

NEWS of the ARTS in ARLINGTON

January 2026 Arlington Arts Council



Arlington Arts Council's Eagle Festival Art Show

Enter Art and Haiku

Community artists of all ages are encouraged to enter art in AAC's Nature Art Show for the Arlington-Stillaguamish Eagle Festival presented on Saturday, February 7, 2026.

The Eagle Photo Contest offers a \$200 cash prize for the judges' choice of the best eagle photo, \$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 two works of art and one eagle photo into the Eagle Photo Contest. Entry fee is \$5 per piece of art.

Youth are encouraged to enter art and can win \$25 Amazon gift cards in three age categories. For youth, entry fee is a donation to the food bank.

Entries must be delivered to the Olympic Theater Cafe at 107 N. Olympic Avenue from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, February 6 and artists must be prepared to pick up their work at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The art show is open to the public Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a couple 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 on Saturday. The Eagle Festival has many activities, be sure to check it out!

Art entry: www.arlingtonwa.gov/eagleart

Eagle Festival: www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest

EAGLE FESTIVAL



2025 prize-winning eagle photo by Antonio Liberta

Haiku Contest

Also during Arlington's Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, AAC welcomes poets of all ages to write haiku poems about nature. AAC will award \$25 Amazon cards in 3 categories: Ages 6-9, Ages 10-15, Ages 16 and up (with adults).

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.

Enter online at: www.arlingtonwa.gov/eagleart

*The Arctic vixen
Like dewdrops to winter frost
Echoes the season
By Amanda Griffin*



Art Activity for Kids

There is a free art activity for children during the Eagle Festival.

Volunteers are welcome to help at the event. Contact Sarah Lopez at slopez@arlingtonwa.gov.

Arts Council Presents Art Shows Year-Round

Arlington Arts Council is providing opportunities for artists to show and sell their work throughout the year. We are excited that participation in the shows is building and membership in AAC solid.

In addition to the Eagle Festival art show in February, we also presented a Holiday Bazaar in November at the Boys & Girls Club, and an art show for Arlington's Oktoberfest at the Innovation Center in downtown Arlington. The annual Art in Legion Park art show will be in August. Follow us on Facebook or check our website for upcoming show information.



Photo above: Catherine Carpenter at the Holiday Show with free harmonicas for kids through the Pocket Music Project. Photo below left: Oktoberfest Art Show reception. Photo below right: AAC President Kevin Krieg hangs art at the show.



2026 Board of Directors

The 2025 board offered to lead another year and brought on one new board member to assist.

Kevin Krieg, President
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Berta Baker, Art Show Committee
Christina Looney, Art Show Committee
Allen Bollinger, Art Show Committee
Barbara DeCaro, Programs
Katie Standley- new on board
Marketing - Sarah Lopez (non-board)



THANKS!

Roberta Baker hosted the annual Christmas Party. It was a great opportunity to visit with members of the Arlington Arts Council.

Monthly AAC Programs

Thanks to Barb DeCaro for coordinating presentations or workshops each month for the Arts Council's monthly membership meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at Hadley Hall at the Boys & Girls Club, 18513 59th Avenue NE Arlington.

Doors open at 5pm, workshop at 5:30pm, meeting at 6:30pm.



Upcoming Programs

- January: Quick Set Resin Art with Deedee Belveal
- February: Hands-on Mini Valentine Paintings with Sarah Lopez
- March: Tie-dye with Jami Gramore
- April: Cold Wax with Brenda Tift
- May: To be determined
- June: Window on the West: Exhibition of Art of the New Frontier at the Art Institute of Chicago with Barb DeCaro

Show and Tell: Bring your works of art to a monthly AAC meeting!



Bill Koger



Liz Park



Nancy Reese



Amanda Parks



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Jeff Foster



Alice Burgin

Art at the Library

Arlington Library hosts Art on Display and invites Arts Council members to show their work. If you have not had your artwork displayed and would like to participate, please email Jami Gramore at jami.gramore@gmail.com. Your art will remain at the library for about three months. A size range of about 16" x 20" or 18" x 24" works best.

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Sarah M. Arney Scholarship

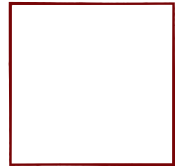
The Sarah M Arney (Arlington Arts Council) Scholarship will be offered to graduating students from the Arlington School District through the Dollars for Scholars program. Students who will major in fine arts, music, photography, journalism or education relating to these subjects, should apply. The two 2025 scholarships totaled \$5,550. Donations are appreciated to continue the scholarship program.

City Continues Public Art Projects

2025 projects included a sundial at the Stormwater Wetland Park created by Milo White and Lin McJunkin, a mural by Lori Angdahl at Haller Park SR9 bridge column, and restoring the Going to Ride mural at Haller Park (work done by Erica Knapp). We look forward to new chainsaw carvings in the Division Street roundabout coming soon.



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For more information visit: www.arlingtonartscouncil.net and facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil

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