

ALLIEDARTS

— OF WHATCOM COUNTY —

Arts Monthly

May 2020

Due to recommendations from county, state and federal health authorities regarding Coronavirus (COVID 19) As of 3/21/2020, the Allied Arts Gallery, Thrift Store and Offices are closed until further notice. We've altered, postponed or cancelled some of our upcoming events. Please check our individual program pages for more information. Please also be patient in correspondence with staff and volunteers as we alter schedules to allow them to work from home. Please email us at info@alliedarts.org or call 360-383-6470.

Stay safe, wash your hands, and do something creative!

[Click here for a list of resources for artists, organization and patrons of the arts in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.](#)

GiveBIG on Giving Tuesday

Join Allied Arts of Whatcom County on May 5th for Giving Tuesday Now in support of our local teaching artists and programs!

Early giving for Giving Tuesday Now has begun! Visit the our [unique donation page](#) between now and May 5th to make a donation in support quality Arts Education in our local schools. Allied Arts of Whatcom County depends on your generosity to continue providing quality curriculum art, performance, music and literary classes and residencies to schools throughout Whatcom County. This year, our goal is to raise \$10,000 to help support our 15 fabulous teaching artists who had over 466 hours of arts in the classroom time canceled due to Covid-19. These dedicated artists rely on those hours as a major source of their income.

"I loved watching the kids try on different roles. It changed my perception of them, and their perception of each other. They STILL play those games at recess."

-Wade King Elementary 5th grade teacher.

Our other programs have suffered as well; we are currently working to expand our web site and establish an on-line store to sell artwork that should have been on display in our gallery exhibits and the thousands of pieces of artwork by area youth during the Children's Art Walk.

Seattle Foundation's annual day of giving is going strong and with your help, we hope to make this Giving Tuesday Now the biggest one yet!



[Donate Now!](#)

Children's Art Walk Goes Virtual!

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is excited to be celebrating the 20th annual Children's Art Walk! The event was created to celebrate the end of the school year and the arts activities taking place in our local schools. In 2019, over 2,000 youth from throughout Whatcom County, displayed their artwork in 60 different downtown businesses.



Life in Whatcom County is a lot different this Spring, with the COVID-19 Quarantine our schools and businesses are closed and we are confined to our homes. We know creativity is thriving! We have seen dozens of social media posts of whimsical chalk art, fantastic performances and perfectly calibrated chain reaction machines and sculptures. In honor of this homegrown creativity, Allied Arts is taking the 20th Annual Children's Art Walk virtual! This program is primarily for Elementary school aged youth, but anyone is welcome to join in. We hope to get over 2,000 posts!

Get Involved May 1 - 15



Anyone with creative kiddos at home: Post images or videos of creations on Facebook or Instagram with the hashtag **#ChildrensArtWalk**. Please also include your name, artwork title, grade, school and a sentence or two about your work!

Share your artwork with your neighbors: adorn your sidewalks with chalk

art, display your creations in your front windows or create yard sculptures! Post pictures on Facebook or Instagram with **#ChildrensArtWalk**

Schools: Many of you had already signed up to participate in the Children's Art Walk. If you have artwork available, were already working with a business and are still able to safely hang the work in the business, please do so and let us know and we'll feature the work in a special post. Take photos of the work and send them to caw@alliedarts.org along with the location, name of your school, grade and teacher of the kids whose work is hung! We'll tag them with **#ChildrensArtWalk** on Facebook and Instagram to be part of the show!

Businesses: Many of you had already signed up to participate in the Children's Art Walk. If you have a school you were working with and are still able to safely hang the work, please do so and let us know and we'll feature the work in a special post. Take photos of the work and send them to caw@alliedarts.org along with the name of your school, grade and teacher of the kids whose work is hung! We'll tag them with **#ChildrensArtWalk** on Facebook and Instagram to be part of the show!

Arts or Youth Organizations: Highlight your youth programs on social media and be sure use **#ChildrensArtWalk** in your post!

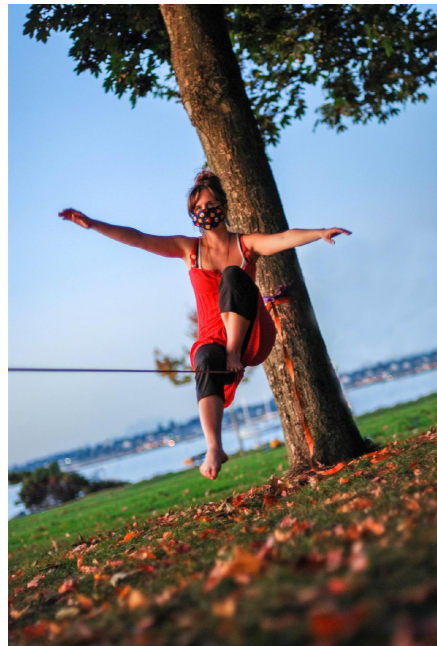
Essence of Bellingham 2020 photo competition entry deadline approaching

entries due by 5pm on Friday, May 1

Entries for the 15th annual "Essence of Bellingham" photo competition, hosted by the City of Bellingham and the Whatcom Museum, are due by May 1, 2020. This year the City is seeking photos featuring our community's response to the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to all other submissions. This is an opportunity for amateur and professional photographers of all ages to submit photos that capture the true "essence" of Bellingham and document the history of our ever-changing community.

Winning photos will be on display in City Hall, featured on BTV10, shared on the City Web site, and added to Whatcom Museum's photo archives.

Photo credit: "Slacklining Ninja" by Paul Israel



[**More info**](#)

Knotted: Tying the Common and the Profound

A free community gathering via ZOOM May 1, 4 pm PST



Come join me virtually via Zoom for an evening of discussion, storytelling, and creativity through the simple act of tying knots while actively removing discarded textiles from the waste stream.

Well, 2020 has some different plans for all of us. I'm not exactly sure how this project will work virtually. But I have faith we can figure it out. Want to join me?

I am creating a large-scale installation of thousands of strands of knotted recycled sheets.

My goal is to investigate our common human connection with everyday objects and simple actions.

Both sheets and the act of tying a knot seem quite mundane but I have discovered there are depths to be explored. I started this community-based project last fall at a residency in CA and then hosted my first Whatcom County gathering just a few days before the shelter in place order. My vision of this project always assumed we could gather in person like a nontraditional sewing bee and have conversations and tie knots together.

Most all of us woke up on sheets. Were born on sheets and will die on sheets. Knots tie sutures shut to save lives. Knots allow climbers to scale mountains, and daily they keep our shoes on our feet.

I need your voices, your hands, your sheets, and your knots to make this project a reality. Since we can't sit around a table in person, Let's create a virtual space to gather and connect.

What do you need: An openness to exploring, patience for using technology, paper and pen, and an old sheet or other recycled fabric.

Zoom meeting

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86490803379?pwd=U3B6Und6TUx2ZnpnUUFBMXJHTmNFZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 9080 3379

Password: 168961

[More info](#)

ART FOR HOUSING

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH 4 PM - 6 PM

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Lydia *every family*
PLACE *deserves a home*



Lydia Place invites you to attend their virtual art auction on Friday, May 8th from 4-6pm. Bid on dozens of exclusive art pieces donated by local artists and hear from Lydia Place staff and partners the importance of Lydia Place's Mental Health Program. The event is free to attend, but register ahead of time to receive important event updates and faster entry into the auction.

All proceeds of the event go to support Lydia Place programs and services.

[Tickets and more info](#)

CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival



CASCADIA International Women's Film Festival's 2020 Official Selections will show 30 of its selections originally scheduled in April for the live festival in an on-line festival May 14-17. Watch the festival trailer [here](#)!

Films include four features, both narrative and documentary films, as well as a selection of short films with animated, narrative and documentary genres. Three films by Indigenous filmmakers are also among the list, keeping CASCADIA's commitment to present films by Indigenous women filmmakers whenever possible. Films by student and emerging directors are also in the mix.

Passes for the film are on sale now for \$19.95 through the CASCADIA website. Students with an .edu email address may purchase a pass at a reduced cost of \$4.95. Pass purchasers will receive an email with a link and a password prior to the festival that will provide access to all the festival's films to watch whenever you want from wherever you are during the four-day festival, May 14-17. In addition, there will be recorded interviews, panel discussions, and live Q&As with the directors.

Your pass purchase will support CASCADIA and its filmmakers through this difficult period.



[Tickets and information](#)

Art at Home with Allied Arts Teaching Artists



With COVID 19 protocols shutting down our local schools, its up to parents and caregivers to keep some of those educational elements going (or at least something to keep those kids busy!). The Allied Arts Education Project Teaching Artists have put some of their classroom workshops into more home based tutorials that we hope you'll find helpful. Just like our lessons in the classroom, many of these tutorials not only touch on how to make art, but tie in with other lessons like science, history or physics. More will be popping up in the coming days, so check back frequently!

Happy arting!

[More info](#)

New Whatcom Arts Project Keeps Artists Connected to Community

Staying Together While Apart

As a gift to the community during Washington State's Stay Home - Stay Safe Order, Bellingham and Whatcom County artists, musicians, actors, storytellers, dancers, filmmakers, performers, and arts supporters have come together to create the Whatcom Arts Project. Free, daily online content is available through this campaign to uplift, educate, and inspire during these difficult times, while we socially distance to slow the spread of COVID-19.



More than 30 nonprofits, venues, and organizations from Whatcom County's vibrant arts scene are collaborating to provide free performances, interactive tours, classes, narratives, and other arts experiences online and accessible to the public. The newly formed collective arts campaign hopes to inform, entertain, educate, and support the community and each other through this stay-at-home period and beyond. We are all in this together. Now we can stay engaged and connected, even while apart.

[More info about WAP](#)

Curating a Career



At this moment when the art world seems to be on hold, it might be just the moment to pursue an online Master's Degree. Western Colorado University's M.A. in Gallery and Museum Management offers a terminal degree at an affordable state university tuition that is delivered

online and designed to serve working art professionals. Quite simply, it is a graduate degree you can pursue from anywhere on the planet. Furthermore, to make it even more affordable in these challenging times, we are offering a **\$500 scholarship** to students if they apply before May 15. No GRE is required, and since there is no application fee, applying is a no-risk venture.

Our graduates are trained for careers in museums, galleries, auction houses, art fairs, and collections management. Our curriculum provides an intense study of the functioning of the art market and delves deeply into the theoretical foundations of curating. Students learn the applied craft of gallery management and a thorough understanding of museum standards and practice.

[More info](#)

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Friends of the Bellingham Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library are having their Ski to Sea Book Sale. It begins on Wednesday, May 22 and runs through Saturday, May 25. As usual, there is a large selection of books and media for all ages. Tables are re-stocked continually.

Sale Hours:

Wed & Thurs, May 22 & 23: 10am - 6pm

Half Price Sale! Friday, May 24: 10am - 6pm

\$4 for a bag sale Saturday, May 25: 10am - 1pm



The sale is held downstairs in the Central Library at 210 Central Avenue. All proceeds benefit the library. For more information contact: friendslibrary3@gmail.com

Art as Business Skill Share Sessions

We have cancelled workshops scheduled for the month of April, but plan on holding them later in the year, please check our website for more info as it becomes available.

All of the workshops listed below will take place at the Allied Arts Gallery, 1418 Cornwall Ave, Downtown Bellingham. Thanks to a generous grant from the Whatcom Community Foundation, all workshops are free.

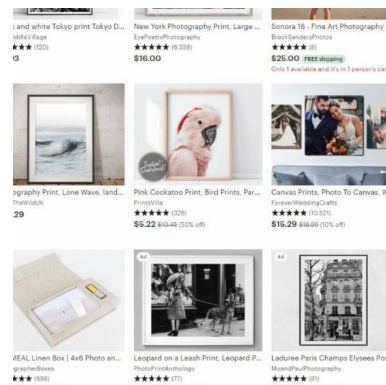
[Learn More & Register for Skill Share Sessions Here](#)

Louise Magno presents:

Web Based Sales Platforms

Thursday, May 14, 5 - 7pm

Understanding Web Based Sales Platforms for your On-line Store. Class will cover a variety of web-based options for hosting your On-Line Studio. Class covers needs of 2D and 3D artist mediums.



Artist Trust presents: Networking & Elevator Speeches



Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 6 - 8pm

The elevator speech is often used in the business world. It's based on the idea that you only have the time it takes to get from the top to bottom floor of a building to introduce yourself and your work. In this workshop, presented by program manager, Lydia Boss, you'll develop your elevator speech, practice telling your story, and learn effective networking techniques to build on the connections you make in the arts community.

Rachel Simpson presents: Marketing Basics for Professional Artists

Thursday, September 17, 4 - 6pm

Learn the basics to get you started on marketing your art in a path that's towards your individual goals as a professional artist.



Artist Trust presents: How to Apply for an Artist Grant

Thursday, October 8, 6-7:30pm

This seminar, led by Artist Trust Program Manager, Lydia Boss, provides an overview of applying for artist grants. You'll learn about funding opportunities available for you and your projects, how the grantmaking process works, and tips to make your next application stand out.

Allied Arts Calls for Art

All dates are 2020 unless noted otherwise.



Heliotrope Art 'Xtravaganza

Application Deadline: August 26

Event Date: October 11

Event Location: Heliotrope Hotel

\$75 Business membership required for participation

Artists and organizations will take over the rooms of the Heliotrope Hotel and create interactive art displays, performances and music will be all over the hotel grounds, and food trucks will keep everyone's bellies full. All ages are invited to come wander the hotel and grounds, listening to music, participate in immersive art experiences, sip beverages and eat their way through food trucks. Artists aren't handed the keys of their rooms until just a few hours before people begin showing up – so it's a real feat of planning and swift artistry. They also need to completely move out and leave the room as it was after the event! Rooms will vary from performances to installations to having items on display for sale.

[Learn More and Apply](#)



2021 Gallery Series and Inside the Box Series

Application Deadline: August 26

Event Date: Month-long exhibits throughout 2021

Event Location: Allied Arts Gallery

\$75 Business membership required for participation

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. The Gallery Series is made up of monthly exhibits each consisting of 3 - 5 artists who create work around a central theme. Shows are curated after applications are juried to ensure we always have fresh new works and themes to exhibit. The Inside the Box Series keeps to the same schedule as the Gallery Series, and it is a display of smaller works in our locked cases by one artist per month.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Want to find out about more great art events and opportunities happening throughout Whatcom County? Check out our Events Calendar!

[Allied Arts Event Calendar](#)

Vision Statement:

Allied Arts of Whatcom County is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation whose vision is to enliven and promote the artistic identity within

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*our community and make our
region an arts destination and
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Board Members: Kevin Coleman, Jena
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Our next board meeting will be April 21 and
will be held virtually via Zoom. Contact Kelly,
kelly@alliedarts.org, if you'd like to attend.

Staff

Executive Director: Kelly Hart
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And countless volunteers and interns

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