large-scale project that leaves a legacy for future years. These community-building activities build arts skills and school pride. Here are schoolwide projects happening this year:

Geneva Elementary: Teaching Artist Jacquie is spear-heading our second year of large-scale art at Geneva. Each class is creating a clay panel that represents an aspect of Whatcom Creek. These panels will be mounted in a Geneva hallway and create a visual depiction of this beloved creek.

Everson Elementary: Teaching Artist Janet Lehwald is working with Everson teachers and PTA to create silk-painted banners that are based on a schoolwide character-development project. Teachers have selected books that reflect specific character traits and, using these, each classroom is creating a banner that represents this character trait.

Lowell Elementary: Teaching Artist Ben Mann is working with Lowell staff to create a large scale work of art to be housed in the library. Designed to build community in this newly-reorganized school, the theme for this artwork focuses on leadership. Students are designing and painting images that represent their perspectives on leadership using the painted acrylic techniques taught by Ben.

Dance/Movement and Science combine to provide all 7 Mount Baker 6th-grade classes with a kinesthetic experience of atomic structure and electric circuits. Combined with a tour of the American Museum of Radio and Electricity students get hands-on experience and full-body memory of related science principles. Now in it's third year—this program is a Mount Baker favorite. AAEP Dancer Gabriel Lukeris is providing these workshops with assistance by new teaching artist, Rachel Narhi.

Neighborhood Playhouse provides theatrical experiences for many schools in our county. Lizanne Schader and Jerry McGarity bring students Creative Dramatics and theatre games and skill-building activities.

Puppetry for Social Studies is a favorite program we do with Northern Heights 4th grades. Using folk tales written by AAEP Puppeteer Andy Koch students learn about the cultures of Russia, China, Mexico, and other countries. The project actually begins with Teaching Artist Christian Anne Smith helping all 4th grade students make puppets representing the folk tale characters.



Andy then leads students in a production of puppet plays presented in his official puppet stage. A great project now in it's third year.

Colonial Crafts workshop is based on Janet Oakley's expertise as a local historian. Janet provides schools with a living history presentation and students have the opportunity to create crafts from the colonial era. Janet has provided this workshop in numerous schools and is scheduled to work with Sunnyland Elementary soon.

Recycled Art and Outdoor Art projects engage students in using nature items and treasures that have become 'trash' to create unique art. Teaching Artist Thor Myhre is currently leading Sunnyland Elementary 5th-grade students in the process of seeing art in new ways. His "Junk has Soul" workshop has been presented in many schools including Mount Baker schools, Alderwood, and Birchwood.

And there's more—too many to list! We are thankful to have our crew of 25 professional teaching artists that bring joy and imagination to our county students. For more information see our Teaching Artist Roster on our website under the Education tab—you'll be impressed!

Free Live Theater -- For You!

iDiOM Theater offers ten FREE tickets to every performance, all season. The tickets are available to everyone, no questions asked. Just call 201-5464 and leave a message saying which show you'd like to attend and that you'd like a free Public Ticket. iDiOM is a small, intimate theater located at 1418 Cornwall Avenue in downtown Bellingham. We produce daring, innovative shows by local and international artists. To see what's playing this weekend, visit our website at www.idiomtheater.com

Giclee Prints from your ArtWork

Giclee Prints from you Art Work on paper or canvas up to 44" wide... Very reasonable prices... please contact Brian Major, Major Arts 360.332.9862 majorarts@comcast.net 5% discount on your first order w/ Allied Arts Membership.

Crappy Art!

A former Allied Arts Board Member's toilet in their new home in San Miguel, Mexico. A beautiful and unusual use of painted porcelain.



Hurry! Tickets must be purchased by March 5th!

HeARTH & Home Fundraiser

Saturday, March 12th, 2011: 7pm

Tickets: \$35 (includes a drink and dinner)

Location: Squalicum Boathouse at Zuanich Point Park, 2600 Harbor Loop, Bellingham



Art by Aimee Williams

Join Allied Arts of Whatcom County for an evening of food, art, and friends!

The evening will include:

- casual chili dinner and homemade baked goods
- musical performance from guitarist Bryan Forsloff
- live auction featuring handmade housewares from local artists

Proceeds from this evening will help with improvements to the Allied Arts Gallery which shows work from over 200 local artists every year.

Tickets can be purchased at www.alliedarts.org or at our Gallery at 1418 Cornwall Avenue in Downtown Bellingham.

Please contact **Katy Borden**, Artist Services at Katy@alliedarts.org or (360)676-8548 x5 for more info.



2011 Cultural Congress

April 25 - 27

Skamania Lodge

along the Columbia River Gorge in Stevenson, Washington

REGISTER NOW at <http://wsaa.qwestoffice.net/congress.htm>

Drafting the Blueprint for Arts & Culture

Join your colleagues at the 19th annual arts conference to get the most relevant information, connect with peers and strategize for our future.

Now, more than ever, we need to come together to share challenges, gain skills, and build relationships. This year's Cultural Congress will offer these vital opportunities as well as the unique chance to be instrumental in setting strategy and direction for the future of arts and culture in our rapidly changing communities.

Bellingham Herald Opportunity for All Artists!

Monday's Bellingham Herald started a new feature highlights the work of local residents. Poetry, essay, photos and art. If you are interested in having your work shown in the Bellingham Herald please send high resolution along with info about you and your work to dean.kahn@bellinghamherald.com

Call for Artists: 3rd Annual Appliance Art Revival

Make art from appliance parts to celebrate the artists role in creative reuse. Display and sell you work at our Art Revival on June 4th @ Boundary Bay with live music, food, drinks, games & fun!

Appliance Depot is a nonprofit job training organization that salvages, repairs, and sells used appliances. Appliance parts for art creations are available for FREE at Appliance Depot.

Art Entry Form Due: April 1, 2011
Appliance Depot 360.527.2646
info@reuseworks.org

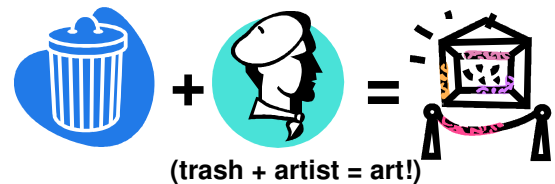
Out of Area Opportunities and Employment

The **City of Kent** is seeking prints, photographs, paintings, works on paper and other types of artwork for the [juried Kent Summer Art Exhibit](#). All accepted artwork is then eligible for City Art Purchase Awards and Kent Arts Commission Exhibit Awards. **Deadline: 03/07/11.**

ArtsWest Gallery in West Seattle is [accepting submissions](#) from Pacific Northwest visual artists who wish to be considered for inclusion in upcoming gallery exhibitions. Two to three artists will be featured in monthly exhibits beginning September 2011 through August 2012. A committee of jurors from the regional arts community will select artists based on high standards of creativity, quality and professionalism. **Deadline: 03/11/11.**

Call for Recycled Art
Deadline: March 4th, 2011

Allied Arts of Whatcom County and the RE Store present the 10th Annual ReArt Show here in Bellingham, part the Pacific N.W.'s largest sustainable art happening, with four juried galleries, four trash fashion shows, hands-on workshops and more. Items submitted for jury must be made up of no less then 75% recycled materials. **Submit your art via the online web form by no later than March 4, 2011: <http://www.re-store.org/callforart-bham>** This link is for Bellingham art submissions only, see www.re-store.org/2011callforsubmissions for functional designs and trash fashion.



Call for entries: 2011 Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest
Deadline: Friday April 1st, 2011, 5pm

Contestant must be a resident of Whatcom County, Washington. Contestant may submit no more than one poem, which must be previously unpublished. The ten Walk Award poems will be displayed for one year on the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Walk outside the Bellingham Public Library. All poems winning Walk Awards and Merit Awards will be displayed for one year inside Whatcom Transportation Authority buses (two copies per poem). Please see guidelines posted here for more information <http://boyntonpoetrycontest.wordpress.com> (please read the FAQs!). Questions? E-mail BoyntonPoetryContest@hotmail.com or call 360-966-7105.

Call for Art: City Hall Rotating Art Installation
Deadline: 5:00 PM Friday March 18, 2011

The Bellingham Arts Commission (BAC) is seeking small sculptures to display in the lobby of City Hall located in downtown Bellingham. The BAC encourages artists to take advantage of this opportunity to show their work in this highly visible location. All accepted artwork will be on display for an eight week period. Although Whatcom County artists are encouraged to apply, all artists (accomplished or emerging) are welcome to participate in this call for art. Contact for more information: Shannon Taysi Phone: 360-778-8360 E-Mail: staysi@cob.org

Work Studio Available for Artists and Writers
The Morgan Block Building in Fairhaven

Small (203 square feet), affordable studio available in the historic Morgan Block Building at 1000 Harris Ave. on the North side, overlooking Harris Ave. The MBB is a part of the People's Land Trust and operates as a cooperative. All serious applicants are encouraged to apply. Applications: Available Feb 10th at Good Earth Pottery Due Feb 21st. Open Studio: Feb 17th from 1-5; Studio #9, 2nd floor. Questions? Come to the open studio.



Calling All Green Artists and Volunteers!



We still need help with this event!!!! Allied Arts will be participating in the **Bellingham St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th**. The parade is truly "green" and encourages human powered floats and use of recycled materials. **We are looking for artists and volunteers with ideas and interest in creating a human or green powered float using recycled or reclaimed materials.** Please contact Katy Borden, 676-8548 x5, katy@alliedarts.org, if interested.