

NEWS OF THE ARTS IN ARLINGTON



Hello! Happy New Year from Arlington Arts Council. We're heading into what we hope will be another roaring 20s – roaring for more art in Arlington – while trying some new things this year.



Garvin Currell's eagle won first place last year, with a \$100 prize.



Art Advocate Award

After the city of Arlington approved a new funding mechanism for public art last spring, AAC decided to name Mayor Barb Tolbert the Art Advocate of Arlington for 2019 for her support of the initiative.

Since there was no auction for presenting the award, it was presented at a City Council meeting in November. Mayor Tolbert said she was very surprised and honored by the award.

Arts at the Eagle Festival

On Saturday, Feb. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., AAC presents the annual Eagle Photography Contest and Nature Art Show, at the Olympic Theater Cafe, across from Legion Park in downtown Arlington.

Artists of all ages from Snohomish County and Camano Island are invited to enter up to four works of art, with a limit of one eagle photograph for the eagle photo contest. Extra eagle photos can be entered in the nature art category. Cost to enter is \$5 per piece.

Entries must be delivered to 101 N. Olympic Ave., from 1- 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31.

Art at the Eagle Festival includes a display of all the prize-winning eagle photos through the years, and the 2019 Trees of the Valley Photo Contest winners. This year, there will be a raffle basket and small silent auction with artistic opportunities, like art parties, dinner parties and desserts, a river raft trip, massages, mani & pedicure and facials, to name a few of the items to be up for sale in a new, mini-fundraiser for AAC.

Anyone who would like to donate something for the mini-auction should call AAC President Sarah Arney, 360-435-3778.

During the Eagle Festival, AAC members and friends offer fiber art demonstrations at Arlington United Church, 338 N. McLeod Avenue, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with spinners, quilters, doll makers, thread-painting & embroidery, fabric baskets and mixed media.

AAC presents cash rewards in its Haiku contest, with rules and entry information at www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest. Winners will be displayed in the windows of City Hall.

AAC's Youth Engaged in Art Committee offers hands-on art projects at Haller Middle School, along with other displays. The chainsaw carvers present another exciting art event, with an auction at 3 p.m. Saturday.

City art projects

As a result of the new funding, the city budgeted \$40,000 for projects proposed by various community organizations and individuals to be completed in 2020.

The city's Public Art Committee agreed to fund 10 projects, including AAC Vice President Monica Bretherton's dragon project and her dancing bears for the entry to the city parking lot, and Verena Schwippert's "Going with the Flow" granite sculpture. Other projects include a metal bench for Airport Boulevard, metal banners by AHS shop classes for Arlington Valley Road, an art wrap for one utility box in Smokey Point, new canvas banners, tractor/art for the roundabout at Olympic Place & 204th St., an eagle sculpture for a Gleneagle community entry and street art for the city's skate park half-dome. The city will be looking for street artists to work with skate park users to design the half-dome project.



2019 art accomplishments



Our public art projects completed in 2019 include the cougar bench by Jacob Lucas for Olympic Avenue at First Street. We paid for materials for the Bee & Rose mural in the fence near the Depot. It was designed and installed by AAC member Erika Bruss, who had help from a group of middle school students.

On a request from the Friends of Arlington Library to assist in providing art for the library, AAC helped purchase an owl sculpture and an owl bench, to be located by the new parking lot. (The Friends' logo features an owl.) Also for the library, AAC member Virginia Hatch donated a Kathryn Glowen alphabet collage. And at right, George Pratt's granite frog that we acquired several years ago, Sir Hops A lot settled in this year when the spray park finally opened in June, providing a happy setting for the stone sculpture.

And, we honored creativity at Arlington's Hometown Halloween and provided many art opportunities for kids through the year at the Eagle Fest and the Street Fair.



Trees of the Valley photo contest

The winners of the 2019 "Trees of the Valley" photo contest were announced at Art in Legion Park. First place winner of \$100 was Rick Knight for "Early Snow," second place winner of \$75 was Michael Hofferbert, for "The Elder of Stilly Valley," and third place (\$50) went to David Lunde for "Tree in Late Light." Three honorable mentions won \$25: Charlie Duncan, Todd Reynolds and Aimee Tararan. The goal of our community photo contest is to inspire people to make art, and, at left, see that AAC Treasurer Jean Olson goes above and beyond to get a good shot.



Bench art

What started as a community art project ended with three artistic benches around town, by Vicki Johnson, Monica Bretherton and Sarah Arney.



AAC Art at Harman Eye Clinic

AAC members Roberta Baker, Jacques Drapeau, Vicki Johnson, Christina Harvey, Monica Bretherton and Sarah Arney are displaying their work at Harman Eye Clinic for three months through March. AAC artists also display work at Arlington Library.



Plans for 2020

Art in Legion Park

After several years of dreary weather on its September dates, AAC decided to snag a new date in Legion Park. This year, Art in Legion Park will be held on the so-called driest weekend of the year, **July 25 & 26**, in the peak of summer. We welcome all artists in all mediums from up and down Stilly Valley and beyond to join us.

Thanks to the city of Arlington's \$5,000 grant, we are able to keep our fees low. Our art show is a friendly affair, with hands-on art projects, live music, and new this year, an evening concert featuring the Harvey Creek Band, with a wine and beer garden. This celebration of local talent features musicians from the valley including RondoSwing doing gypsy jazz. For information on how to apply, call Berta Baker at 360-474-8576 or visit arlingtonartscouncil.net or [facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil). Please plan to join us for some fun in the summer sun.



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Youth Engaged in Art

AAC's YEA will continue offering art projects for kids of all ages at various events around town, including the Eagle Festival, Arlington Street Fair, Art in Legion Park, and at the new Stronger Together event on May 16 in Legion Park.

November concert

Thanks to a \$10,000 lodging tax grant from the city of Arlington, AAC will present another Legends of the Blues concert on **Saturday, November 21**. We thank Jeff Nicely for his many years of service to AAC and the blues music

community. He is stepping down from the volunteer position as producer of the concerts in order to baby sit his new grand babies. We will continue to work with the Washington Blues Society to bring prize-winning blues music to the Byrnes Performing Arts Center.

AAC's monthly meetings

AAC meets on the second Tuesday each month at Arlington Boys Girls Club, 18513 59th Ave NE. Set-up and social time begins at 5 p.m.

Guest speakers demonstrate various art techniques starting at 5:30, and a business meeting starts at 6:30, with opportunities to share one's art.

Guests are always welcome.

On January 14, the owner of Hometown Candle Company in Arlington, Tina Richardson will speak about how she and Russ Richardson launched Reclaimed Heart in 2015 to transform neglected stuff into rustic works of art. Gradually, their line of hand-poured soy candles became the focal point of the brick and mortar store they opened in 2017, so this



Vicki Johnson demonstrates pastel painting.

year they renamed the business to focus on the candles.

On February 11 AAC member Candis Morth will demonstrate her skills at felting wool and silk.

On March 10, the jazz choir at Arlington High School, Flight will be our special guests.

Grants & funds

Although AAC will receive two grants from the city of Arlington's lodging tax program in the year ahead and the city's art fund is paying for several public art projects, we still need to raise some funds for operational costs, so we are exploring some alternate fundraisers.

- We will have a raffle basket and mini silent auction at Art at the Eagle Festival, and we will be serving beer and wine at some events in the summer.
- Donations can be sent to AAC's treasurer Jean Olson. See donation form on page 4.
- Patrons who shop on Amazon can also support AAC through Amazon Smiles.



Rock art contest

This year, AAC invites all community members to compete for cash prizes by painting rocks. After several years of photography contests, we decided it's time to give rock painters in the community a chance to win cash prizes. Rock painters of all ages are invited to bring their best works to be judged at the new Art in Legion Park, Saturday, July 25. Winners will be announced on Sunday, July 26.



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