

September 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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Gallery, AARTS & Office hours are
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.

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And countless volunteers and interns working behind the scenes!

2011 Juried Artist Series: Combinations
September 2nd - October 1st, 2011

Opening Reception: September 2nd, 6-10pm
Exhibit Walk-Thru: opening night, 6:30-7pm
Gallery Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 10am to 5pm, Sat. 12 to 5pm

Combinations is a show featuring the work of Ken Wiener, Steve Satushek and Anita Boyle, all of whom combine familiar concepts in innovative and artistic ways.

In conjunction with this show, Allied Arts' Inside the Box Series will feature work from Geoffrey Wilce. Wilce has been influenced by many artists including the innovative assemblage artist Joseph Cornell. His mixed media "Art Boxes," are intricate and one-of-a-kind.



Geoffrey Wilce

For more information visit
www.alliedarts.org



Steve Satushek



Ken Wiener



Anita Boyle

DIRECTOR'S



Heralding the Arts and Chalk ArtFest turned out to be a wonderful day of art and music. See below for some of the great highlights.

- We featured over a dozen booths featuring artwork and live performances by top local & regional artists!
- We teamed up with many great businesses in Bellingham, including The Bellingham Herald and Fifth on Sixth
- Our talented local artists and performers generously donated their time for a day of 5 great performances and youth art activities for over 60 local youth.

Thank you to our sponsors and to everyone who came out and took part in the festival!



Executive Director: Kelly Hart
Photo by Tore Ofnessen

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Teaching Artist Applications Accepted through Sept. 30

AAEP is currently accepting applications for Teaching Artists in theatre, dance, and visual arts for the 2011-2012 school year. Please download the application and see additional information online, at www.alliedarts.org or contact Chris Brewer at 360-676-8548 ext 3, chris@alliedarts.org.

What does a Teaching Artist do?

We provide high-quality, standards-based arts education in public schools and engage teachers in professional development in the arts. We also provide arts workshops for public and community events. In public schools we primarily teach kindergarten through 6th grade, but are available for all age levels. Our Arts Alive! mentorship program serves middle and high school students.



Teaching Artist Gabriel Miles demonstrates a mask painting technique in Andrea Roper's 4th grad class, Roosevelt Elementary.

Where and What do Our Teaching Artists Teach?

We offer visual, theatre and dance arts education. We have provided arts workshops to various schools and districts including: Bellingham, Mount Baker, Everson, Blaine, Ferndale, Lynden and Burlington. Our artists provided arts activities for our own Holiday Festival, Chalk Art/Bellingham Arts Festival, Whatcom Museum Family Activity Days, the Port Holiday Festival and its summer event.

Partnering for the Arts

We work in a consortium of local organizations to develop strong arts partnerships that support arts education. We collaborate with schools, the Whatcom Museum, the Mount Baker Theatre, the American Museum of Radio and Electricity, Western Washington University, the Whatcom Symphony, the City of Bellingham and other local organization.

We are funded by the Washington State Arts Commission and other grantors, schools, PTOs, community members, businesses and Allied Arts.

Celebrate National Arts Education Week September 11-17!



A student makes illustrations for a book in a class taught by AAEP Teaching Artist Ellen Clark.

Though Congress cut arts education funding substantially this year, they felt strongly enough about the importance of arts education to approve a resolution declaring the week after the second Sunday in September National Arts Education Week.

Here's what the proclamation says about the arts:

Arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines including dance, music, theatre, media arts, literature, design, and visual arts, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students.

Join the Celebration!

Six ways to celebrate and support arts in education

1. **First—send a message to your congressman thanking them for celebrating the arts and offering your support for continued funding for Arts In Education!** Our Whatcom County students will appreciate it!
2. **Contact your school principal and suggest the school celebrate National Arts Education Week on 9-11-11 by having students start the day with art!** Suggest a theme such as “Why Arts Matter”. Display the artworks during the week in rooms, hallways, the library or the cafeteria. Let us know why the students think the arts matter!
3. **Bring an AAEP Teaching Artist into your child's classroom!** A \$100 donation to your child's class gives them the gift of an inspiring art experience *and* support arts in Whatcom County. Contact chris@alliedarts and we'll help you make this gift!
4. **Have your own “Art Party”.** Buy paper and markers, water color paint or oil paints and let set your creativity free! Check out our art supplies at our new arts thrift store, AARTS, 1418 Cornwall.
5. **Buy a new work of art for your home.** Spend an afternoon exploring and learning about art from local galleries and stores. Find an art piece that suits your family and commemorate art with your purchase. You can also find great local art at the Whatcom Art Guild Sidewalk Sale on September 17! See below for more info.
6. **Attend an art event!** Here are suggestions—check local entertainment guides for more!
 - Go to the **Whatcom Museum of Art** and see their current exhibit. Open Tuesdays-Sundays, noon to 5 pm at the Lightcatcher and Thursday–Sunday noon to 5 pm and the Old City Hall building. Entry fee required. Special event: “Mambo Kings and Bolero Divas”—Lecture on the traditional music of Cuba on Wednesday, September 15 at 12:30 pm. \$3
 - See the **Evergreen Quilters' Show** at the Birchwood Presbyterian Church, September 16, 10 am to 8 pm and September 17, 10 am to 4 pm. Free
 - Attend **Family Story Night** to hear stories presented by the Bellingham Storytellers Guild: Fairhaven Library Fireplace Room: Friday, September 16, 7 -8 pm. Admission: \$4.
 - Enjoy the **Art Market Sidewalk Sale** by the Whatcom Art Guild in McKenzie Alley, Fairhaven on September 17, 10 am to 6 pm. Free
 - Hear **Pat Methany** perform live at the Mount Baker Theatre, September 18, 7 pm. Check for prices.

Why Art Matters

We think art matters but want to know what you think!

Send your thoughts to chris@alliedarts.org

Check out our new webpage about [Why Art Matters](#) and see our video on what could happen if the arts went away, It's called “Disappearing World”. Also posted on that page is what Whatcom County thinks about why arts matter—and we've got two responses so far—yours could be next

Art matters because looking at a beautiful painting or sculpture gives us an experience that nothing else can. A good piece of art work - whether it's a painting hanging on a wall, or an enormous sculpture that transforms a public plaza - can excite, provoke, soothe, and inspire.

—Mary Boone—The Huffington Post



**September 2011
Creative Spaces
Premiers during Downtown
Art Walk: Friday,
September 2nd 6PM -
10PM**

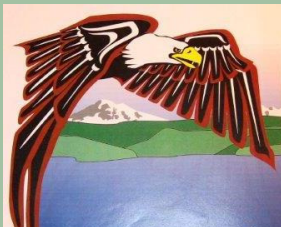
Ruthie V. - 1323 Cornwall Avenue

**Bellingham Bay Marathon – Display
of art to be used on medals for this
year's race** - 1411 Cornwall Avenue

Center for Expressive Arts - 1320
Cornwall Avenue (old JCPenney
building)



Ruthie V.



Bellingham Bay Marathon Medal Art Winner

What is Creative Spaces? Allied Arts of Whatcom County, in partnership with the Downtown Bellingham Partnership and the City of Bellingham, is launching Creative Spaces, a juried show of temporary art exhibits and installations that will enliven the darkened windows of vacated facilities along Cornwall Avenue with art from the community and create an attraction along this primary downtown corridor.

This project is part of an upcoming effort by the City of Bellingham to update the City Center Master Plan, the guiding document for downtown revitalization.

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!

Chuckanut Brewery & Kitchen displays work from Naomi Buris and Jenny Fillius

The walls of Chuckanut's dining room are filled with photos by Naomi Buris. Naomi's photographs will be on display until September 10th when they will be replaced with Jenny Fillius' recycled tin artwork. All art displayed in our kitchen is for sale and the artists receive 100% of the sales. Contact info@chuckanutbreweryandkitchen.com for information about exhibiting in their dining room.



Naomi Buris



Chris Shreve

Allied Arts Member, Chris Shreve exhibiting at Honey Salon

Honey Salon will exhibit the works of Bellingham artist, Chris Shreve from September 2nd through October 4th. Chris believes that we have the ability to pull from the invisible and shape the visible. Imagination and creativity have the power to "bring into being". To incarnate. Please join the artist on September 2nd for his opening and reception from 6-9 PM. Honey Salon is located at 310 W Holly next to Rocket Donuts. For more information contact [360-319-7846](tel:360-319-7846) or visit www.honeybellingham.com Salon hours: Wednesday - Saturday 8am - 7pm

classes and instruction

From Trash to Treasure with Nancy Grigsby

Allied Arts member, **Nancy Grigsby** will be teaching her popular 'From Trash to Treasure: Using Found Objects with Acrylic/Mixed Media' workshop Sept. 16/17/18 at Dakota Art, 1415 Cornwall, from 10-4:30 daily. A unique and fun approach to abstract/semi-abstract art with lots of in-class painting time and critique assistance as you learn. Workshop fee is \$185.00; minimum 5/maximum 8 participants. Call Dakota Art at 676-8918 to register and receive a supply list plus 10% discount on workshop supplies. For details, see Nancy's web site at www.nmgrigsbystudios.com.

Register now for Fall Classes at BellinghamART

You can Register Now for Fall Drawing and Painting classes at BellinghamART. Classes will start Monday, September 26. Weekly Morning and Afternoon Classes for Children, Teenagers and Adults.

Register by mail or drop off your registration along with the annual \$15 registration.

Tuition is due on the first day of your class.

BellinghamART, 1701 Ellis Street,
Studio 203, Bellingham, WA 98225

For complete class information and to download a registration form, visit www.BellinghamArt.com or call 360.738.8379





Volunteers needed!

Allied Arts of Whatcom County and Boundary Bay Brewery and Bistro are proud to present: **ARTOBERFEST!** Saturday, October 22nd, from 12-5pm.

During the event, attendees will visit up to 10 arts related businesses throughout downtown Bellingham and sample some of the region's finest micro brews.

In order to make this event possible, Allied Arts needs YOU, our wonderful volunteers. **Allied Arts is looking for over 70 volunteers** to help ARTOBERFEST run smoothly, and there are volunteer jobs to suit everyone's preferences and skills.

Volunteer opportunities include:

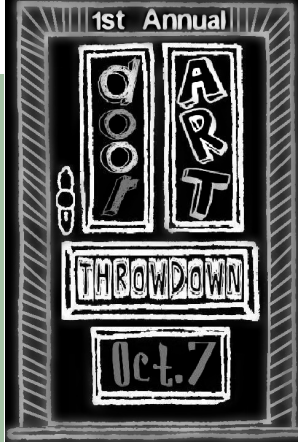
- event set-up and take-down
- supply distribution
- ticket sales. In addition
- friendly faces able to answer questions

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

Lisa Gilley at Smith & Vallee

In her second solo show at Smith & Vallee Gallery, Lisa Gilley explores the Northwest palate and subject matter in a new medium, oil paint. Although best known for pastels on paper, oil painting allows her to work in a larger scale, creating a monumental sense of place.

Hours: Wed - Sun, 11am – 5pm. We are located in our restored turn-of-the-century schoolhouse at 5742 Gilkey Ave, Edison, WA, 98232. More information can be found on our website: www.smithandvallee.com or call 360-766-6230.



We're seeking artist teams for our first annual Door Art Throwdown!

Deadline: Wednesday, September 14th, 5pm

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is seeking artists for its first annual "Door Art Throwdown" during the Downtown Art Walk on the evening of **Friday, October 7th, 6pm - 9pm**

What is Door Art Throwdown?

Up to ten teams of artists will create a mural on a repurposed door in **one hour**, using any medium or material they wish. Art walk participants will be able to watch the artists work and vote on which team they liked best by "tipping" their team of choice. The doors will then be sold that evening through a silent auction.

What's in it for you?

The teams will receive 50% of voters' tips and will keep 60% from sale of their door in the silent auction, with the winning team also receiving a \$100 gift certificate to the 2011 Holiday Festival of the Arts. Registration is open to the first ten teams (up to 4 artists per team) with a fee of \$25 per team.

How to sign up!

Registration forms are now available at the Allied Arts Gallery (1418 Cornwall Ave) and online at www.alliedarts.org. For more information please contact Allied Arts at 360-676-8548 or doorartthrowdown@alliedarts.org.

Call to Artists: 2012 Juried Artist and Inside the Box Series

Deadline: Friday September 30th, 5pm

The Allied Arts Gallery is an extension of Allied Arts of Whatcom County's mission to create and foster an environment in which the arts are an integral part of our community and to support and encourage the arts and artists of Whatcom County.

The 2012 Juried Artist Series will consist of 8 shows in 2012 and will feature one to four artists per show.

Openings for these are held the first Friday of each month and will coincide with the Downtown Art Walks. Each show will run approximately 1 month and will end on the last Saturday of the month.

Inside the Box Series: The Inside the Box Series is a chance for artists with smaller items to show in our glass showcases. These shows will coincide with the opening and closing of the Juried Artist Series.

We encourage all artists of any level to apply for either one or both of these opportunities. You only need one application for either show. These shows are open to all mediums. Applications can include group proposals, but all applicants must have memberships and must be equally represented in the application.

How to Apply: Fill out our online application or download a PDF version of the application at www.alliedarts.org or pick one up at the Allied Arts Gallery at 1418 Cornwall Avenue, Downtown Bellingham.



Photo by Jeff Lindeman