

**October 2011**

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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Monday - Friday  
10am - 5pm, Saturday 12 - 5pm

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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  
[Kelly Hart](#)  
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And countless volunteers and interns working behind the scenes!

**2011 Juried Artist Series: Faces and Places**  
**October 7th — 29th, 2011**

Opening Reception: October 7th, 6-10pm  
Exhibit Walk-Thru: opening night, 6:30-7pm  
Gallery Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 10am to 5pm, Sat. 12 to 5pm

*Faces and Places* is a show featuring the work of Irene Lawson, Doug Banner, John D'Onofrio and Doug Waugh, all of whom have one thing in common; they are inspired by and find beauty in other cultures, folklore, and even scenes from our everyday lives.

In conjunction with this show, Allied Arts' Inside the Box Series will feature work from Clarissa Callesen. Callesen is a self professed "creator of strange and wonderful things."

For more information visit [www.alliedarts.org](http://www.alliedarts.org)



Doug Banner & John D'Onofrio



Clarissa Callesen



Doug Waugh



Irene Lawson

**DIRECTOR'S**

Fall is a time of change around Allied Arts. We have a couple programming and staffing updates to announce. (sorry the text is small, there is a lot going on!)

Chris Brewer has submitted her resignation as Arts Education Coordinator here at Allied Arts (effective mid-Oct). She has accepted a job at the Whatcom Museum as their new Education and Public Programs Coordinator. We will miss her terribly, but look forward to the great work she will be doing at the museum and furthering our collaborative efforts. Chris has done a great job at running the program and we are hard at work putting together details for our 2011-12 Arts Education Program.

We welcome back for a second year, Genie Ankoudinova- an energetic WWU Work Study program student who worked for the Arts Ed program last year. We will decide how to proceed in regards to a new coordinator - after the first of the year. In the mean time, we have two talented volunteers who are assisting with the transition - Brend Holma has extensive experience in the schools and Kristina Dopfer has an event planning background including working with the Everett Children's Museum.

Our Board of Directors has made the decision to bid farewell to the Chalk Art Festival and Summer Arts Festival (it has had many names and locations over the years!) due to decreased enthusiasm.

We have three terrific new programs in progress:

- In our continuing efforts to promote the arts in the community and help highlight the efforts of the community for a sustainable lifestyles, we are excited to be partnering with over 20 other groups and community members on **RARE - Recycled Arts Resource Expo** to take place in April 2011. It will be a three day, region-wide exploration of the roll that the arts play in the sustainability movement. There will be everything from our annually Recycled Arts Exhibit with The RE Store to classes and presentations.
- Filling a need of the Northern Heights Elementary School - our terrific teaching artists will be offering Wednesday early-release art classes through our new **Extreme Arts Program!**
- We are excited to be partnering with other downtown art focused establishments on our **1st Annual ARToberfest** which will come together for an afternoon of art and beer in support of community art programs!

Please let us know if you have any thoughts or concern about any of these changes. On behalf of all of us here at Allied Arts - thank you for your support of our on-going efforts to unite and promote the arts in our community.



Executive Director: Kelly Hart  
Photo by Tore Offness

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## New Programs at AAEP Meet Growing School Needs

### AAEP brings Extreme Arts to Northern Heights Elementary

Though AAEP has focused on bringing arts to Whatcom County, we have also provided arts education at public events and celebrations. As many of you know, the Bellingham School District now sends its charges home at 1:15 on Wednesdays to provide teachers with much-needed collaboration time. That leaves the students with an afternoon off—which can be a challenge for working parents!

At the request of the Northern Heights parents and principal, AAEP is beginning “Extreme Arts” on Wednesday afternoons at the school. Teaching artists will provide a variety of arts workshops during these times including: acrylic painting, silk-painting,, jeweler-making, theatre, print-making, drawing, fiber crafts and more. An enthusiastic group of students will join them when the program starts on October 5 and will continue through December 9 and potentially beyond!

### Highly Capable Learners Dig into the Arts This Fall

Washington State believes that Art is an academic subject and so has state standards and assessment criteria for arts education. That being said (and legislated) it makes perfect sense that Bellingham School District would contract with AAEP to provide a specially designed arts education program to support the learning needs of this group of students.

After a trial 7-week program last spring, AAEP will be providing three 8-week sessions this year: fall, winter and spring. Our fall program is designed to engage students in exploration of theatre / interpersonal skills, drawing and painting, and 3-dimensional art. Participating are Lizanne Schader, Donna Washington, Ellen Clark, Ben Mann, Thor Myhre and Sandra Loeffelmann.

## Chris Brewer bids farewell as Education Project Coordinator



Dear Allied Arts Members:

After four years as the coordinator of our education programs, I will give a fond farewell. I have accepted the position as the Education and Public Programs Coordinator for the Whatcom Museum, a job that engages my education and administrative skills in some similar and a few new ways.

I am enthused about this new opportunity but the transition is bittersweet. My dedication to the work of Allied Arts in local arts education is strong and I have greatly enjoyed the many opportunities I have had in my role as the program leader.

I want to thank all of you for your support of our program and know that you will continue to support the program during its transformation. I can't begin to tell you what an important program it is and how much the work that Allied Arts does in the schools is appreciated. I also want to acknowledge our fantastic Teaching Artists, a group of highly-committed and talented people who continually bring the arts alive through our programs. Each and every one is unique in what they share in our schools! The Allied Arts staff, a hard-working group, has been inspiring to work with and I appreciate all they bring as well.

I have no doubt that our much-needed work will continue as it transforms through the insights and leadership of the future coordinator. Keep in mind I will be just a couple of blocks away and hope to continue to collaborate with AAEP and the teaching artists!

Thank you, Chris Brewer



### Circles of Silk: Blending Silk Art and Universal Symbols

Teaching Artist Janet Lehwald and Chris Brewer collaborate to present this intriguing workshop. Janet uses a no-fail method of painting on silk to help participants create unique artwork to wear, display or gift. Chris, a trainer in a Jungian-based system which defines universal symbols used in mandalas, will offer insights for creating meaningful design in the silk-painting. The 5-hour workshop is October 16 (10a – 3p) at Swiftcurrent Studios on Y road. \$65 per person.

Sign up by contacting Janet at [janet@moonlightsilks.com](mailto:janet@moonlightsilks.com)



AAEP Teaching Artist Ellen Clark, working with students in the Highly Capable Learner (HCL) program last spring. Students in her class wrote and illustrated a 'mini-book'.

Ellen will be teaching in the HCL program again this year—working with drawing skills development.

**Arts Education Kick-Off Party & Goodbye to Chris Brewer**

**Tues., Oct. 18th, 6:30pm**

Help us kick-off the start of our Arts Education year and send off Chris Brewer by recognizing the amazing job she has done with our education project over the years!

Bring your favorite appetizer for pot-luck and we will provide the wine and drinks.



creativespaces

**October 2011 Creative Spaces Premiers during Downtown Art Walk: Friday, October 7th 6-10pm**

Chris Brewer - *Circles of Insight*  
1323 Cornwall Avenue  
Chris shares mandalas created by clients in her arts therapy practice collected during 1995-2005. Carl Jung called mandalas, circular drawings, a cryptogram or 'coded message from the soul'. He felt they make visible insightful expressions of the inner workings of our being. The exhibit was shown in Renton in 2003 and Bellingham in 2004.

**We are still accepting application for Creative Spaces!**

Did you miss the last deadline? Well we still have spaces to fill in the coming months, get your application in early!

Fill out the application [online](#) or stop by our office and pick one up!



**ARToberFEST**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12-5 pm**

Tickets: \$16, includes 5 tasting tickets and a commemorative glass. **Must be 21+**  
Visit up to 10 arts related businesses throughout downtown Bellingham, sample some of the region's finest micro brews and support local artists and community art programs.

**We are still looking for volunteers! Volunteer opportunities include:**

- event set-up and take-down
- supply distribution
- friendly faces able to answer questions

If you're interested in being a part of ARToberFEST as a volunteer, email [katy@alliedarts.org](mailto:katy@alliedarts.org) or stop by the Allied Arts offices located at 1418 Cornwall Ave. in downtown Bellingham.



**Ruthie V. Featured at Honey Salon Gallery Reception: Friday, October 7th 6-10pm**

Fine artist and colorist, Ruthie V will be showing her new series of sumi ink drawings, "Bulls" at Honey Salon from October 5th through November 1st. This series follows Ruthie's giant 60x60" bull painting called "Balance" featured at Brandywine. Ruthie will also be participating in the first annual Door Art Throwdown in the Federal Building parking lot, October 7th from 6-7 PM so please join her afterwards from 7:30-9 PM for her opening and reception at Honey Salon. Honey Salon is located at 310 W Holly next to

THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL  
**WHATCOM ARTIST STUDIO TOUR**  
First 2 weekends in October  
OCTOBER 1-2 & 8-9

A FREE juried event opening the creative spaces of Whatcom County's best artists.  
Free guidebooks with detailed information about this year's artists, maps to their studios, and full color photos are available at the Blue Horse Gallery, locations throughout Whatcom & Skagit county and at participating artist studios.

Events Hosted at the Blue Horse Gallery  
SNEAK PEEK September 30th, Friday Night, 6-10 pm ART WALK NIGHT October 7th, Friday Night, 6-10 pm  
These two events offer the opportunity to preview this year's terrific collection of artwork, and meet the artists. Come to our Kick-Off party on 9/30, and on 10/7 stroll through Blue Horse Gallery on Art Walk Night. Music, wine and lots of fabulous ART & people.

[www.studiotour.net](http://www.studiotour.net)

Visit our website for additional information and Google Map with easy locators for all the studios!  
Become a fan on FaceBook at [facebook.com/WhatcomArtistStudioTour](http://facebook.com/WhatcomArtistStudioTour) or call 360.650.9691



**Arts and Culture Guides Applications Now Available!**

Participate as an artist, studio, or other cultural venue or business and help spread the word about the rich culture of Whatcom County!

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

**Moonlight Silks Silk Painting Fall Class Schedule**

**Paint a Poem, Write a Rainbow: Words and Silk.** Amelia Bacon and Janet Lehwald. Oct. 13, 7-9 p and Oct 15, 10a-4p. \$75

**Circles of Silk: Creating Silk-Painted Mandala Art.** Chris Brewer and Janet Lehwald. Oct 16, 10a-3p. \$65.

Class descriptions at [www.moonlightsilks.com](http://www.moonlightsilks.com)

Registration and information: [janet@moonlightsilks.com](mailto:janet@moonlightsilks.com), 592-2612

All classes held at Swiftcurrent Studios, 4433 Y Road, Bellingham

**The Dance Centre presents 10x10x10: Ten choreographers. Ten composers. Ten new works.**

Contemporary dance and music come together in 10x10x10, a stimulating collaborative project which pairs ten exceptional local choreographers with pieces by ten renowned BC composers

**Wednesday-Saturday October 12-15 at 8pm**

Post-show artist talkback October 13

**Scotiabank Dance Centre, 677 Davie Street, Vancouver, BC**

**Tickets: \$28/\$20 students, seniors from Tickets Tonight: 604 684 2787 [www.ticketstonight.ca](http://www.ticketstonight.ca)**

**Info: 604 606 6400 [www.thedancecentre.ca](http://www.thedancecentre.ca)**

**2012 Collective Visions Gallery Juried Show Deadline: November 17th, 2011**

The Collective Visions Gallery is seeking entries to the 2012 CVG Show, a statewide, juried art competition for artists residing in the State of Washington. **\$6,000 in cash awards**, Juror: Kathleen Moles, Curator of Exhibitions at the Museum of Northwest Art (MoNA) in La Conner, WA. Entries via CAFÉ:

\$35 (or we process your slide, CD and photo entries for an additional \$15 fee), up to three entries, maximum dimension 8ft, for 2D, 3D and Photo/digital arts categories.

For a prospectus visit [www.collectivevisions.com](http://www.collectivevisions.com) or [www.callforentry.org/](http://www.callforentry.org/), phone [360-377-8327](tel:360-377-8327), or write The CVG Show, Collective Visions Gallery, 331 Pacific Ave., Bremerton, WA 98311.



**3rd Annual Thriller Dance Performances October 28th, 29th and 31st**

This fall everyone is encouraged to join the funk of 40,000 years and unleash their inner zombie and learn this amped-up, full six-minute version of the song from the music video that redefined the zombie.

There will be three performance opportunities for those participating in the class, or for those who know the full choreography and wish to join in:

- Family Fun Night: Friday, October 28th at 7pm, Bellis Fair Mall
- Thrill The World: Saturday, October 29 at 2pm, Sunnyland Square
- Halloween Night : Monday, October 31 at 8pm Bellingham Public Market

Class sessions are \$45 for adults, \$35 students w/ valid i.d., and \$25 for returning zombies! Call 360-671-0669 for more information or to register.



**Nutcracker Holiday Gala Saturday, November 12th 6PM**

Join Northwest Ballet Theater and The Starry Night Orchestra at the Leopold Crystal Ballroom (1224 Cornwall Ave) for an evening of inspiration and entertainment. With your ticket you'll receive a night of live orchestra music, ballroom dance demonstration and open dance floor, excerpts from the Nutcracker ballet, Nutcracker-themed appetizers and desserts, coffee, one complementary drink and a cash bar.

*All proceeds support the first full-length production of The Nutcracker with a live orchestra for Whatcom and Skagit County audiences.* Enticing live and silent auction items available.

Minimum age: 21 Tickets: \$35 single/\$60 couple/\$200 company table of 8 Attire: formal or semi-formal

Contact: NBT to reserve tickets: [360.714.1246](tel:360.714.1246) or email us at [northwestballettheatre@comcast.net](mailto:northwestballettheatre@comcast.net) Web: [www.northwestballet.org](http://www.northwestballet.org)