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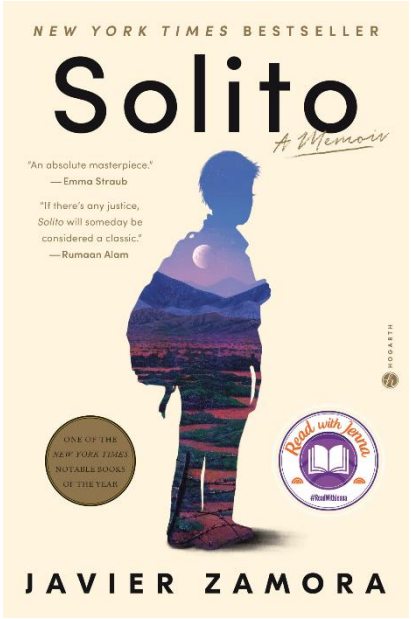
Art Challenge & Exhibit

Open to any local artists working in any media

It's easy to participate!

1. Read the book **Solito** by Javier Zamora available at your local library or for purchase at Village Books.
2. Create an art piece, and explain how the book **inspired** your art.
3. Submit your work to be exhibited at Allied Arts in **March 2026**.



Where: Allied Arts Gallery, 1213 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, WA

Contact: 360-676-8548 or gallery@alliedarts.org

Key dates

Art drop-off days: Tuesday March 3, 11am - 4pm

Opening reception: Friday, March 6, 6pm - 9pm

Allied Arts Gallery exhibit dates: March 6 - 27, 2026

Artwork pick-up: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Artwork details

- We may need to limit the number of submissions for the show, and will consider first come, first accepted.
- Works meant to hang on the wall cannot be more than 30 inches in any direction.
- Sculpture or items meant to stand on a pedestal/table will be permitted, but we have very limited space. Please discuss your work with Allied Arts to have it approved before you drop it off. Sculpture not approved by Allied Arts Staff may be turned away on drop off day.
- Be sure to fill out the attached form and submit it with your piece.

- Each piece must be clearly tagged with your name, title, medium, dimensions and price, in addition to the submission form.

Participation requirements

- Membership with Allied Arts is not required to participate in this event; however, it is greatly appreciated and ensures we can continue to bring great opportunities like this to artists in our community.
- All pieces chosen for the exhibit must remain in the Gallery through the last day of the exhibit including any pieces sold during that time, unless approved by the Allied Arts of Whatcom County staff.
- The Gallery shall be responsible for the safekeeping of artwork while in its custody only. The Gallery shall be strictly liable to the Artist for their loss or damage (except for damage resulting from flaws inherent in the Artworks), for the retail price of the item.
- Allied Arts of Whatcom County shall deduct 40% commission on all sales and pay the artist no later than the 15th of the month following the end of the exhibit.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Artist Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____

Zip_____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LABEL INFORMATION (this must be filled out completely and neatly in order to have your piece displayed)

Title of piece_____

Medium_____

Dimensions: _____

Retail Price (can be NFS) _____

ARTIST STATEMENT: How did Solito by Javier Zamora inspire your art piece?
(Neatness counts! Even better if you want to type it up and attach it to this form)

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I have read the attached information and agree to comply with all items stated.
Artist/Representative
Signature_____ Date_____

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