Opportunities to Exhibit work

The Pilates Studio of Bellingham is seeking artists to grace the walls of their active pilates studio located in Fairhaven. If interested contact Geoffrey or Maria at 360-527-8663 or visit them at 907 Harris Ave. Suite 201, Bellingham or online at pilatesofbellingham.com

The Community Food Co-ops pleased to feature local artists in a rotating art show in the café at their Cordata store. Shows typically hang for 2-3 months, but we are very flexible with the length of shows. Contact: Laura Steiger, 734-8158 ext. 129; lauras@communityfood.coop

Get noticed in the Arts and Culture Guide

Last call to local artists, galleries, stores, restaurants, and theaters to be a part of the 2015-2016 Arts and Culture Guide for Whatcom County. This annual brochure spotlights the many unique businesses in Whatcom County that reflects our vibrant culture and support for the arts. Contact armap@alliedarts.org or click here for more information.

Ragfinery Workshops

Visit www.ragfinery.com for more information or to register.

Blooming Scraps

Allied Arts and Whatcom READS! Art Challenge:

A "Boys in the Boat" Inspired Art Exhibit

February 6-28, 2015

Allied Arts Gallery Hours: Monday thru Friday 10am to 5pm, Saturday 12 to 5pm

Opening Reception and Downtown Art Walk: Friday, February 6, 6pm - 9pm

Allied Arts of Whatcom County and WhatcomREADS! encouraged artists to create art works inspired by the book "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. The result is diverse and varied exhibit of local artists interpretations of the book. Artists could work in any medium or genre and the works submitted represent the excellent range of the artists here in our community. Works will be on display at the Allied Arts gallery for the month of February and then will move to various libraries and venues around the county over the coming months.

For more information about Whatcom READS! visit www.whatcomreads.org

For more exhibit information visit www.alliedarts.org or contact: Katy Tolles, Artist Services Coordinator at 676-8548 x2 or katy@alliedarts.org.

Works shown here are by Mary Gregg Byrne, Ben Mann, Kenni Merritt, and Nancy Canyon. These an more are on display!
Sat. 2/7, 1:00-3:00pm

Beat the winter blahs with this flower making workshop lead by Bellingham fiber artist Libby Chenault of moth and squirrel. For the price of a moth and squirrel pin, Libby will teach you her formula to make your own. You will leave with at least one pin or hair clip and inspiration to continue customizing projects at home. Class Fee: $15.

Upcycled Valentines
Fri. 2/13, 3:00-4pm
Make your own upcycled Valentines this year! Come to this fun and festive workshop with Molly Chambers, and transform materials that could be found in a recycling bin into something beautiful for your Valentine. Class Fee: $5.

Emergency Valentine Making
Sat. 2/14, 11:00am-1pm
If this Valentine's Day snuck up on you, don't fret! Come to our Emergency Valentine Making workshop with Molly Chambers and transform materials that could be found in a recycling bin into beautiful and even compostable Valentines, and have a whole lot of fun while you're at it. Class Fee: $5.

Introduction to Reverse Applique
Sat. 2/28, 1:00-3:00pm
Reverse Applique is an exciting technique for embellishing fabric by stitching layers of fabric together then cutting away the top layer to reveal the colors beneath. Libby Chenault of moth and squirrel will show you how to hand sew with upcycled t-shirt material to create a simple headband, kerchief or tea towel. The method can then be used to customize your own clothing and projects for the home. Class Fee: $25.

Dance Gallery presents 24th annual concert
Firehouse Performing Arts Center, 1314 Harris Ave in Fairhaven
March 13 & 14 @ 7:30pm, March 15 @ 5pm
$5 student and family preview at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 11

The concert will include the premiere of a piece by Seattle-based dancer/choreographer Wade Madsen, a dance professor at Cornish College of the Arts. Other guest artists include Western Washington University dance instructor Susan Haines, dancer/choreographer Nancy Cranbourne of Boulder, Colo., and Jianna Zhang of Bellingham Silk Road Dancers.

The event includes a silent auction to raise funds for the non-profit arts group. A free reception after the Sunday, March 15, performance at the Firehouse will feature refreshments and is open to the public.

Tickets are $12 and are available at the Community Food Coop, Village Books, www.brownpapertickets.com and at the door. Call 676-4113 for ticket information.

Support for this concert has been provided in part by grants from the Community Food Co-op. Winner of a 1999 Mayor's Arts Award, Dance Gallery is a collaborative non-profit Whatcom County dance company that has performed since 1991. It welcomes dancers of all levels and ages to study and perform. For more information, call 676-4113 or see www.dancegallery.org.
Bellingham Theatre Guild presents "Leading Ladies"
February 13 to March 1, 2015
1600 H Street, Bellingham

Written by Ken Ludwig (Moon over Buffalo, Lend Me a Tenor), the show is directed by Judith Owens-Lancaster.

Two English Shakespearean actors, Jack and Leo, find themselves so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania. When they hear that a rich old lady is set to leave her fortune to two long-lost nephews, they decide to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and claim the cash. Romantic entanglements and hilarity ensue for Jack and Leo.

There are 7:30 pm shows on February 13, 14; 19, 20, 21; and 26, 27, 28. Popular 2pm Sunday matinees will play on February 15 and 22 and March 1.

Ticket Prices are $14 Adults, $12 Seniors/Students, and $8 Children. The Ticket Office is at 1600 H Street, Bellingham, phone 360-733-1811. Hours are 1:00 to 6:00 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Call To Local Consignment Upcyclers and Textile Artists

Ragfinery is looking for textile artists who create with postconsumer materials to sell items on consignment in our retail gallery space. This is part of our ongoing mission to promote repurposing of unwanted fabric.

"Ragfinery was created as a community endeavor, and we're excited to engage local artisans and provide an outlet for their works," said executive director, Duane Jager. "Just in the short time we've been in operation, there's been a sense that this is a space many artists have craved. We're trying to tap into that enthusiasm and see where it can take us."

All submissions will be juried and pieces will be selected for display based on their appeal to Ragfinery's customer market. Goods to be displayed and sold must also contain a minimum of 90% postconsumer textiles.

Ragfinery is a Bellingham nonprofit organization that diverts unwanted textiles from the waste stream and upcycles them in a training business that provides transitional jobs for low income clients of our partner social service agencies and schools. We collaborate with local artisans and community volunteers to repurpose unwanted garments and textiles into a variety of upcycled goods that showcase the skills and talent of our collective.

Textile artists and crafters who want to submit their work for consideration should bring their upcycled goods to Ragfinery at 1421 N. Forest Street between 10 am and 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Shan at 738-6977.
Upcoming Closure
The Allied Arts Gallery, Thrift Store and office will be closed Saturday, February 14 - Monday February 16 in observance of President's Day. We will reopen at 10am on Tuesday, February 17.
Want your announcement in our newsletter?
Please submit items no later than the 15th of the month to Katy Borden at katy@alliedarts.org