ALLIEDARTS
— OF WHATCOM COUNTY —

R A R E
recycled art & resource expo

Each April, Allied Arts hosts the Recycled Art and Resource Expo (RARE). RARE consists of an art exhibition, workshops, speakers, performances, and displays from environmental focused businesses and organizations.
Definition of recycled: For the purpose of RARE, we define recycled art as consisting of at least 75% materials that would otherwise have been thrown away if not for their creative use in art. The following are descriptions and expectations for each type of opportunity within the expo. If you have any questions please email gallery@alliedarts.org.

Important Dates:
Application Due: Friday, March 20th, 2026 by 4pm
Opening Night: April 3rd, 2026, 6-9pm
Exhibition Run: April 3rd-April 25th, 2026
Artwork Pick Up: April 28th, 11am-4pm

Artist Exhibitor: You can jury to be a part of the RARE Show held at the Allied Arts Gallery downtown. Artists may submit up to five fine art pieces for consideration to be included in the exhibit. Participation is open to all current Allied Arts Members at any level of membership. Artists may sign up for membership when they submit their application. Makers who create smaller multiples of the same item may have a small display on one of our pedestals in the gallery with more than three pieces. Display requirements will be discussed when accepted. Applicants must attach a long (100 word) and short (25 word) description of the work they plan to show and what the pieces are made of. Applicants must also provide at least 4 digital images (digital or hardcopy) of their work and accompanying image list to be reviewed by a jury.

Workshop Facilitators: Workshop facilitators must provide all of their own art materials. Workshop holders may charge a fee for their class, with commission taken by Allied Arts of Whatcom County. Please attach a description of your workshop idea to this application. Please limit the description to one page and include photos to help give the jury a better understanding of what you will be teaching during the workshop.

Speakers: Topics can be broad but must have an emphasis on green themed artistic endeavors. Special requirements: Please attach a description of what your speech will be about and a resume of prior speaking engagements.

Performances: We are looking for music and performing arts that fit the RARE theme, for example but not limited to a, “stomp- like” musical theater performance (music made with garbage cans or other salvage materials), a musical performance powered by alternative energy, or even a recycled fashion show. Please attach a description of your proposed performance. You may also send us an audio/video recording of your performance. Include any facility requirements in your description.

RARE Application Form- Due March 20th, 2026

Name_____
Business Name_____
Address_____ City_____
State_____
Zip _____
Phone_____ Email_____

Applicant Type (Please check all that apply)

- Artist Exhibitor
- Workshop Facilitator
- Speaker
- Performer

- I agree to follow all standards and guidelines as set forth on this form.
  Yes, you may use my images for publicity purposes

Please drop off your application at:
1213 Cornwall Ave.
Downtown Bellingham 98225

Or mail to:
Allied Arts of Whatcom County
Attn: 2026 RARE
PO Box 2584
Bellingham, WA 98227

As legal representative of the above named vendor, I agree to defend & hold harmless Allied Arts of Whatcom County & Partners, individually or severally from all liabilities or any injuries, sickness, and/or claims of malfeasance resulting from the making, preparing, selling and/or distributing of my products and/or services to the general public.

Signature_____ Date_____

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Label Information

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This information must be filled out completely and neatly in order to have your piece displayed.