

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!

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](#)

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.

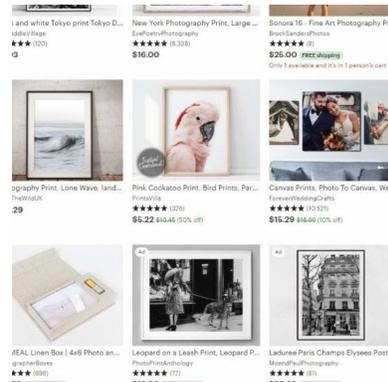
All of the workshops listed below will take place at the Allied Arts Gallery, 1418 Cornwall Ave, Downtown Bellingham. Thanks to a generous grant from the Whatcom Community Foundation, all workshops are free.

[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.



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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.

41st Annual Holiday Festival of the Arts

Application Deadline: April 27

Event Dates: Nov 20 - Dec 24

Location: To be determined

\$75 Business membership required for participation.

The Holiday Festival of the Arts is a five-week-long indoor arts festival featuring 100 artisans from our region. Aside from vendors selling their wares, the festival boasts live music and art workshops for children on the weekends. The twofold purpose of the Holiday Festival is to encourage and support the creation and sale of locally produced fine art and crafts while providing an opportunity to connect artists and craftspeople with the general public. This juried festival pursues top quality original arts and crafts and seeks excellence in presentation. Festival proceeds support the visual arts in the region through Allied Arts of Whatcom County's general and educational programs, community outreach, arts events, gallery shows, and artist demonstrations.



[Learn More and Apply](#)



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



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

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](#)

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 our community and make our region an arts destination and creative, vibrant place to live.

Allied Arts Gallery & Office

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Board of Directors

President: Scott Ward
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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
Artist Services Coordinator: Katy Tolles
Bookkeeper: Judy Taylor
And countless volunteers and interns

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