We welcome all to stroll through downtown Bellingham and delight in the works of the younger art community! On Friday, May 7 Whatcom County students will proudly display their works of art during the 21st annual Children’s Art Walk presented by Allied Arts of Whatcom County. Art will stay on display through May 21 in honor of the statewide Arts Education Month.

More Info

Upcoming Exhibit Opportunities

See below for upcoming calls and opportunities to exhibit in our Downtown Gallery!

*All dates and protocols subject to change pending the most up to date COVID-19 information

2022 Gallery Series

Application Due: August 25, 2021
Exhibit dates: Monthly shows June thru 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, approximate 3-6 month long and consisting of 1-3 artists.

More Info

Photography Help Wanted

Gallery Syre is seeking a passionate photographer and social media enthusiast to help capture the accurate archival material of all our events and to help manage the social media channels of the Gallery.

This is the perfect role for someone inherently, naturally, gloriously social, both online and off and interested in growing their expertise in communicating visually.

Your day-to-day work involves taking pictures at our venues (mostly Everson, WA), post producing them, sharing them with our team, and helping sharing them on our social media platforms.

Duties and Responsibilities:
- Taking photographs, post production
- Sharing pictures on our social media platforms
- Allocating pictures in our SM calendar
- Real time monitoring of social channels for strategic engagement and activation
Flexible work hours and remote working possible.

Qualified applicants will have:

- Experience in photographing people and events
- Ability to edit photos in Photoshop is helpful
- A demonstrated passion for and understanding of social media, using social media, editing copy, and engaging with page visitors
- Flower Kingdom spotting and general
- The desire and ambition to learn new skills
- Commitment to excellence in all work processes

A reliable vehicle is needed. The work location will be mostly in the Everson area, and occasionally in Bellingham. Driving time will be compensated.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to: gallerysyre@gmail.com

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**Rena Priest Named 2021-2023 Washington State Poet Laureate**

Rena Priest, an American Book Award-winning poet and member of Lhaq’temish (Lummi) Naon, is the first indigenous poet to be appointed Washington State Poet Laureate. Photo courtesy of Rena Priest.

“I am incredibly excited and honored to take on this role,” said Priest. “I’m fascinated by the way people come together around poetry. I am always delighted by how they gather in quiet rooms and let themselves be drawn in, lit up, and transformed by the words of other people. It’s a powerful way of connecting.”

The Washington State Poet Laureate program is jointly sponsored by Humanities Washington and the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA). Poets laureate work to build awareness and appreciation of poetry—including the state’s legacy of poetry—through public readings, workshops, lectures, and presentations in communities throughout the state.

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**2021 MAC Fellowship Application Open!**

The Robert B. McMillen Foundation recognizes the profound impact the COVID-19 virus has had on all of us and that arts organizations and artists have been disproportionately affected. As we evaluate how to be helpful to artists, it is a time of great need, we recognize helping with financial resources is one of our strengths and why we feel our MAC Artist Fellowship program is even more essential than ever before.

The application portal is now open! Read on to learn more about the selection process or feel free to click here and just get started!

**Overview:**

The MAC Fellowship Program is designed to recognize and empower highly-motivated emerging and mid-career artists looking to transition from undiscovered to established, self-sustaining professionals. Aside from artistic merit, artistic excellence, and providing helping to fund artists through the Foundation's Fellowship Program leads to deeper personal connections with individual artists for the purposes of envisioning our roles as artist mentors, leaders, community leaders, etc.

**Deadline:**

Midnight, August 11, 2021

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**ArtsWA 2021-2025 Public Artist Roster**

We seek a diverse range of artists to create artworks for state agencies, colleges, universities, and schools throughout Washington state.

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

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Board Members: Anisa Coleman & Danielle Tidwell
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.

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And countless volunteers and interns