

NEWS OF THE ARTS IN ARLINGTON

Eagle Festival: Photography | Nature Art in all Media | Textile Arts in Action | Haiku Contest

Eagle Photography

Our art show is at a new location this year: 107 N. Olympic Avenue, in the Olympic Theatre and Cafe, courtesy Lifeway Church.

Deliver up to 2 eagle photos from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Entry fee is \$5 per piece. A \$200 cash award goes to the judges' choice of first place and another \$200 goes to peoples choice from the entire show. Photographers can enter an additional two photos in the nature art category.

Nature Art

Enter up to 4 works of nature art in any media at the same time and place listed above for the Eagle Photo contest.

Haiku Poetry

Haiku Poetry must be submitted by January 29, online at www.arlingtoneaglefestival/haiku or hard copies can be dropped in boxes at City Hall, Arlington Library, Smokey Point Library and the Arlington Boys and Girls Club. \$50 cash prizes are awarded in three age groups; entries will be displayed at City Hall during the festival.

Textiles Arts in Action

Weavers, spinners, quilters and doll artists will be demonstrating their talent at United Church, at Fourth Street and MacLeod Avenue.

Youth Engaged in Art

Children's art projects will be at City Hall. More info on page 2.

AAC adds art to Arlington's Eagle Festival: Cash prizes!

With winter comes the return of eagles to the Stillaguamish River Valley in their search for spawning salmon and other prey. Arlington honors these special winter residents with its annual Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, which is extra special this year, as the American bald eagle is no longer threatened and 2018 has been named "Year of the Bird."

Arlington Arts Council enhances the festival with its eagle photo contest and nature art show, including cash prizes for the best eagle photo, nature art and haiku poems, along with textile arts in action and children's art activities.

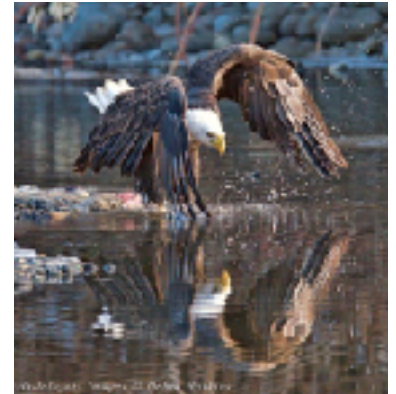
Another fun art project, regional chainsaw carvers present a great demonstration of chainsaw carving, ending with an auction of sculptures made during the day at Legion Park.

Festival events include birds of prey from Sarvey Wildlife Center and eagle spotting up and down the valley. Watch eagles with The Nature Conservancy at the mouth of the Stillaguamish River. New this year, a nature walk at Country Charm Park will be a fun safari in search of wildlife and eagles, too. Also, search for charms in downtown stores and businesses in the Country Charm Bracelet walk. Enjoy wagon rides, tractors and farm animals on display, or try a rafting trip on the Stillaguamish River.

The 1967 movie, "Charlie the Lonesome Cougar" showcases the boom of the logging industry, to be presented at Olympic Theater.

Coordinated by Sarah Lopez for the city of Arlington with assistance from many volunteers representing various organizations, Arlington's Stillaguamish Eagle Festival is assisted with funds from the Stillaguamish Tribe and a tourism grant from the city's lodging taxes. The first annual Arlington-Stillaguamish Eagle Festival was held in 2008 to honor eagles in the valley and to attract visitors to town.

For information about how to participate and a complete schedule of events, see www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest.



Debora Hoskins' first place photo from 2017.

Youth Engaged in Art

AAC's Youth Engaged in Art Committee received \$1,175 during a special ask at the auction. This year's YEA chairperson Cindy Martinez has planned a fun year full of art opportunities for youth.

YEA is excited to continue with our monthly art classes at the Boys and Girls Club. New this year, we will introduce a famous artist each month, beginning with Vincent Van Gogh. Different art elements will be introduced in each session, starting at 4:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday each month.

At Arlington's Eagle Festival kids art projects will be upstairs at City Hall. Three activities will include a weaving project, a mixed-media owl and a bird mask. We will be at the Arlington Street Fair in July and are also planning to pop up at a movie night or two this summer. Watch for events on the Arlington Arts Council Facebook page.

Storybook Garden

In a partnership with the Friends of Arlington Library, AAC contributes funds for an art element with Storybook Garden activities at the community garden on the third Saturday each month starting June 16 through October. The fun family event is coordinated by our board member, Charleen O'Neal, who is also Vice President of Friends of Arlington Library.

Community photography

Come spring, we will be announcing a community photography contest, "Flowers of Arlington" with cash awards. Don't miss those early blooms anxiously awaited!

Fall into Arts Auction reaps \$9,000 for art in Arlington

This year's Fall into Art "Under a Starry Starry Night" auction attracted 110 art advocates, who contributed nearly \$9,000 to benefit the arts in Arlington.

The art advocates enjoyed acoustic blues by Jeff Nicely and Randy Norris, two silent auctions, a live auction, and a prime rib dinner, all for art in Arlington. The popular dessert dash raised \$1,400 and the Special Ask for Youth Engaged in Art activities brought in \$1,100.

Prize-winning artists

Judges Molly LeMaster, Heather Logan and Diane Wright selected the following winners in three categories and the Peoples Choice winner received a \$100 cash reward.

2-D: 1st — Cindy Martinez's Starry Night; 2nd — Andrea Vaughan's lighthouse; 3rd — Breakfast Buffet by Monica Bretherton;
 Photography: 1st — Debora Nelson's Italian pots; 2nd — Louise Magno's Tulip Fields; 3rd — eagle by Angelo Mirante;
 3-D: 1st — wool scarf by Candis Morth; 2nd — glass plate by Lee Beitz, and 3rd — Marguerite Goff's 'Ode to Spring' vase;
 People's choice — Erika Bruss's owl, made of doilies, pop can tabs and various other paraphernalia.

Plans for 2018

Arlington Arts Council will receive two tourism grants in 2018: one for \$11,600 to present Legends of the Blues VI, coordinated by Jeff Nicely and Tim Johnson on the third Saturday of November again this year. Stay tuned for the names of performers.

The other grant of \$3,000 will support Art at Legion Park, on the second weekend in September.

As for public art projects, AAC is considering a variety of options, but has yet to settle on anything. Ideas include sculptures along Olympic Avenue and in the median of 67th Avenue, as part of the city's landscaping project. We are considering art benches on Airport Boulevard, in Smokey Point or along the Centennial Trail south of downtown.

We will engrave another haiku poem in stone for Terrace Park, selected from the haiku poems submitted to the contest during this year's Eagle Festival.

We welcome proposals of specific sculptures by specific artists as well as concepts for specific locations. Please send your ideas and proposals to saraharney4@aol.com, or call 360-435-3778.

AAC is planning another community photography contests: Flowers of Arlington will be announced soon.

For information about AAC see arlingtonartscouncil.net or [Facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil).



AAC offers interesting artist talks, demos and workshops at monthly meetings on the second Tuesday each month, 5:30 p.m. at Arlington Boys & Girls Club

January 9 – Monica Bretherton, AAC's new board member, spoke on her journey as an artist and how she landed with AAC in Arlington.

February 13 – Katherine Pryor, children's book author

March 13 – Members Art/Supplies Exchange/Sale

April 10 – Monika DeNasha, Ojibwe beading

May 18 – Gale Johansen, multi-media artists; Schack's 2017 Artist of the Year

June 12 – Rick Klauber, rock sculpture

July 10 – Rock painting with Cindy Martinez

August 14 – Potluck Picnic

September 11 – TBA

Oct. 9 – Preparations for auction

Nov. 13 – Post Auction Pizza Party

December 11 – Christmas Party

Art exhibits

AAC members exhibit their talent in quarterly exhibits at the Arlington Library and during the first quarter each year at Harman Eye Clinic.

Public art projects completed in 2017



Thanks to the efforts of AAC board member Mike Nordine and two employees, Eric Hentilla and Dan Foster, from the city's M&O department, we now have fish marking the salmon bearing streams that find their way through town.

Along with the granite sculpture of a frog especially for Haller Park, by George Pratt, named Sir Hops A lot by Lily White, we also engraved a haiku poem by Jean Olson in a rock for Terrace Park, where a large owl mural was painted by Erika Bruss and Kristina Yantis on the restroom building, with other birds scattered around the park; Also at Terrace Park, we repainted the

mural at the stage. We are honored to have art by two AAC members selected for the Stillaguamish Conference Room at the city's Public Works Office. The Public Works Department selected a painting of the river by Vicki Johnson and a series of five distinct mountains by Christina Harvey. AAC assisted Sarah Lopez in painting four quilt blocks on a downtown building to launch efforts to create a quilt block barn tour in the valley. And, our members also freshened up a few plywood cows for Jensen Park.



Find these little birds that popped up in Terrace Park last summer, after the majestic owl appeared on the restroom building, thanks to Erika Bruss and Kristina Yantis.

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AAC works to provide quality art experiences for Arlington

Arlington Arts Council was founded in 2003 to plan art projects for the city's Centennial Celebration. Since then, our members and supporters have helped acquire a collection of more than 60 works of art for Arlington, both indoors and out, along the Centennial Trail and around town.

AAC provides opportunities for local artists and musicians to share their talents, at art shows and concerts. We bring art to local events, including the Stillaguamish Eagle Festival and the Arlington Street Fair. Our Art in Legion Park celebrates local talent and Legends of the Blues honors regional musicians.



AAC 2018 events:

- Art at the Eagle Festival – February 3 & 4
- YEA at Arlington Street Fair – July 13 & 14
- Art in Legion Park – September 8 & 9
- Fall into Art Auction – October 20
- Legends of the Blues VI – November 17
- Monthly art classes for children at Boys & Girls Club
- Prizes for the most creative costumes at Arlington's Hometown Halloween

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