

The beauty of our local landscapes - and the ways in which we connect to them - is the inspiration for a new event premiering in Bellingham during the month of February.

Elevation: The Art of Cascadia is a month-long community-wide celebration of nature-inspired art that includes exhibitions, presentations, performances, workshops, excursions and an outdoor expo.

[Check out the most up-to-date list of events and happenings here.](#)



Lance Ekhart



Andy Porter

Friday, February 5, 6:00-9:00 pm

Elevation kicks off with a bang during Art Walk on with exhibits at:

Allied Arts Gallery (1418 Cornwall Ave.) work by some of our finest painters and mixed-media artists, all of it inspired by our local natural beauty. Painters Nancy Canyon, Lanny Little, Yvette Neumann and Ron Pattern will be joined by mixed-media artists Anita K. Boyle and Graham Schodda. The opening reception starts at 6 pm and features live classical guitar by Walt Burkett. This exhibit will be on display through the end of February, the Allied Arts Gallery is open Monday-Friday, 10am - 5pm, and Saturday, 12-5pm.

Old Dakota Art Space (1415 Cornwall Ave., directly across the street from the gallery) Photography holds center stage with 15 of our finest nature photographers showing their Cascadia-inspired work. One of the largest photography exhibitions ever presented in Bellingham, it will feature Brett Baunton, Mark Bergsma, John D'Onofrio, Lance Ekhart, Tommy Gibson, David Inscho, Kenni Merritt, Daniel Nysten, Tore Ofteness, Ken Osthimer, Andy Porter, Alan Sanders, Helen Scholtz, Mark Turner and Dennis Walton. Here too, the opening reception starts at 6 pm and features live music from the Prozac Mountain Boys and fresh local ale from Kulshan Brewery. This exhibit will be on display through the end of February, the space will be open Thursday - Saturday, 12-5pm or by appointment with Allied Arts Staff.

Hatch 2.0 (221 Prospect St.). Sculptor Denise Snyder and painter Mary Jo Maute will be joined by some of our finest improvising musicians led by Steve Jones in an art/music performance entitled The Nature of Form and Color moved with Sound. Designed to bring viewers into the creative process, they will create art and music together on the fly.

Downtown Bellingham Visitor's Center (1306 Commercial Street) Michael Heath and Tom McCalla exhibiting their local landscape watercolor paintings.

Hotel Bellwether (1 Bellwether Way) David Valdez digital landscape photography.

Saturday, February 6

9:00-12:00 Workshop Terry Halbert: Digital

Photography (Allied Arts Gallery, 1418 Cornwall Ave) Join American landscape Photographer Terry Halbert for an inspiring free three-hour instructional class that will take you from camera basics to seeing a new artistic vision of the world.

2:00 pm Presentation Susan Conrad: Solo Paddle from Anacortes to Alaska (Susan's new book will be published this spring!) The Idiom Theatre (1418 Cornwall Ave.) will host



David Inscho



Helen Scholtz

Inside: One Woman's Journey Through the Inside Passage, a presentation by Susan Conrad at 2 pm. Susan paddled her kayak on an epic solo 66-day journey from Anacortes to Juneau, Alaska.

5:00-6:30 Presentation Terry Halbert: Expedition America - a National Park Odyssey (Allied Arts Gallery, 1418 Cornwall Ave) Stevie and Terry Halbert quit their jobs, loaded their belongings into their Volkswagen EuroVan and set out for a year long adventure to see all of America's National Parks. Come meet Stevie and Terry and hear about their year long Odyssey and see their 27 minute video through America's natural wonders, its national parks and its people.

7:00 pm Multimedia Presentation A Love Song For Cascadia in the Old Dakota Art Space. The presentation features projected images by Brett Baunton, John D'Onofrio, Lance Ekhart and Dennis Walton, accompanied by poets James Bertolino and Anita K. Boyle and Native American Flute master Gary Stroutsos (whose flute was featured in Ken Burns' documentary series, Lewis and Clark: Journey of the Corps of Discovery).

Sunday, February 7

11 am Workshop Night Sky photography

workshop led by photographer Andy Porter. at the Old Dakota Art Space (1415 Cornwall Ave.)

Friday, February 26

Recreation NW Expo 4-8 pm Depot Market Square (1100 Railroad Ave.) This is your chance to connect with the active outdoor community. 50+ exhibitors and 700 runners, bikers, sailors, paddlers, and others who are looking for new ways to play outside.

Saturday, February 27

Excursions and Tours: Throughout Whatcom County, we will be connecting people with outfitters, tour guides and other professionals to get out and see the sights and insights into local businesses!

Seeking Volunteers

We can't make awesome programs like this happen without the helping hands of people like you. So if you are interested in helping out with this event, [click here to sign up today!](#)

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Please submit items no later than the 15th of the month to Katy Tolles at katy@alliedarts.org

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