Dear Kelly,

Welcome to our newest version of Arts Monthly. Any day now we are also launching a new version of our website at www.alliedarts.org. Because of this, some links may not work properly as they are linked to the old website, we apologize for any confusion, but hope you are able to find what you need easily on the new website. Thanks for your patience!

Quick Art News

Allied Arts member Sheila Sondik will be a part of Exotic Terrane at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, Feb. 13 - March 30

 Allied Arts Exhibits get out of the gallery!

Hotel Bellwether
1 Bellwether Way, Bellingham
Feb. 4th - Mar. 5th, 2014

Dick McNeely will display his photographic works of local wildlife and Mary Gregg Byrne will display her watercolor still-lifes and landscapes.

Giuseppe’s Al Porto: Italian Restaurant
21 Bellwether Way, Bellingham
January 2014 - April 2014

Ginny Baker’s watercolor landscapes and city-scapes were inspired by trips to Italy and Helen Campbell’s nature

Director’s Report

We have some exciting news to report regarding the 34th Annual Holiday Festival and our new web site.

The 34th Annual Holiday Festival had the highest grossing sales and number of items sold in it’s 34 year history.

- # Items sold: 27,183 (3,500 more than 2012)
- It was our best year ever as far as income grossing $325,412.
- Sales from vendor booths $321,461.26
- Average price point per item was up $2 from previous years to $12

We are thrilled to have a much needed and improved Allied Arts of Whatcom County website at www.alliedarts.org. It should be up and running by mid-February. Much thanks to Nancy Chambers for her incredible graphics and a grant from the Bellingham Tourism Commission for our new state-of-the-art web site. The new site is much more user friendly, easy to navigate and will have a much better Newsletter presentation as well as forms and applications. As with all such things - it is bound to have glitches. Please let us know if you have suggestions, trouble navigating through it or other issues.

A Closer Look at Climate: As Presented by our Members

February 7th - 28th, 2014
Opening reception and Downtown Art Walk: Fri, Feb 7th, 6pm - 9pm
Gallery hours: Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm, Saturday, 12pm - 5pm

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is proud to host works of their members from the Whatcom Museum’s Nature in the Balance exhibit. Pieces from this show explore our current climate crisis, how it came about, what the future holds and what we can do to stop it.

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inspired mixed media works
are on display in the main
hallway of the restaurant.

Joy Olney will teach
two Oil Painting Color
Theory Workshops in
March

Enliven your art work by
seeing and painting with a
broader understanding of
light and color. Painting
instruction for
adults at all levels, from
beginners to advanced.

Sat, March 8th, 10-4
Capture a quality of light in
your paintings that looks
fresh and alive. This class
will focus on seeing and
painting approaches based
on the light and color of
the Impressionists.
You'll work from still life
and/or photos. Basic drawing
skills needed. $85.00

Sat, March 22nd, 10-4
Students will learn to
observe large masses of shadow and
light, warm vs. cool colors,
and use of composition.
Students
will begin to lay out
underlying colors with a
palette knife. We will also
cover refinement of color
relationships, adding
details and adding highlights. $85.00

For more info email
joysolney@comcast.net or
call 647-3496.

John D’Onofrio and Todd Warger will be on hand at the Allied Arts Gallery signing copies of
Their new book Mount Baker (published by Arcadia Publishing) during Art Walk on February
7th. Mount Baker tells the story of their favorite volcano in hundreds of amazing historical
photos - many never before seen. The Mount Baker gold rush, the elegant yet ill-fated lodge,
Clark Gable's liaison with Loretta Young, the original mad-cap Mount Baker Marathon, many
truly stranger than fiction!

You Can Help Allied Arts of Whatcom County Earn
Donations Just by Shopping with your Fred Meyer
Rewards Card!

Fred Meyer is donating $2.5 million per year to non-
profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington,
based on where their customers tell them to give.
Here’s how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards
  program by linking your Fred Meyer
  Rewards Card to (non-profit) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or
  by our non-profit number 94037
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping (non-
  profit) earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do
today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service
desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Call to Artists: Art in the Park

The Ferndale Arts Commission (FAC) has issued a Call to Artists for
the third annual Art in the Park to be held Saturday, September 13th
from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, the 14th from noon to 5:00 PM
at Pioneer Park in Ferndale, WA. Art in the Park will feature local artists, kids’ art activities,
artist demonstrations, food and music. This event will be free and open to the public.

Artists will show and sell their artwork inside the Tillicum House and the Ferndale Library
Conference Room located next door at 2007 Cherry Street in Ferndale, by Pioneer Park.
This call to artists is open to all artists that reside in Washington State and includes all types
of art media. Deadline to apply is July 11, 2014. Follow the link for the application form and

You are invited to submit an entry in the Ferndale Arts
Commission's:

FREE VERSE PHOTO PROJECT

- Take a photo of words or lines from a favorite
  poem presented in a non-traditional way
- For examples and inspiration, google The Academy of American Poets Free Verse
  Project
- Open to all ages
- Photographs must be a minimum of 8” x 10” All Entries must be mounted
- Prizes will be awarded to three selected entries. Entries will be displayed in
  participating Ferndale businesses throughout April, National Poetry Month
Patricia Herlevi to host Workshop at Allied Arts

Patricia Herlevi, Astrologer, Author, & Intuitive Coach offers the 2-hour workshop, “Facing the Creative Desert: Intuitive Tools for Time & Cycle Management” on Saturday, March 1, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Allied Arts Gallery, 1418 Cornwall Ave, Downtown Bellingham. In the first part of this workshop, Patricia will give a lecture on oracle cards and astrology transit readings as reflective and cycle management tools that assist artists to thrive in a creative desert (a period of nothingness that occurs after a busy period). She will also give sample oracle and astrology readings (bring your natal charts), and then open the remainder of the workshop open for exploration and sharing of insights between the artists.

Two great ways to grow your arts business!

Applications for both are due Friday, February 7th

Recycled Arts & Resource Expo

We are looking for booths, art work and music that utilize recycled materials as well as presenters and workshop facilitators wanting to share their knowledge.

Whatcom Arts and Culture Guide

This guide and map features listings and information on open studios, galleries, art stores and other arts related businesses in Whatcom.

Arts Northwest Executive Director to step down. Appointed by Gov. Jay Inslee to new role as Executive Director of Arts WA

Arts Northwest's Executive Director, Karen Hanan, announced Wednesday that she is stepping down from her leadership role with the organization effective February 15, 2014. Hanan has been named by Gov. Jay Inslee, as Executive Director of ArtsWA, Washington State's Arts Commission. The new position will commence March 1st in Olympia, WA.

"As sad as I am to see Karen leave Arts Northwest, I am personally very happy for her to have been offered this prestigious opportunity to promote the arts in a new and exciting capacity," said Arts Northwest Board President, Dyno Wahl of Sandpoint, ID. "I hope that you all join me in congratulating her and wishing her success in this exciting endeavor."

Ms Hanan took the reins of Arts Northwest in June 2000. Since then, she has overseen a doubling of membership, an expansion of services, and significant budget growth. Working in tandem with the Arts Northwest Board of Directors and a growing staff, Hanan focused on stabilizing the non-profit organization, improving and growing the annual Northwest Booking Conference to better serve performing arts presenters, artists, agents and associated vendors, organizations and individuals in the region and well beyond. She encouraged a culture of inclusiveness and cooperation amongst the Arts Northwest membership, developed strong professional development programs, and worked to form and consolidate strategic partnerships and alliances.

Prior to her role with Arts Northwest, Karen Hanan was the founder and first Executive Director of Washington's Juan de Fuca Festival of the Arts (1992-2000). She holds a BA Honors from Leeds Polytechnic in England, and speaks French, Spanish and some German.

Hanan said, "It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Executive Director for Arts Northwest. I truly value this organization and am confident that the outstanding services it offers its members and the important role it plays in the region will continue under the watchful eye of the Board and staff, and the competent and inspiring leadership I am sure will be offered by my successor." Arts Northwest will open a nationwide search for its next Chief Executive by mid January. For information on this and Arts Northwest and its many programs and services, visit our website at www.artsnw.org
County. Listings for members start at just $100!

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