Annual Member’s Show

On display at our Downtown Gallery February 5 - 27, 2021

View the First Day of Submission

Allied Arts of Whatcom County will host its 2021 Member’s Show in honor of Participation. It is open to current Allied Arts Members at any level of membership.

Visit our website for more information about how to submit your work for the show.

The Member’s Show will feature works from nearly 250 Allied Arts members, including emerging artists. Works presented will range from traditional paintings to photography, contemporary sculptures, and everything in between.

Upcoming Exhibit Opportunities

Though we aren’t able to hold traditional festivals until Covid restrictions are lessened*, our gallery is open and we are trying to fill it with exciting things for our community to enjoy! See below for upcoming calls and opportunities to exhibit in our Downtown Gallery!

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Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival

The Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival seeks to celebrate the various diverse cultures that populate our great area. We invite folks of all backgrounds to show off what makes their culture unique through fine art, crafts, song, dance, storytelling and any other creative endeavor. This year’s Cultural Arts Festival will consist of an exhibition in our Downtown Gallery and workshops and performances via social media.

Applications Due:
February 17, 2021

Event Location:
Art & Craft Exhibitions in the Allied Arts Gallery and performances via social media

Applications Due:
February 17, 2021

Event Dates:
Gallery Exhibit March 5 - 27, performances on Saturdays in March

More Info

Recycled Arts Resource Expo (RARE)

This year’s RARE event will provide an entertaining, socially distanced, environment that showcases pieces from numerous, diverse artists using a variety of recycled materials for a month long exhibit at the Allied Arts Gallery. We invite Exhibiting artists with a passion for art created from recycled materials to become a part of RARE. Attendees are inspired to take home innovative ideas that recognize the value of using resources creatively. Unfortunately there will not be any live performances or workshops with this year’s RARE.

Applications Due:
February 12, 2021

Exhibit Dates:
April 2-30, 2021

More Info

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WhatcomREADS Art Challenge

A partnership with the Whatcom County Library System and Bellingham Public Library.

To participate:
1.) Read the book Washington Black by Esi Edugan. Books are available to borrow at any Bellingham and Whatcom County Library or for purchase at Village Books.
2.) Create an art piece inspired by the book.
3.) Bring your art for display on March 2 or 3, 2021. Works will not be juried. All mediums, genres, and skill levels are welcome to participate in the exhibit. Space is limited and items will be hung on a first come, first hung basis. Limit one piece per person.

Art Drop Off:
Tues & Wed, March 2 & 3, 11am - 4pm

Exhibit Dates:
March 5 - 27, 2021

More Info

Call to Artists: Spring Juried Exhibit

The Jansen Art Center is accepting submissions for the 2021 Spring Juried Exhibit. Artists are invited to submit up to five works for consideration for the exhibit. The 3-D works (sculpture, beadwork, jewelry, wood, etc.) must be original works of art. All works must be delivered to the Jansen Art Center prior to March 1. Applications may be submitted via email.

Applications Due:
March 1, 2021

Submit your Art

Join in and learn:
Maritime WA National Heritage Area Project

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Upcoming events from Humanities Washington and their partners. Most events are around an hour. Full events list at [humanities.org](http://humanities.org).

**FEBRUARY 8**

Let It Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion
12:00 p.m. | Host: Bainbridge Island Rotary

**FEBRUARY 11**

Why Are All the Black Kids Sing Together in the Principal’s Office?
6:00 p.m. | Host: Everett Public Library

**FEBRUARY 16**

She Travelled Solo: Strong Women in the Early 20th Century
2:00 p.m. | Host: Olympia AAUW

**FEBRUARY 18**

Who Was Chief Seale?
1:00 p.m. | Host: Sno-King School Rees

What Your Home Says About the World
6:30 p.m. | Host: Spokane Public Library

**FEBRUARY 24**

Heang Up: The Ethics of Climate Change
2:30 p.m. | Host: Seale Parks and Recreation, Lifelong Recreation

**FEBRUARY 28**

The Tangled Thread: Strong Women in the Early 20th Century
1:00 p.m. | Host: Olympia AAUW

What Your Home Says About the World
6:30 p.m. | Host: Spokane Public Library

**FEBRUARY 28**

The Ethics of Climate Change
2:30 p.m. | Host: Seale Parks and Recreation, Lifelong Recreation

**Vision Statement:** Allied Arts of Whatcom County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization whose vision is to enliven and promote the artful identity within our community and make our region an arts destination and creative, vibrant place to live.

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**Gallery, AARTS & Office hours:**
Tues - Sat: 11am - 4pm

**Board of Directors**

President: Ted Des Jardins
Vice President: Rachel Singo
Secretary: Sherry Clark
Treasurer: Casey Curis

**Our next board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month and will be virtual until further notice. Contact Kelly, kelly@alliedarts.org, if you’d like to attend.**

**Staff**

Executive Director: Kelly Hart
Programs: Natali Maelone
Web/Marketing: Natalie Kroll

And countless volunteers and interns

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Join us on Tuesday, February 23 at 5 p.m. for a virtual conversation about the new[Maritime Washington National Heritage Area](https://www.maritime-washington.org) and what it means for Whatcom County! We’ll provide a brief overview of what National Heritage Areas are, an opportunity to hear from local organizations about what this means for Whatcom County, and we’ll provide a checklist of what local heritage areas are and how to get involved in your community. This event is co-hosted by [Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism](https://www.bellinghamwa.com), [the Working Waterfront Coalition of Whatcom County](https://www.workingwaterfrontcoalition.com), and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Register Now

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**Upcoming Humanities WA Events**

We love seeing your smiling face (or at least eyes) in our downtown location, just remember to follow the guidelines we’ve developed in coordination with the Whatcom Health Department. Maybe we’ll be able to see each other’s whole faces again soon!