

NEWS of the ARTS in ARLINGTON



July 2023

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Farewell to Sarah Arney

Sarah Arney was a journalist who wrote her own obituary. She expected to die at home “in her cute little ‘townhouse’ on the river bank in Arlington.”



Sarah was editor of The Arlington Times from 1995 until 2009, and then worked as reporter and copy editor at Stanwood Camano News for the last decade of her career. She also covered Arlington City Council for the North County Outlook during that decade.

Sarah attended sixth grade at Oso School and graduated Arlington High in 1970. She studied art and anthropology at Central WA University and art and communications at the University of WA. She studied visual communications at Western WA University, and then joined the Peace Corps, serving four years in Malaysia designing educational materials and exploring Southeast Asia. There she got hooked on creating batik. Upon return to the U.S., Sarah earned a Master’s Degree in International Affairs, focusing on Southeast Asia, and then won a Fulbright Grant to research Malaysian batik.

Sarah settled back on the family farm when her parents both died in 1987. She used the milking parlor as a batik studio until the local newspaper called and offered her a job at age 43.

Sarah enjoyed biking and hiking and advocated for the Centennial and Whitehorse trails. She loved music and photography and traveling to the far corners of the earth.

Sarah Arney's death ends a 20- year reign as founding president of Arlington Arts Council.

Donations in Sarah’s memory may be made to the Arlington Arts Council, KUOW, KIXI or charity of your choice.

**A Celebration of Life Well Lived
Sunday, August 13, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
At Stilly Valley Center
18308 Smokey Point Blvd, Arlington**

The Peace Plaza (photo far right) was imagined by Sarah Arney and was dedicated to her in December of 2021.

ARLINGTON ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF ART

Celebrating 20 years of bringing art to Arlington! Hard to believe that Arlington’s centennial celebration was 20 years ago. Part of the City’s centennial budget was allocated to art. It was so much fun figuring out how to spend the money and to see the resulting sculptures, murals and plywood cow community project come to life. As a result of that experience, some of us wanted more art for Arlington and started meeting with other interested local artists. The founding trio of Sarah Arney, Jean Olson and Virginia Hatch formed the nonprofit Arlington Arts Council with a primary goal of “bringing art to Arlington.” Read more at www.arlingtonartscouncil.net/news.

Now, with almost 100 public art pieces, including sculptures, murals, and interior art pieces, the Arlington Arts Council is proud of its contributions to the art scene throughout Arlington.

Arlington has become a shining example of what can happen when individuals partner with the City with common goals of enhancing their environment with artwork that speaks to all in some way. Inventory of art: www.arlingtonwa.gov/art



A Life Lived Artfully

We ask you all to recognize a life lived artfully.

Sarah Arney, president of the Arlington Arts Council for twenty years, passed away the morning of June 7 at Cascade Valley Hospital.

Sarah was never one to shy away from a challenging subject. In the last few months of her ongoing battle with cancer, she freely discussed the legacy she would like to leave.

A strong, vibrant arts community in Arlington was at the top of her list. That means all of us, whether working in our art studios, participating in meetings and programs, or supporting the progress of others. We will sorely miss her presence and strong spirit, but let's honor her by keeping on.



Art in Legion Park

August 26 & 27

AAC celebrates creativity of all kinds by showing the talent of AAC members and friends, who offer paintings, photography, wood work, textiles, jewelry, ceramics, gourds and whatever media our artists choose to work with.

The two-day art show is on the last weekend in August and features live music by local musicians, and includes fun art activities for all ages.

Any artist interested in participating should download an application form at www.arlingtonartscouncil.net.



Music on stage Saturday
10am Pacific Northwest Taiko drumming
12-2pm Oyster Bay Band
3-5pm Denny & the Jeffs
6-8pm Randy Norris & The Full Degree Band
Music on stage Sunday
10am to 12 pm David Lee Howard
2-3:30pm Bonfire with
Bonnie Rose & Pete Frothingham

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ART IN LEGION PARK



fine art & crafts
kids art activities
live music & food trucks

AUGUST 26 & 27 2023

Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 4

Berta Baker, Event Chair

Kids' art



Monica Bretherton Retires from AAC Board



Our Vice President Monica Bretherton, is moving to Saint Louis, Missouri. She plans on volunteering with a local arts organization there and will be living near a bike trail that currently has no art...

We are grateful to Monica for her many years as Vice President of the Arlington Arts Council.

Monica leaves her mark here in Arlington with her Dancing Bears and Steelies (public art sculptures). She also produced the latest Arlington Art Walk brochure and participated in and volunteered for Art in Legion Park and other Arlington Arts Council ventures. We loved Monica's perspective as an artist.

We look forward to seeing the public art improvements in Saint Louis!

AAC's Float in the Grand 4th of July Parade

To celebrate 20 years of art in Arlington, AAC founding member Jean Olson asked board members to create a float for the Fourth of July Grand Parade. The Arts Council usually has a presence in the parade, members walking with displays, but Jean really wanted to make a splash. We commissioned Erika Bruss, AAC member, to build a large dynamic crow (our mascot) and set out planning the float. Thanks to Mike Nordine and Tim Johnson for framing in the trailer with grid walls to display art that represents Arlington Arts Council.



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Art Wings by Lori Angdahl installed downtown

Public Art for Smokey Point

Several public art projects were approved in the City's Public Art Program and are being implemented this year.

The Flowers project was submitted by Sarah Arney, and the Flowers are currently in design by artist Alessandra Panieri. The flowers will be located in the City's right of way near Smokey Point Blvd near 169th Street.

A stainless steel sculpture, by Karla Matzke, for the roundabout at 172nd and 43rd Avenue, will be installed August 1.

The City is also working on art wraps for two utility boxes at Smokey Point Blvd.



Above: Concept of Flowers by Alessandra Panieri



At right, images for the utility art wraps: Mt Rainier by Kiss of Heaven Photography, Memories of Alpha Prairie and Pint and Paper by AAC member Janet Myer.

YEA Street Fair Art!

Youth Engaged in Art (YEA) at the Street Fair! AAC board member Mike Nordine coordinates face painters and rock painting for children each year. Located in the City Hall Plaza Friday & Saturday of the Arlington Street Fair in July. Come check out the Sarah Arney Rock Snake created by the community.



Summer Public Art Projects Underway!

More public art projects were approved in the City's Public Art Program and artists are working on projects through the summer!

AAC member Erica Knapp is painting the farm mural on the back of the Grocery Outlet building. AAC member Shiela Arnold is finishing the cemetery outbuilding mural and is painting a sports mural at the Boys & Girls Club.

Elizabeth Person is creating a watercolor map of our view of the mountains. An interpretive sign using the map will be created and located on the Airport Trail.



Farm Mural (in progress) by Erica Knapp



Cemetery Garden Mural by Shiela Arnold

Collaborative Mural Project Set for September

The City has contracted with Brady Black bradyblack.net to create a mural for a large exterior wall at the Boys & Girls Club. This project was suggested by Sarah Arney and the artist was selected by the Public Art Committee. Brady Black specializes in community collaborative murals, "conceptualized and build collaboratively to help a community's voices be seen." A committee will be selected to formulate a theme for the mural, and the community will be able to paint on a special material with the design printed. The material is later attached to the wall and lasts for 25 years.

Stay tuned for community painting days in September!

Information will be posted on City of Arlington and Arts Council Facebook pages.

New Banners Highlight Meet Me in Arlington



City of Arlington commissioned designs for pole banners promoting Meet me in Arlington, by Arlington Graphic Artist Natalie Baertsch. Visit: meetmein Arlington.com

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, email Sarah Lopez slopez@arlingtonwa.gov www.arlingtonwa.gov/art

Monthly Workshops with Members & Guests

Arlington Arts Council meets on the second Tuesday each month at the Arlington Boys & Girls Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. for set up and social time and the program starts at 5:30 p.m. General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!



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Programs:

- March- Janet Lehwald (above left) Painting on silk
- April- Nicki Wight (left) Watercolor artist
- May- Kathy Lynott (near left) alcohol based inks
- June- Members paint art miniatures
- July- Erica Knapp (above right) and the art of sumi-e
- August- Potluck in the park for members
- September- Tobey Anderson, professional story teller

Thanks to Vicki Johnson for coordinating artist demos (photo at right).



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