2022 Gallery Exhibits

Application Due: August 25, 2021
Exhibit Dates: Monthly shows June through November, 2022

The Allied Arts Gallery is an extension of Allied Arts of Whatcom County’s mission to create and foster an environment in which the arts are an integral part of our community and to support and encourage the arts and artists of Whatcom County. We are looking for artists working in a variety of media to fill our exhibits in 2022. Submissions are juried on their originality, subject matter, and use of medium. Each show is curated by Allied Arts Staff, approximately 1 month long and consisting of 1-3 artists.

More Info

Creative Spaces

Application Due: Ongoing
Exhibit Dates: As vacancies become available, no sooner than 1 month from entry date

Juried show of temporary art exhibits and installations that will enliven the darkened windows of vacant facilities downtown with art from the community and create a series of galleries throughout the city. Artists will be matched up with local property owners based on the artist’s requests and the property owner’s specifications.

More Info

Mini Art Gallery Project

Apply for funding to create a Mini Art Gallery in your neighborhood!

Application Due: Wednesday, August 31, 2021

Allied Arts is committed to promoting community connectivity through the arts. The Mini Art Gallery Project will be supported using remaining funds made possible by Whatcom Community Foundation. We believe that community art can have a positive impact in community cohesiveness, inclusiveness, and the pride of ownership. What is a “Mini-Gallery”? A Mini-Gallery is a small community gallery located in a small box structure where art can be viewed, taken, and replaced. Artists are chosen to create a mini gallery and will receive $200 as a part of resiliency funding from Whatcom Community Foundation

Apply Here
This House of Mine or THOM is a collaborative publication that thrives from community engagement. The theme for their next edition is: our emotional connection to our physical body. Submissions will receive a $40 spend thanks in part to the Regional Art and Culture Council. For information about how to get involved, submit your work, or anything else, head to www.houseofminezine.com. You can also email houseofminezine@gmail.com.

Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival
Saturday, August 21, 10am - 2pm
Free · 1310 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225
People of all skill levels, from artists to budding artists to people who just want to have fun, are encouraged to participate. The purpose of the event is to revive a beloved festival, provide an art activity for individuals and families, and to enrich the Bellingham area with local art. This is a true public festival. For only $5 at the event, participants purchase a chalk kit from their local art or chalk shop. Participants will be able to buy chalk to complete their chalk art. The chalk will be available for purchase at the event for $5 per kit. Participants are encouraged to bring their own non-toxic chalk or pastels. Groups of 10 or more will be able to buy chalk at the event. A chalk kit includes chalk and other supplies.

Kumihimo Wishes: Current Times by Seiko Purdue
June 3 – August 26, 2021
The Jansen Art Center is pleased to welcome WWU Fiber Arts Professor Seiko Purdue for an exhibit of her work. Artiste Statement
I am celebrating this moment when the collection of people's strength, patience, creativity, compassion, and love come together in this exhibition by presenting Kumihimo Wishes: Current Times. During this pandemic time I have been thinking about the power of "sparely". Handwork really helps when being isolated. I am a Japanese artist. I decided to share Kumihimo. I made more than 365 Kumihimo kits, each containing a foam disk and 8 strands of yarns that I dyed with natural dyes. (Allied Arts Staff and Volunteers completed a few of these kits!) I wanted to emphasize the numbers of days, one year, that seemed like a long time to experience the pandemic.

Grants for Artists’ Progress (GAP) Awards
Deadline: September 7, 2021 at 11:59pm
Amount Awarded: $1,500
Number of Awards: 50
About the 2021 GAP Awards
For the 2021 GAP Awards, we have re-envisioned GAP as Grants for Artists’ Progress. Grants for Artists’ Progress are unrestricted hybrid merit-and-need-based grants of $1,500 for BIPOC artists working in all disciplines across Washington State. Funding will be evenly distributed across five Washington State regions: West, Puget Sound, North Central, South Central, and East. Funding for the 2021 GAP Awards is made possible in part thanks to WarnerMedia, funded by AT&T.

Poetry Out Loud registration opens August 16
What is Poetry Out Loud? Poetry Out Loud (POL) is for students in grades 9-12. It is a part of a national arts education program that builds on slam poetry and spoken word traditions to engage students with the power of literature. The program is administered by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. AWN creates and distributes Poetry Out Loud in Washington State.

Two ways to register
1. Schools will continue to be able to register in previous years.
Vision Statement:
Allied Arts of Whatcom County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation whose vision is to enliven and promote the arts identity within our community and make our region an arts destination and creative, vibrant place to live.

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Tues - Sat: 11am - 4pm

Board of Directors:
President: Sco Ward
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Board Members: Kevin Coleman & Danielle Jordahl.
Our next board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month and will be virtual unless further notice. Contact Kelly, kelly@alliedarts.org, if you’d like to attend.

Staff:
Executive Director: Kelly Hart
Artistic Services Coordinator: Katy Tolles
Bookkeeper: Judy Taylor
And countless volunteers and interns.

Following the recommendations of the Whatcom County and Washington State Health Department, we are requiring masks in our gallery and thrift store.

Students in grades 9-12 from schools that choose not to register, and homeschooled students will be able to register in the all-new POL Virtual statewide program.

Registration is open August 16th through November 19th.