



ALLIEDARTS
— OF WHATCOM COUNTY —

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Opportunities in the Arts

Allied Arts is addressing the needs of our artists and is working to offer more opportunities to serve our community. Here is a list of great programming and projects we are working on for 2023-24:

Arts Education Program: A multifaceted approach providing teacher training, all-school public art programs and high-quality intensive standards-based arts education.

Exhibit Series: Our gallery series consists of curated juried shows in our Downtown Bellingham gallery as well as exhibits in other venues throughout Whatcom County.

Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival: Celebrating and honoring the diverse cultures of our community.

Art Supply Thrift Store: Selling donated, gently used art supplies at a low cost to inspire our creatives.

Holiday Festival of the Arts: A Whatcom County tradition featuring over 100 artists in a five week-long celebration featuring vendors selling art, crafts, treats, gifts, and more.

Children's Art Walk: Downtown Bellingham celebrating our local youth each May.

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: 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.

SAVE these dates for upcoming events

Annual Membership Meeting - Thursday, September 21, 6:00-8:00

42nd Bellingham Holiday Festival of the Arts
November 17-December 24, 2023

Artist Exhibit Series
New exhibits start 1st Friday of each month

Allied Arts Membership Show
February 2-24, 2024

Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival
March 15-17, 2024

Recycled Arts Resource Expo (RARE)
April 5-27, 2024

Arts & Culture Guide 2023-24
Available now through May 2024

Children's Art Walk
May 3-18, 2024

2022-23 Annual Report

Director's Report

It has been a great year at Allied Arts!

We are leaders in the arts community of Whatcom County. We are examining each of our programs and taking steps to make them more representative of our community and to be as inclusive and accessible to our diverse audiences as possible.

- The Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival was the largest yet, featuring a wide array of art, food and performances representing our creative community.
- Our new marketing efforts are reaching audiences both locally and encouraging visitors to come see what Whatcom County has to offer.
- This increase in visitors is reflected in the fact that our gallery sales are the best they have been in over 15 years!
- We have also had the opportunity to increase the size of our art supply thrift store from 700 square feet to 3,000 square feet. To help make arts accessible to everyone, we have the "pay what you can" section for art supplies and a "one bag a month free" option for those working with our social service partners.
- There has been a huge increase in requests for our 14 talented teaching artists in the Arts in the Schools Project, especially for their sessions that focus on social emotional learning and celebrating our diversity.
- Our new Veteran Art Program encourages military veterans and their families to explore and get involved in our artistic community.

We have a terrific team this year with a wide variety of backgrounds and interests. We have a strong enthusiastic board with two new members. Our eight fabulous staff have really stepped up to take charge of their various programs. Our programs wouldn't be possible without our interns and volunteers who have clocked in over 1,500 hours in the past year!

As we celebrate our 44th anniversary, we invite you to get involved in the arts and help us to ensure that Allied Arts can continue providing art-centered events and activities throughout the county.

Warmest wishes,

Kelly Hart
Executive Director

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FESTIVALS

Allied Arts of Whatcom County engaged with the community this year with both live and online options for our annual festivals and events.

43rd Annual Festival of the Arts
November 18th – December 24th, 2021

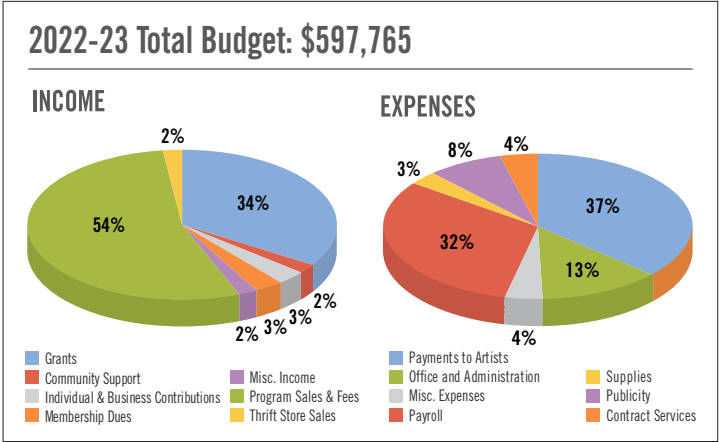
The Holiday Festival of the Arts celebrated its 43rd year this past holiday season. For a second year, we were located on Railroad Avenue in the heart of downtown Bellingham, bringing shoppers from near and far to support over 100 vendors and artisans of the community. The festival ran for 5 weeks, seven days a week, and provided both an in-person shopping experience and an online marketplace to shop and pick up curbside. On the weekends, performances from musicians and kids' workshops hosted by artists made the festival a delightful holiday event!

132 Vendor Booths
25,000 Objects Sold
12,928 Visitors

Whatcom Cultural Art Festival
March 10 - 12, 2023

Allied Arts partnered with the Port of Bellingham for the sixth annual Whatcom Cultural Arts Festival, dedicated to the diverse cultures that make Whatcom County so unique. We were able to display 30 local artist booths, multiple youth art activities and performances inside the Bellingham Ferry Terminal including Traditional Silk Road Dance and Native Hip.

30 Vendor Booths
11 Performances
5,654 Attendees



Thank you to all our members for contributing to the arts in our community.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

Allied Arts hosts monthly exhibitions at our Gallery on Cornwall Avenue. This past year, we were able to feature over 170 local artists in seven themed shows as part of our Juried Gallery Series, as well as larger group shows such as the Whatcom Artist Studio Tour and the annual Member's Show.

As the community revitalized after the pandemic, we have seen an increase in visitors over the year, especially during our show openings on First Friday Arts Walk in downtown Bellingham. It has been one of our most profitable years here at the Gallery, and we extend our deepest gratitude to our community for supporting our local artists.

EDUCATION PROJECT

The Allied Arts Education Project is focused on expanding quality arts learning opportunities for Whatcom County students through standard-observed and social emotional development considered curriculum. Allied Arts brings art related lessons to classrooms throughout Whatcom County via our roster of talented local Teaching Artists who conduct workshops in visual and performing arts. Schools see AAEP as a valuable partner in aligning curriculum with art related state standards that aid in the learning of core subject matter. The Children's Art Walk had another successful year, with 37 businesses displayed over 4,000 works of art from over thirty schools!

15 Teaching Artists
122 Volunteers
22 Participating Schools
7,100 Youth Served

REUSE THRIFT STORE

One of our most exciting developments this year was expanding the Allied Arts Reuse Thrift Store into a new location across the hallway from the Gallery. The purpose of this store is to sell reused supplies and materials back to our community to make art and inspire creativity. Items for sale are collected through donations and sold at low costs or are repurposed in our Arts Education Project. Proceeds benefit our local art programs. If you haven't yet, stop by to explore the new space and see what treasures you can find!

2023-24 Staff & Board

We would like to thank the hundreds of interns, volunteers, board members and staff that have helped at our events and festivals.

STAFF

Kelly Hart – Executive Director
Xandra S. Blackburn – Program Manager
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Liz Smyth - Cultural Outreach Coordinator
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Our membership of 323 supporters:

85% of them being artists working in a variety of mediums, from the seasoned professional artist to the novice, from local businesses to art enthusiasts, Allied Arts provides members with numerous opportunities:

- Member-only events
- Listing in Member's Directory
- Participation in juried shows and festivals
- Updated monthly newsletters
- Discounts at partnering businesses
- Special invitations to community art opportunities and happenings

