Allied Arts - Opportunities in the Arts

Allied Arts is addressing the needs of our artists and is hoping to offer more opportunities to expand our organization to help them better. Here are a few of our programming and projects we are working on for 2017-18.

- Arts Education Program: a multifaceted approach providing teacher training, all-school public art programs and high quality intensive standards based arts education.
- Exhibits Series: Our gallery series consists of themed exhibits and curated juried shows and exhibits in other local venues.
- Bellingham SeaFeast Festival: In cooperation with the Bellingham SeaFeast represents every facet of its seaborne charm.
- Art as Business: Skill Share Presentations: will help inspire creative souls in ways to profit from their arts.
- Art Thrift Store: where we sell gently used art supplies and/or artist’s seconds.
- Arts in Vacant Spaces: celebrate emerging and alternative arts in vacant spaces around Downtown Bellingham.
- Holiday Festival of the Arts: a Whatcom County tradition featuring over 100 artists in a five week-long celebration.
- Children’s Art Walk: each May, Downtown Bellingham celebrates Whatcom County Youth.
- RARE: Recycled Arts Resource Expo: a fusion of activities focusing on sustainability and reuse in the arts.
- Whatcom Arts and Culture Guide: a yearly listing and map of open studios, galleries, museums, performance venues and cultural offerings in our region.

- Advocating for the Arts: promoting the arts on a local, statewide and federal level.
- Internship and Volunteer Opportunities: are program based skill building projects for all ages and experience levels that help to make our programs possible.

If one of these projects catches your eye and you would like to help by purchasing a membership, donating, volunteering or serving on a committee, please contact Kelly Hart, Executive Director at kelly@alliedarts.org or 360-676-8548.

Dear Friends of the Arts,

This annual report recognizes the hundreds of people who make it possible for Allied Arts of Whatcom County to serve our region so successfully. It is the volunteers, donors, board of directors and staff who create the interest, the participation and the demand for our diverse programs.

Over the past year, Allied Arts of Whatcom County, has evaluated the budget and developed creative ways to produce quality art programs that serve the region. To prioritize effectively, we have had to rely on the organization’s mission statement: "Allied Arts of Whatcom County is dedicated to the arts in our region by empowering local artists through organized festivals and events, enriching our local school children through educational outreach programs, and working as a liaison to art enthusiasts of all ages, within our uniquely creative community."

The most effective ways we have served that mission in the past year is through our efforts to promote the arts community of Whatcom County, though collaborative exhibits, festivals, arts education programs and regional marketing.

We thank all of you who have supported our efforts through membership, monetary and in-kind donations as well as the countless volunteer hours and community collaborations. We look forward to presenting another year of quality community arts programs.

With much gratitude,
Kelly Hart – Executive Director

P.S. Great care has been taken to review the membership list for accuracy. If you see an error or omission, please accept our apologies, and let us know so we can correct it.

Current 2017 Staff & Board

We would like to thank the hundreds of interns, volunteers, board members and staff that have helped at our events and festivals. We would also like to thank the Board of Directors for their time and support:

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Save the Dates for these Upcoming Events

- Bellingham SeaFeast: Fri. & Sat., Sept. 22 & 23, 2017
- Holiday Festival of the Arts: Nov. 17 – Dec. 24, 2017
- Artist Exhibit Series (in three venues): Opening the 1st Friday of each month
- Recycled Arts Resource Expo (RARE): Fri. & Sat., April 6 & 7, 2018
- Arts & Culture Guide: May 2018 – May 2019
- Children’s Art Walk: May 4 – 25, 2018
- Annual Membership Meeting: TBA, 2018
Festivals

Allied Arts of Whatcom County hosts festivals to provide a setting in which artists can exhibit, discuss, as well as sell their work and to increase the accessibility of the arts in our community by providing a wide range of visual and performing arts in one location. 2016’s diverse lineup of festivals did just that.

RARE (Recycled Arts Resource Expo)

Our objective for this event was to explore and educate the community and region regarding the role the arts can play in a role in recycling, reuse, renewable energy and sustainable resources. Attendance, gallery sales and participation in activities continued to increase this year.

- 29 Artists
- 16 Volunteers
- 16 Collaborators
- Over 1,800 Visitors
- 15 Art Activities

SeaFeast

October 1, 2016

Allied Arts coordinated the art booths for the Bellingham SeaFeast with support from the Port of Bellingham, Bellingham SeaFeast provides a great opportunity to showcase this important local resource of our working waterfront.

- 2 Days
- 32 Artists

37th Annual Holiday Festival of the Arts November 18 - December 24th, 2016

Our annual Holiday Festival celebrated its 37th year with over 100 art, craft, beauty product and gourmet food booths. The event connects local artists and craftpeople to people from throughout the region. Local musicians helped to bring in the holiday season. Open seven days a week and until 7:00pm.

- 100 artist booths
- 25,355 objects sold
- 10 youth art activities
- Nearly 6,400 visitors

2016-17 Total Budget: $483,282

Education Project

The Art Education Project focused on expanding opportunities for quality arts education to Whatcom students aligning curriculum with art related state standards to aid in the learning of core subject matter.

Last year our program conducted workshops led by local artists in visual arts, dance, theatre and literary arts in public school classrooms. New last year was our fifth grade program. All fifth grade classes in Bellingham Public Schools received 12 hours of art sessions.

The project continues to support our community by helping develop equal access to arts education programs. Additionally, throughout the month of May, we host the Children's Art Walk which provides children with a chance to display their works of art throughout Downtown Bellingham!

- 18 Teaching Artists
- 21 School Districts
- 4 Outreach Events
- 8,086 Youth Served
- 530+ Volunteers

Allied Arts not only presents monthly exhibits at their Gallery on Cornwell, but also curates exhibits featuring artwork by local artists at various off-site venues throughout Whatcom County.

Allied Arts Exhibit Services exhibited work from over 200 local artists over the past year. Gallery exhibits included several shows in our Juried Artist Series, Annual Member’s Show, Recycled Art Show, a showcase of local student work during Children’s Art Walk, and Elevation: The Art of Cascadia.

As well as exhibiting works from some of Northwest Washington’s greatest artists, our gallery has become a gathering place for organizations and individuals to host classes, workshops and presentations.

Our members number 400+ with 50% of them being artists working in a variety of mediums, from the seasoned professional artist to the novice, local businesses to art enthusiasts, Allied Arts provides membership with numerous opportunities:

- Members only events
- Festivals
- Up-to-the-minute e-news
- Discounts at partnering businesses
- Special invitations to community arts happenings