

# NEWS of the **ARTS** in ARLINGTON

January 2022

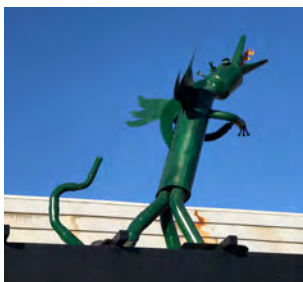


## 2021 Accomplishments

### More public art



- The obelisk on the Peace Plaza was wrapped to dry on Dec. 2 and unveiled officially on Tuesday, Dec. 7. AAC waited patiently for the fabrication of other public art projects funded by the city's Public Art Fund in 2021. See page 2 for more on public art.



- Mike Nordine's dragon sculpture, which he created for the 2020 dragon project, was installed on the arbor at the Innovation Center, right next to his muffler shop on 4th Street..



### Honoring the artists, musicians, creativity

- At left, Candace Morth was one of the AAC members who showed their art work when we

celebrated Arlington's artists at **Art in Legion Park**, Aug. 28 & 29.

- Ron Thordarson, at left, was one of several local musicians who entertained at Art in Legion Park. He performed John Prine tunes and there were also fun art projects for all ages.

- See page 3 for more information.

- At the 8th annual **Legends of the Blues** concert in November, we brought back to town the Northwest blues legend Curtis Salgado and the show was opened by local legends Randy Norris and Jeff Nicely.

- Thanks to the city of Arlington for holding over the lodging tax grant from 2020.

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# ARLINGTON-STILLAGUAMISH EAGLE FESTIVAL



## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5

**Chainsaw Wood Carving Show/Auction Fri. & Sat.  
Eagle Photo Contest, Haiku Contest  
Indoor & Outdoor Nature Art Show  
Rafting on the Stillaguamish River**

**See complete list of activities  
at [arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefestival](http://arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefestival)**

## Eagle Photo & Nature Art Show

Last year's eagle photo contest winner, Dave Govan is featured on the festival poster this year, as per tradition over the past 10 years. All the prize-winning eagle photos will be displayed at the art show, opened to all, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Olympic Theater Cafe, 107 N. Olympic Ave., hosted by Lifeway Church.

Artists of all ages from Snohomish, Island and Skagit counties are invited to enter one eagle photograph and a total of four works of nature art in any media. Deliver your art from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at the Olympic Theater.

Cash rewards include \$200 for best eagle, \$100 for best nature art and \$100 for best of show.

Entry fee is \$5 per piece and for kids under 18, entry fee is a can of food for the food bank. All art must be ready to

hang with wires, and must be picked up at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The art show will be a stop on the Eagle Quest, a project of the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce.

AAC will be offering a raffle basket full of wine to raise funds for operations.

Community artists are also invited to paint nature art on boards provided by the city for an outdoor exhibit to be displayed on the fence in the 400 block of the Centennial Trail. Get your boards to paint at City Hall.

AAC will also offer cash prizes for the best haiku poems.

Learn more about haiku at [arlingtonartscouncil.net/eaglefest](http://arlingtonartscouncil.net/eaglefest)

Enter at  
[arlingtonwa.seamlessdocs.com/f/eaglefestaiku](http://arlingtonwa.seamlessdocs.com/f/eaglefestaiku)

## AAC Board of Directors

Arlington Arts Council enjoys the loyalty of a committed board of directors, only partially portrayed at right, at Art in Legion Park last summer: from left, Jean Olson, Vicki Johnson, Sarah Lopez and Sarah Arney in back.

We are excited to add a new director for the year ahead: Coral Biller joins the returning board members including her dad, Mike Nordine, who serves as youth art coordinator. Berta Baker is our art show coordinator. Vicki Johnson plans programs for the member meetings and Sarah Lopez coordinates communications for AAC. Marilyn Oertle is our liaison with City Council. Jean Olson, is treasurer, Monica Bretherton is vice president and Sarah Arney, president.





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2021 accomplishments



At left, city M&O staff install the two Dancing Bear sculptures at the entrance to the city parking lot, on a chilly day in the fall. The bears were designed by AAC Vice President Monica Bretherton and fabricated at Newell Corporation, a project managed by Bob Hines, who also facilitated the fabrication of the Leaping Bunnies.



## AAC contributions for 2021

At left, **Gerry Newcomb**, of Lopez, wraps up the placing of his glass art on the obelisk at West and Haller avenues. AAC contributed \$10,000 toward the art glass on the Peace Plaza that was unveiled Tuesday, Dec. 7. Our biggest project to date, the Peace Plaza was truly a team effort. We must thank city engineer **Ryan Morrison** for his schematic drawing of the plaza that served as a vision for the project. Also, thanks to **Arlington City Council** for funding construction of the plaza with the city's Public Art Fund. Thanks to **Sarah Lopez** for managing the project and asking the right questions at the right time. A local tile layer, **Doug Drier** served as installation assistant. Also thanks to **Brandon and Aaron Zachry, Jason Leatherman and Randy Dillenbech, at Cuz Concrete**, for figuring out how to build an obelisk. **Tyler Andrews, at PNW Civil Engineering** engineered and constructed the plaza to hold the obelisk. AND thanks to Jean Olson, Marilyn Oertle and Sarah Arney for the vision—they were inspired by a Peace Pole in Zihuatanejo several years ago. In a surprise announcement by Jean Olson during the unveiling, the Peace Plaza has been dedicated to AAC founding president Sarah Arney.



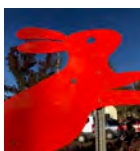
## SMA Art Advocate of Arlington Awards finalized

Over the past 10 years, Arlington Arts Council has honored community members who have contributed to our mission to bring art to Arlington, with each annual art advocate placed on a plaque created by glass artist Kurt McVay and displayed in the mayor's office. Starting in 2009, **Jean Olson and Terry Marsh** were honored for all their hard work on the community fish art project; In 2010, **Paul Nyenhuis** was honored for offering his flute music at events; In 2011 **Mayor Margaret Larson** was selected for her ongoing support of AAC efforts; In 2012, **Norma Pappas** was honored for bringing the art of movies to town; In 2013, it was **Heather Logan**, who, as administrator of Cascade Valley Hospital, led the effort to select art for the expansion of the hospital; In 2014, **Glen Zachry** was named for Cuz Concrete's assistance in providing concrete pads for sculptures; In 2015, **George Boulton** was honored for his ongoing support of the arts in Arlington; In 2016 **Jeff Nicely** was named for his efforts to bring the art of blues music to town; In 2017 **Public Works Director Jim Kelly** was named art advocate of the year after he offered to include art in the 67th Avenue road project; In 2018, we honored **Johnny Green** and all those who helped build the stage in Legion Park; In 2019 **Mayor Barb Tolbert** was named art advocate for her support of the ordinance for public art in Arlington; And finally the last spot on the plaque, went in 2020 to the **Arlington Arts Council** itself.



## Graffiti under the bridge

At left, AAC Vice President Monica Bretherton repaired the **"Going to Ride"** mural designed by Janet Myer and painted by arts council members several years ago. The mural on the pillar under Haller Bridge was damaged last summer by graffiti and also had some limestone drippings from the concrete pillar. Monica painstakingly scrubbed and scraped the graffiti markings as well as limestone drippings.



The **Leaping Bunnies**, designed by Sarah Arney, were installed last summer and they appeared to have some bullet wounds, but luckily they were stickers that could be easily removed. At right, **"Eagles Return Home"** by Caroline Sumpter was installed early last year at the ponds at 67th Avenue entrance to Gleneagle, a project coordinated by the Gleneagle Homeowners Landscaping Committee.





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*Plans for 2022*



## AAC honors artists

Thanks to AAC's art show coordinator Roberta Baker, (above) Art In Legion Park was held on the last weekend of August last summer, after skipping 2020. The outdoor art show that features AAC members and friends will be held on the last weekend of August again this year, Aug. 27 & 28, 2022, thanks to another grant from the city of Arlington.



Art in Legion Park offers fun art activities for youth and a community art project that resulted in 2021 a large canvas mural

depicting the Cheri O'Brien painting, "Up the Valley."



## Celebrating music

The show also celebrates the art of music, featuring Arlington area musicians, including Dennis Griffiths and his Junior Geezers (or was it senior geezers?), with special guest, an AAC Art Advocate Jeff Nicely, on harmonica. And we enjoyed the rhythms of Brazil by Batucada, which includes an Arlington middle school teacher Joe Horsak.



Two "postcard" murals designed by Sarah Lopez are printed on metal and will be installed soon: one for downtown Arlington and one for the Smokey Point community of Arlington.



## Proposals for 2022

For 2022, AAC added several projects to the 19 proposals that were submitted in response to the city's call for proposals. AAC proposed the Wonderland Bench (above) by Lance Carleton, to be placed at the senior center bus stop on Smokey Point Boulevard, and we requested funds to finish the retaining wall at the Peace Plaza with a mosaic. The city's Public Art Committee (PAC), is composed of several AAC members and other community artists, Councilperson Marilyn Oertle, and Sarah Lopez, the city's Community Engagement Director. After the PAC's review, the proposals were also review by the city's Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC). City Council was scheduled to vote on the proposed budget from the Public Art Fund, on January 18. Proposals include several murals, art for a new roundabout at 43rd Avenue on 172nd Street, and art for the new 173rd Street in Smokey Point, as well as art for bus stops, and more seasonal banners.



A second airplane bench is in production with 2021 funds, and a third one has been proposed for Airport Boulevard, in response to a request from walkers for more benches along the trail there.

AAC will do what we can to help find the best art for our community. Watch for calls for art at [facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil](https://facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil).



At left, this **Little Gallery** was built by Mason Diemer, of Troop 92, for his Eagle Scout project. Passersby are invited to take a work of art and leave one in its place. It's on the trail behind the police station.





*Sally Hudson demonstrated her technique using alcohol inks, at AAC's October meeting. In February, basket maker Judy Zugish, of Marysville, will demonstrate basket weaving, and in April Seattle Mosaic Arts will present the art of mosaic.*

## Membership open to all

- (Well, except for cancelling in January due to omicron), AAC has resumed monthly meetings at the Arlington Boys & Girls Club, 18513 59th Ave. NE, Arlington, on the second Tuesday each month. Doors open for set up at 5 p.m. and art demonstrations and/or activities begin at 5:30. A short meeting follows at 6:30.
- All are welcome to attend AAC meetings. Membership dues remain at \$20 and will be accepted at the monthly meetings until April when the price goes up to \$25. Or mail checks to Jean Olson, AAC Treasurer, 1003 E. First St., Arlington 98223.
- AAC members and friends are invited to lead projects at monthly meetings. For information contact Vicki Johnson at vljfrog@gmail.com.
- Members can link their own website with the AAC website by contacting Sarah Lopez, at slopez@arlingtonwa.gov.
- For information see [ArlingtonArtsCouncil.net](http://ArlingtonArtsCouncil.net) or [Facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonArtsCouncil)

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## Membership/Donation form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card name \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Membership	\$20
AAC Supporter	\$50
Art Advocate	\$100
Art Enthusiast	\$500
Art Fiend	\$1,000
Other	_____

**Checks are best!** Make 'em out to Arlington Arts Council  
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