

# NEWS of the ARTS in ARLINGTON

January 2025 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 1, 2025.

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 three works of art but only 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 \$50 in one of two age categories, up to 10 years old and 11 to 17 years old. 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 7 p.m. Friday, January 31 and artists must be prepared to pick up their work at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The art show is open to the public all day Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a small auction and 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](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/eagleart)

Eagle Festival: [www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/eaglefest)

## EAGLE FESTIVAL



2024 prize-winning eagle photo by Don Heinsberg

### Haiku Contest

Also during Arlington's Stillaguamish Eagle Festival, AAC welcomes poets of all ages to write haiku poems about nature. AAC will award \$50 cash prizes in two categories: youth up to 17 years old and adults 18 years old and up.

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](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov/eagleart)

*snow, sleet, rain, and ice  
more weather than I can bear  
too bad I'm locked out  
By Jean Olson*



### Art Activity for Kids

During the festival, Arts Council members will host a free art activity for children. Volunteers are welcome to help at the event. Contact Sarah Lopez at [slopez@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:slopez@arlingtonwa.gov).

# Members Confirm 2025 Board of Directors at Annual Christmas Party

The 2024 board offered to lead another year and brought on two new board members to assist with duties in 2025.

President: Kevin Krieg  
Vice President: Bill Koger  
Treasurer: Catherine Carpenter  
Secretary: Alice Burgin  
Board Member: Roberta Baker  
Board Member: Allen Bollinger  
Board Member: Barbara DeCaro  
Board Member: Christina Looney  
Communications: Sarah Lopez (non-board)

Roberta Baker hosted the annual Christmas Party, where attendance was perhaps at the record high, with new members and guests in attendance.

It is encouraging to see so many newer members participating with the Arts Council. We are excited to see where 2025 takes us and how we can support art in our community.

## City Continues Public Art Projects

The City will be finishing several 2024 projects in 2025, including the revitalization of the Centennial Fountain, chainsaw carvings for Division Street roundabouts, a sundial at the Stormwater Wetland Park, and mural at Haller Park SR9 bridge column.

2025 new project include a logging mural, repairs to murals, repainting gateway sign art, and several other smaller projects. Stay tuned!

## AAC Member Erica Knapp Creates Centennial Trail Greetings Mural

This summer, Erica Knapp painted and installed the Centennial Trail Greetings mural along the trail near Bovee Estates. The photo below is just one section of the mural. The project was part of the 2024 Public Art program, sponsored by the City of Arlington.



Artist Erica Knapp said, "I absolutely love it when I see bikers and trail-goers taking time to stop and take pictures of the mural. Sharing art and having it welcomed is the greatest reward."



## Arts Council's Renewed Efforts to Bring More Art Shows

The Board of Directors is making an effort to provide more opportunities for artists to show and sell their work. As a goal for 2025, there are several events in the works.

Upcoming 2025 art shows:

- Eagle Festival Art Show February 1
- Art in Legion Park, August 23-24
- Art at Oktoberfest, October 18
- Holiday Bazaar, date to be determined

We had an art show during Arlington's Oktoberfest in the Innovation Center in downtown Arlington. It was a fabulous display from artists in our community. The public enjoyed the space filled with art.

We also hosted a holiday bazaar at the Boys and Girls Club on December 14. This was our first attempt at this type of event. Now that we have a feel for it, we are excited to offer another event for crafters and artists to sell during the 2025 holiday season.

## Monthly AAC Programs:

Arlington Arts Council meets on the second Tuesday each month at the Arlington Boys & Girls Club in Hadley Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for set up and social time, and the artist program/presentation starts at 5:30 p.m. The General Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend! Thanks to Barbara DeCaro for coordinating each month's programs.

## Upcoming Programs:

- February 11: Miniature Valentine Paintings (hands-on) with Sarah Lopez
- March 11: 4th of July Float Planning with Kevin Krieg
- April 8: First Aid for Events
- May 13: Limestone Carving with Bob Basta
- June 10: Quick Set Resin Art with Deedee Belveal (hands-on)
- July: No meeting
- August 12: Picnic in the Park
- September 9: Colored pencils with Kathy Whitman (hands-on)
- October 14: Crows on Maps with Cheryl Brown
- November 11: Arlington's Public Art
- December 9: Christmas Party



In November, special guest Scott Jones, a fine art gallery sales consultant, presented to the Arts Council at the monthly meeting. He gave us much insight into gallery sales and selling art. Most importantly to have business cards and a website with your recent art, what you are working on, and something about yourself.

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



*Gina Hanzsek*



*Renee Klause*



*Bill Koger*



*Shiela Arnold*



*Jacques Drapeau*



*Christina Looney*



*Dennis Heaton*



*Nancy Reese*

## 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 Jean Olson [jbo1950@msn.com](mailto:jbo1950@msn.com) for details. The size range of 16" x 20" or 18" x 24" works pretty well. The art remains at the library for 3 months. The art change out is January 11th, so the next will be in April.

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## Sarah M. Arney Scholarship

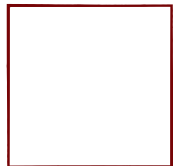
The Sarah M Arney (Arlington Arts Council) Scholarship will be offered to graduating students from the Arlington School District through the Dollars for Scholars program. Students who will major in fine arts, music, photography, journalism or education relating to these subjects, should apply. The 2025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

## A Collaborative Public Art Project

It started with a proposal to create metal art for the street medians in front of the Arlington High School at Crown Ridge Blvd. to beautify the large medians, while providing a learning opportunity for students. The City enlisted the assistance of artists Caroline Sumpter and Don Frazier to create the art design. The AHS metal shop teacher, Michael Gudgeon, got his class started on fabrication in Feb. of 2024. By May they had the metal pieces put together and ready for paint at Superior Powder Coating. The City crew installed the art in December of 2024.



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## Arlington Arts Council Donation Form and Membership Application

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please only send checks.**

Annual membership \$20

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