

NEWS of the ARTS in ARLINGTON



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Arlington Arts Council

Continues with New Board of Directors

"Be like a flower, survive the rain but use it to grow."
- Craig Lounsborough

With the passing of Arlington Arts Council president Sarah Arney, the long-standing members of the board of directors considered their time on the board and felt a desire to step away from the commitment of duties and twice a month meetings.



The members were invited to make a choice to either reformat the Arts Council into a club or continue with the existing format, which requires a full board of directors. Several members stepped up and volunteered to fill roles for 2024 and continue the mission to provide quality art experiences to the community.

RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS!

The Arlington Arts Council is committed to bringing quality art experiences to the community and welcomes new members!



The 2024 Board of Directors:

- Kevin Krieg, President: photography
- Alice Burgin, Secretary: floral design and acrylic arts
- Catherine Carpenter, Treasurer: painting and clay art
- Bill Koger, Vice President: watercolor and acrylic arts
- Roberta Baker (returning board member): photography & art show coordinator
- Vicki Johnson (returning board member): pastel, acrylic, watercolor arts
- Allen Bollinger, painting, collage, ceramics



Thanks to the past Board of Directors: Sarah Arney, Jean Olson, Bill Koger, Sarah Lopez, Vicki Johnson, Roberta Baker, Marilyn Oertle, Mike Nordine, and Monica Bretherton.

Thanks and Farewell to Founding Members Virginia & Jean

We want to say thanks and wish a farewell to Virginia Hatch, who is moving out of the area, and Jean Olson, who is retiring as Arts Council treasurer. These ladies are founding members of the Arlington Arts Council and have been close friends since 2003.

During the City's Centennial Celebration in 2003, Virginia and Jean volunteered to be on the committee to plan events and projects for the centennial. They commissioned and installed many of the murals seen downtown today. From that committee, they formed the Arlington Arts Council with Sarah Arney, and continued the focus of adding sculptures and murals to Arlington through lots of hard work and fundraising.

Over most of the past 20 years the Arts Council held fundraising auctions to raise money for public art installations. Virginia and Jean were integral to the planning and leadership of the auction events. Since the City has implemented funding public art, there hasn't been a need for the annual auction. Jean has been the treasurer of AAC since 2003 and is ready for retirement from the duty.

Their hard work over the past 20 years has enhanced Arlington and set the path of beautification and improvement in our community.



Although both Virginia and Jean have admitted to not being artistic, they are sincere advocates of art. Virginia donated a sculpture named Dedicated to the Beauty of Earth, located on the Centennial Trail. Jean wrote a Haiku poem that is imprinted on a stone at Terrace Park.

Arlington-Stillaguamish Eagle Festival Art Show, Poetry & Photo Contest

Saturday, February 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Olympic Theater Cafe, 107 S. Olympic Avenue in downtown Arlington. The Show features depictions of the beautiful Pacific Northwest flora and fauna as created by local artists in all media types. Sponsored by the Arlington Arts Council.

Community artists of all ages are encouraged to enter art in AAC's Nature Art Show for the Eagle Festival.

The Eagle Photo Contest offers a \$200 cash prize for the judges' choice of the best eagle photo and \$100 cash prizes for the **Best Nature Photo**, for the **Best Nature Art 2D** and for the **Best Nature Art 3D** (sculptures and other media). Artists can enter up to four works of art but only one eagle photo for the Eagle Photo Contest. Entry fee is \$5 per piece of art.

Youth are encouraged to enter art and can win \$50 in one of two age categories, up to 10 and 11-17. For youth, entry fee is a donation to the food bank.

Entries must be delivered to the Olympic Theater Cafe at 107 N. Olympic Ave. from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2; artists must be prepared to pick up their work at 4 p.m. Saturday. If not picked up by 5 p.m., it will be donated.

The art show is open to the public all day Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a small silent auction and a couple of raffle baskets to raise funds for Arlington Arts Council operations.

Also, don't miss the chainsaw carvers across the street; they will be carving away for three days, Thursday through Saturday, ending with an auction.



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2023 winning eagle photo by Debra Hoskins

Haiku contest

Also during Arlington's Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, AAC welcomes poets of all ages to write haiku poems about nature and/or eagles, with \$50 cash prizes in two categories: youth up to 17 and adults, 18 and up. Submit prior to festival online at www.arlingtowa.gov/eaglefest.

Haiku are short poems of three lines, the first line of five syllables, the second has seven syllables and the third line has five syllables. By Japanese tradition, haiku are nature based, non-rhyming, with a surprise ending.

Art Activity for Kids

During the festival, Arts Council members will host a free art activity for children, usually involving painting on wood critters made by Mike Nordine. Volunteers are welcome to help at the event. Contact Sarah Lopez at slopez@arlingtonwa.gov.



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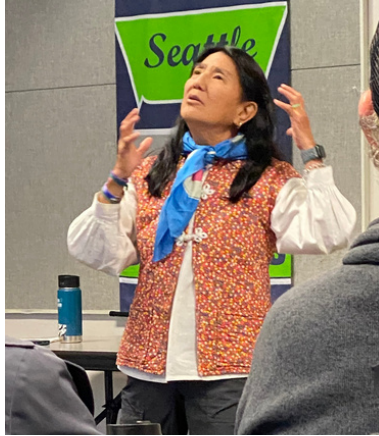
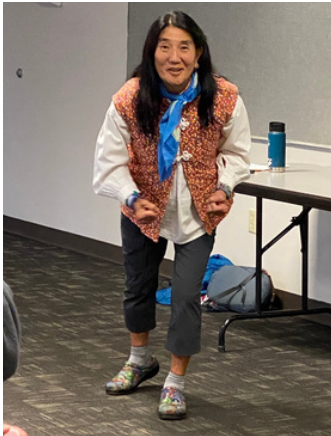


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Monthly Workshops with Members & Guests

Monthly meetings are the second Tuesday of the month.
Located at Hadley Hall, at Arlington Boys & Girls Club
18513 59th Ave NE Arlington
5:00 pm – Doors open, set up
5:30 pm – Artist workshop/demo/speaker
6:30 pm – Meeting

Everyone's welcome!



Seeking ideas for workshops! Please contact Vicki Johnson at vljfrog@gmail.com

Hodonadies Art Gallery

The owners of the art gallery Hodonadies, located in Arlington at 20265 74th Ave NE, visited us in October and brought items from the gallery. They offer art classes for children and adults. You will find hand crafted and unique items in the gallery.
www.hodonadies.com

Storyteller Tobey Anderson

Our September Artist Demonstration was professional storyteller Tobey Anderson. Tobey shared folk tales and experiences from living in Asia and Europe as a teacher and Peace Corps volunteer, and stories that she heard from her Japanese grandmother. Based in Olympia, she performs around the Pacific Northwest, including as an opening teller at the Forest Storytelling Festival.

Members Get Creative With Polymer Clay

Members were given polymer clay to create snowman and reindeer after a video tutorial and sharing by Sarah Lopez. It was fun to see how creative the group was from a gnome to a kitten, a variety of miniatures were created.



Member's Show & Tell

At each meeting, members and visitors are encouraged to bring their works of art (or other artists' works) to show and tell. It is inspiring to see what people are working on and it feels good to share and receive positive feedback.

January and February Workshops

We will welcome Bob Banks, wildlife photographer, to the January workshop. He will give us tips on photographing eagles for the upcoming nature photo contest!

In February, Bill Koger will show us his techniques to create beautiful watercolor paintings. Photo below.



Planned Public Art Projects

We look forward to the following 2024 public art projects sponsored by the City of Arlington:

- Large mural on Boys & Girls Club completion in spring
- Flower Sculpture when Smokey Point Park is constructed
- Sundial at Stormwater Park
- Teach Peace murals
- Interpretive signs for Smokey Point Park
- Art wraps on utility boxes
- Chainsaw carvings
- Swinging art benches
- Median art by Arlington High School shop class
- And more... stay tuned!



Gleneagle water tower mural by Harry Engstrom 2023

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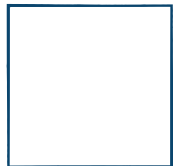
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PUBLIC ART: Artists interested in pursuing public art projects should watch for calls for art proposals. The City welcomes proposals for future public art projects from community members and organizations. Proposals are due in October. For information visit www.arlingtonwa.gov/art

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