Save the Date!
The Allied Arts of Whatcom County Board of Directors and staff invite New, Current, and Potential Members to The Annual Community & Membership Meeting & Social with BBQ at the Hotel Bellwether
1 Bellwether Way, Bellingham Thursday, June 18th, 2015 5:30-6:30 Social & Meeting: Complementary Wine & Appetizers (Check at hotel front desk for location)
Come tour our beautiful exhibit space at the Hotel Bellwether and the site for our Bellwether Arts Market, learn more about our programs and meet our board of directors, staff other members and volunteers!
Wine and Dine for the Arts Raffle ticket drawing will be at 6:30.

6:30-8:00 BBQ and Live Music - Lighthouse Bar and Grill Patio, Open to the public and all ages welcome. Additional Charge for full BBQ dinner. No host dinner beverages.

Check out all the current activities here
We are looking for volunteers for this event, click here to sign up!
RSVP appreciated to: Kelly@alliedart.org or 676-8548

Bellwether Art Market is now Bellstock!

This festival is done each year in collaboration with the Port of Bellingham, who has re-evaluated their community events. The following are some of the changes for this year’s event:

- **Name Change** from the Bellingham Arts Market to Bellstock
- **Date Change**, the event is a two day festival October 3rd 10am-7pm and 4th 11am-5pm
- **Move Booth Locations**: The art booths will be moved into the Bellwether Ballroom (Convention Center).
- **Booth Rate**: $100 for a 10’ x 10’ booth or $75 for a 3’ x 6’ booth for the two days.
- **Application Due Date**: extended to 5pm Thursday, June 25th
- **Move performances** to the round cement area and lawn in front of the Hotel Bellwether and hold a performance in the evening on Saturday.
- **Shift the coordination responsibilities** of the event so that the Port staff would oversee the marketing and performance component of the event while Allied Arts would responsible for the artist booths only.

These changes have come about due to input from artists, waterfront tenants and coordinators from both organizations, we hope they will help improve and enliven the festival.

Click here if you are interested in applying for Bellstock. If you have already applied for the Bellwether Arts Market, please contact Katy Tolles

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Wine & Dine for the Arts

$20 per Raffle Ticket or Six Tickets for $100

Support the Arts in our Community!

The lucky winner will select five guests of their choice to join them in this special evening at the Hotel Bellwether Lighthouse Bar and Grill in their exclusive Wine Cellar. A $500 value.

All proceeds go to support Allied Arts of Whatcom County, a non-profit promoting the arts in our community.

Event generously sponsored by the Hotel Bellwether

Tickets are available at the Allied Arts Gallery:
1418 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham

Drawing at 6:30 pm, June 18, 2015, at Allied Arts of Whatcom County’s Annual Membership Meeting at the Hotel Bellwether.
about your participation in Bellstock.
katy@alliedarts.org or
360-676-8548 ext 2

Upcoming Classes, Workshops & Events at Bellingham Metal Arts Guild:

BMAG Members "SAFETY REFRESHER". Not a member? Why not join? See our website calendar for new dates. 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Instructor: J. Gauthier. This course is a membership benefit. It is one of several requirements a member must meet to qualify to use Member's Open Studio (MOS). MOS is open to members who have acquired a skill level & knowledge to work independently in a safe manner in a studio environment.


"INTENSIVE" Intermediate JEWELRY METALSMITHING: April 18th and 19th, Saturday & Sunday, 10:00am - 5:00pm. Instructor: Judith Gauthier. Prerequisite: Beginning Jewelry Metalsmithing or Instructor permission. Course fee: $185 + $20 basic material fee.

LAVENDER & WATER CASTING METHODS: April 23rd, Thursday, 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Beginners welcome. April Instructor: Ryan Albachten. Course fee: $45.00, material fee details on website.

"SPINNER RING"

**Family Concert: Pictures at an Exhibition**

Includes Instrument Petting Zoo & Children's Art Exhibit

The Whatcom Symphony Orchestra annual Family Concert will be held on Sunday, April 26, at Bellingham High School, and we'd love for you and your family to join us. As always, this is a free performance, and there will be activities for the kids, including an instrument petting zoo to give them an opportunity for an up-close look at various orchestra instruments.

We will also have a wonderful art display of works painted by 4th graders around Bellingham that were inspired by the music for this concert: Pictures at an Exhibition by Modest Mussorgsky.

We were so pleased to work with the **Allied Arts Education Project**, which arranged for local artist Ben Mann to go a number of classrooms and work with the kids to help them express their artistic reactions to the music. After hearing selections from the piece, the students then painted their interpretations, and they are amazing. (Keep an eye on our Facebook page over the next month to see some of these terrific works.)

Family Concert:
BHS Commons Area - preconcert activities, children's art display
BHS Auditorium - Family Concert
Date: April 26, 2015
Time:
1:15-2:00pm - preconcert activities (instrument petting zoo, children's art exhibit)
2:00-3:00pm - Family Concert
Program:
Modest Mussorgsky (arr. Maurice Ravel) - Pictures at an Exhibition

(This concert is always free for all kids; there is a suggested donation of $10 per adult if you would like to help support educational music programs like these.)
WORKSHOP:  May 3rd, Sunday, 11:00am - 5:00pm. Instructor: Judith Gauthier. Adults please. Course fee: $80 + $15 material fee.

THE BASICS OF JEWELRY RIVETS: May 6th, Wednesday, 6-8pm. Mini workshop. Instructor: Judith Gauthier. Adults please. Course fee: $40.00, includes materials.

MAY "Geminar" EMERALD: May 20th, Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm. Each monthly mini gem seminar focuses on a particular gemstone. Given by Candi Gerard, Graduate Gemologist. General fee per geminar $15 or free with BMAG membership, donations welcome. Space is limited. Call to register at: (360) 366-0121.

INTERMEDIATE JEWELRY METALSMITHING CLASS: Starts June 1st, 5 Monday nights 6-9pm, ending June 29th. Instructor: Judith Gauthier. Prerequisite: Beginning Jewelry Metalsmithing or Instructor permission. Course fee: $185 + $20 basic material fee.

May Workshops @Ragfinery
In-Depth Descriptions and Registration at Ragfinery.com

Basics of Sewing w/ Eliza Andrews Wed-Thurs. 5/6-5/7, 6pm-8pm - $50
Get familiar with your own machine while sewing reusable cloth napkins. You will learn how to wind a bobbin, thread the machine, and cut and sew fabric. An incredibly
**Mother's Day Upcycled Flower Demo w/ Molly Chambers**
Fri. 5/8, 2:30-4pm - FREE
Watch Molly demonstrate a variety of flower making techniques using upcycled garments, ribbons, lace, and other odds and ends. Come get inspired to make something special for your mother!

**No-Sew Braided Rugs w/ Kirsten Wert**
Sat. 5/9, 2-3:30pm - $5
This four strand technique eliminates the need for sewing braids together and results in a sturdy rug able to withstand the modern washer and dryer. These rugs are a great way to keep worn, torn, ugly or stained fabrics out of the landfill.

**Nuno Felted Scarf w/ Donna Hunter**
Tue. 5/12, 1-5pm - $35
Make a soft, drapeable scarf by felting wool onto a light woven fabric of silk, rayon or cotton. The process uses soap, water and agitation by rolling the scarf in a mat. Embellishments of yarn, ribbon and pieces of fabric can be added.

**Alterations and Mending w/ Teresa Remple and Rachel Taylor**
Wed/ 5/13, 1-3pm - $20
In this practical skills class learn to sew a button onto a garment, hem pants or a skirt, and how to apply a patch!

**Upcycled Drawstring Backpack w/ Lisa Schessler**
Sat. 5/16, 1-3:30pm - $20
WTA's uniform change was Ragfinery's gain! In this class you'll upcycle a pair of donated bus driver pants into a handy drawstring backpack. All supplies included in the registration fee.

**The Flag Project w/ Thor Myhre**
Sat. 5/23, 2-4pm -

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**Deryl Walls, Catalogue Raisonne: The Block Prints of Guy Anderson**
Fri, May 1, 2015 - 7:00pm
Village Books, 1200 11th St, Bellingham
This catalogue raisonne on the work of legendary Northwest Painter Guy Irving Anderson is the first publication on his work in twenty-eight years. The book documents all phases of his process, with color images of all his extant blockprints. A must for all Northwest Art libraries, public or private.

Deryl Walls is a Northwest native, a graduate of Western Washington University. He has owned Gallery Dei Gratia of La Conner, Washington, for twenty-seven years. It was founded to exhibit Mr. Anderson's artworks and continues to make available the complete estate inventory of his works. The Gallery's website is GalleryDeiGratia.com. Jase Ihler has been an associate of the gallery for seven years. He is a graduate of Western Washington University and currently resides in Bellingham, Washington.

**Bellingham Theatre Guild presents: "The Foreigner"**
April 17 to May 3

The Bellingham Theatre Guild presents "The Foreigner" from April 17 to May 3, 2015, at 1600 H St., Bellingham. Written by Larry Shue, the show is directed by Heidi Sackerson.

The scene is a fishing lodge in rural Georgia often visited by "Froggy" LeSueur, a British demolitions expert. Froggy has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie, who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation with strangers. Froggy, before departing, tells all assembled that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. Once alone the fun really begins, as Charlie overhears more than he should.

There are 7:30 pm shows on April 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, and 30, and May 1 and 2. Popular 2:00 pm Sunday matinees will play on April 19 and 26 and May 3.

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.

**Summer Drama Camp with The Neighborhood Playhouse!**
After a wonderful season of "Go, Dog. Go!" and "A Year with Frog and Toad", it's time to invite the youth of Whatcom County to learn what it takes to be an actor. Camps for students grades K-12 (in the fall) begin in July. Check out our website and see which one is for your child. This is not just about getting on stage, but focused on teamwork, making new friends, trust, generosity and honesty - all the attributes of a good actor AND a good citizen! Go to www.theneighborhoodplayhouse.net and click on the yellow sun. Questions? Email Lizanne at theneighborhoodplayhouse@q.com.
If you were a country, what would your flag look like? How would it symbolize you and represent your culture? Create it with recycled materials in this class!

**Mayor announces 36th annual arts award recipients**

Mayor Kelli Linville announced today the recipients of the 36th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards. A reception and awards ceremony honoring the awardees is scheduled for April 29, 2015.

This year the Mayor is honoring a broad range of artists, advocates, organizations and performances which have significantly contributed to the arts in our community. Award winners were chosen based on nominations submitted by community members.

Mayor's Arts Awards will be presented to the following recipients:

* Brian Griffin
* Ivan Owen
* Bellingham Human Rights Festival
* iDiOM Theater for "These Seven Sicknesses"
* Todd Warger/Brian Young for "The Mountain Runners"
* Shelley and Robert Muzzy
* Entertainment News Northwest
* Sibyl Sanford
* Jeni Cottrell
* Karen Berry

Members of the public are invited to attend the reception and awards ceremony, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29 at the Mount Baker Theatre in the Walton Theatre located at 104 N. Commercial Street in downtown Bellingham.

**iDiOM Theater proudly presents the iDiOM Theater Spring Rep:**

three new shows presented in rotation over six weekends, from April 23 to May 30.

With work by eight playwrights, four directors, over twenty actors, and nearly thirty performances, iDiOM's 2015 Spring Rep is our biggest event in a season of big events.

The Spring Rep runs April 23-May 30

1418 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225

Thu-Sun Apr 23-May 10 & Thu-Sat May 14-30

Individual show tickets $10 advance, $12 at door

Spring Rep Passes available for $25

May Day Cocktail Party $25 (not included in FREE Public Performances Apr 23, Apr 30 and May 7 (each show's Opening Night)

**The SPRING REP includes:**

THE GLASSES, an office farce by Ron Burch: a timorous salesman receives a pair of glasses which allow him to hear the thoughts of his co-workers - Apr 23-May 10.

BROKEN HOLMES and IN A HANDBAG DARKLY, by Robin Johnson: affectionate parodies of Sherlock Holmes and Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest; two one-acts presented as a double-feature-Apr 30-May 23

BEST OF BRASS MONKEY: six short plays, selected by audience vote throughout the year as part of our BRASS MONKEY cold reading series-May 7-30.

MAY DAY COCKTAIL PARTY & SEASON UNVEILING: a one-night-only celebration and preview of our 2015-2016 Season, with drinks, food, live music, special performances, giveaways, and more-May 1 (not included in $25 Spring Rep Pass)

**Visual Arts of Africa: Partnerships for Teaching**

_A presentation by Deborah Stokes, Curator of Education, National Museum of African Art_

When: Thursday, May 7 at 4pm

Where: Whatcom Museum, Lightcatcher Building Studio, 250 Flora Street

RSVP: museuminfo@cob.org (space is limited)

Cost: Free

Educators, join us for an engaging introduction to the Art of Africa with visiting speaker Deborah Stokes. She will discuss creative ideas for classroom learning, as well as cross-disciplinary strategies for arts education conducted through Smithsonian museum partnerships. Stokes will present The Visual Arts of Africa as a Catalyst to Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning. If you've heard of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math), then you'll also learn about creating partnerships--TEAMS!-- between educators and museums. Deborah Stokes, Curator for Education, Head of K-12 programs, develops, organizes, and facilitates programs and activities for school groups and teachers aligned with standards of learning, and focusing on museum collections and exhibitions. Her programming partnerships have benefited audiences by reaching across disciplines of art, performance, history, and science, and serve to challenge and inform audiences' often fixed notions about Africa, its peoples and cultures.
Pick Your Escape
*Residency opportunities are open in Laredo Texas and on Orcas Island*

Artsmith is offering two artist residencies this winter. Spend one to four weeks in creative retreat on Orcas Island in January. Travel and culture writers spend three intensive days in cultural immersion in one of the countries oldest Spanish colonial cities. Lodging and some meals are provided for both residencies. Bring your imagination and sense of adventure!

Orcas Island: Each day, wake to explore the beaches and trails of one of the most beautiful islands in the Salish Sea. In the evenings, share dinner and stimulating conversation with artists across many disciplines. Maybe share your work. Or slip out to the garden hottub. Or curl up next to the fire and read. Then snuggle into a queen or king bed in your private room with bath. **Apply by May 31!**

Laredo, TX: Culture, travel, and environmental writers will enjoy a 3-day jam-packed, cultural intensive, including Frontera Fusion cooking classes, CaminArte art walk, guided nature walks along the Rio Grande, and accommodations at the historic La Posada Hotel, all in one of the country's oldest and most vibrant Spanish colonial cities. Viva Laredo! [Learn more here.]

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**Springfest Art and Gift Tour**

*May 9-10, 2015*  
*10 am - 5 pm*  
Enjoy viewing and purchasing unique gifts and home decor items from local artists. Locations in Blaine, WA: Semiahmoo Resort and Spa, Dakota Creek Winery, Bayside Treasures, Sharon Swanson Glass Art Studio, and Blaine Primary student artwork at Paso Del Norte and The Pizza Factory. [Click here for more info.]
Northwest Art Auction

The inaugural Northwest Art Auction will be held in Port Townsend, Washington, October 17-18, 2015. The auction will feature secondary-market artwork from the Pacific Northwest and from around the world.

Featured work will include paintings, sculpture, bronze, weavings, beadwork, basketry, carvings, photography, prints, and a wide variety of other artwork. Consignments are being actively solicited, and all submissions will be considered for inclusion in the auction.

“There are a lot of folks in the region who love art but whose collecting habits have changed,” said Ken Hulick, director of Northwest Art Auction. “We’re hoping this gives them a regional venue for selling some of their works. People are downsizing, design trends are changing, and some folks are simply looking to realize some financial value from the art they’ve collected.”

Port Townsend is a Victorian seaport and arts community on the northeast tip of the Olympic Peninsula. It is easily accessible from the Seattle metro area via car or ferry. Seatac International airport is two hours away.

For complete information on consigning work and attending the auction, see www.NorthwestArtAuction.com, or email NorthwestArtAuction@gmail.com.

A portion of the auction proceeds from the Northwest Art Auction will be donated to a local arts non-profit organization.

Want your announcement in our newsletter?
Please submit items no later than the 15th of the month to Katy Borden at katy@alliedarts.org