



Allied Arts of Renton

Dragon Lands on Renton Rooftop! Renton's Challenge to the Fremont Troll

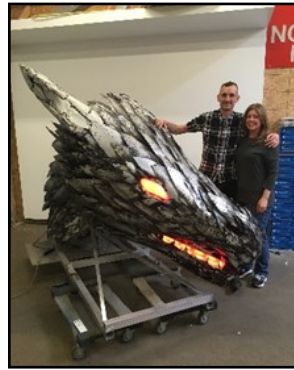
By Jessie Kotarskir
Renton Municipal Art Commission

On Saturday, April 13, Renton celebrated the installation of the city's latest public art piece in the historic downtown as crowds gathered to witness the "lighting of the dragon." The dragon project was a collaboration between Marsha Rollinger and Dylan Neuwirth, the Creative Director at Western Neon, and the whole Western Neon team.

Renton is a culturally diverse city, and dragons appear in many different cultures. Wizards of the Coast (Dungeons & Dragons, Magic the Gathering, etc.) is also headquartered here in Renton, which is another tie-in, along with Boeing's Renton plant and the Renton Airport being located so close to downtown (ties to the flight aspect).

The city council approved this project with funding from the 1% for the Arts to make it a reality. This 750-pound beauty sits atop the corner building at South 3rd Street and Wells Avenue South, standing nearly 15 feet above the parapet.

It's hard to miss the silver head and glowing eyes peering down as you walk or drive by.



Installation of the 750-pound dragon atop the downtown building was a challenging task, but city crews were up to the chore.

The dragon is a permanent installation and has the potential to be to Renton, what the ***Troll Under the Bridge*** is to Fremont.



Allied Arts Presidents' Letter

By Co-Presidents Linda Middlebrooks and Deloris Dewing

Here we are again communicating with our members and donors through the spring newsletter. We believe in Allied Arts of Renton knowing that it brings all kinds of arts to our community - and we hope you believe in us too. A big thanks to all our donors who are helping us with our goals! Our eleven-member volunteer board donates not only their time but a goodly amount of money to this cause.

We are hoping that those of you who read this newsletter will join our AAR board in this endeavor. We welcome any donation, however large or small.

Over 200 newsletters are sent out in the spring and then again in the fall. Sometimes, we wonder how many are read. With the price of stamps and paper going up, we would like to determine which of you read and enjoy our newsletters. We are thinking of cutting back and sending the newsletter to only members and donors. (Membership is only \$8 or even less if you are a student or senior). We know that many people now receive their news via the internet, and we are wondering if we should be communicating electronically. Saving on newsletter print would enable us to spend more of our dollars on other projects so please help us to decide our future course of action. We are very much looking forward to your input.

Have a wonderful year, and we hope to see you at some of the coming arts events that you will read about in this issue.

The Allied Arts year runs from June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020. The following have made contributions to Allied Arts for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2019.

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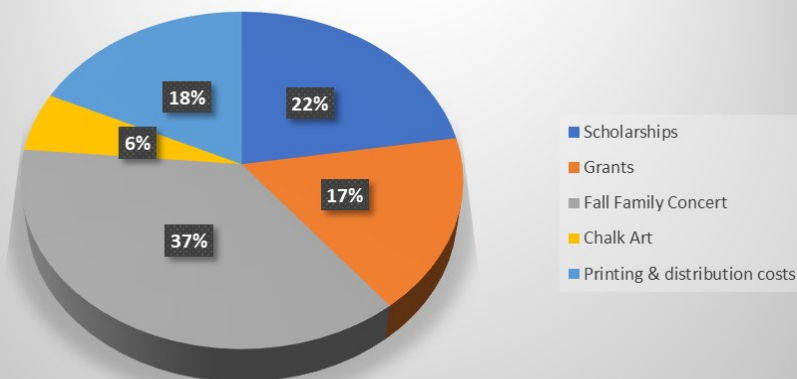
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Your Allied Art Membership Dollars at Work



Have you ever wondered where your membership dollars and donations go? The Allied Arts Board of Directors is proud of our tradition of making sure that our revenues stay right here in our local community.

Our mission statement dictates that we encourage our community's understanding of, appreciation of, and participation in the arts, by helping to introduce and support a broad variety of the arts to people of all ages and incomes. Allied Arts of Renton has been promoting the arts since its formation in 1963. We champion and invest in artistic excellence through grants, scholarships, events, services, and prizes to artists and art organizations within our community.

Foremost among our accomplishments are:

- funding for the annual *Chalk Art Contest*, during Renton River Days
- patronage for visual arts by involvement in the *Renton Annual Art Show*
- sponsorship of performing arts at the *Fall Family Concert*, featuring the famous Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra
- management of the *Arts Alive for Youth Scholarships*, providing scholarship monies for talented youth musicians in our community
- support for the literary arts through sponsorship of book signings and local author readings

We continually strive to maximize contributions and reduce expenditures, and are working toward further improvements in our budgeting.

We thank you for your support!

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Keeping the Arts Alive in Renton

Annual Chalk Art Contest

By Melody Kroeger

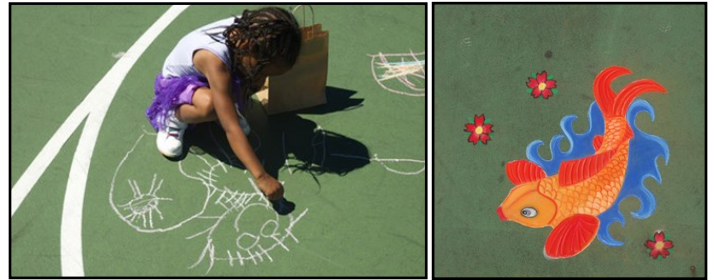
Remember when the first time you wrote on the sidewalk with chalk? Perhaps a hopscotch grid or maybe your name? Come down to Liberty Park and experience the joy of creating art in a public and collective way. Grab a bucket of chalk and relive your childhood!

During Renton River Days, participants of all skill levels are invited to create chalk drawings on the tennis courts in Liberty Park. Professional and amateur artists, work side by side to transform plain old green pavement into gorgeous, vibrant scenes of science fantasy, mystery, and depictions of everyday life.

Visitors to Renton's two-day summer festival can expect to see a wide variety of talent from stick figures to drawings that bring the tennis court to life.

Part of the allure of these public art works, made of chalk and pavement, is that they are created to be disappear. The magic comes when the public gets to witness the artistic process, something that is usually tucked away in a studio, emerging out there on the tennis courts.

Dragons, giant colorful koi, science fiction creatures, and yellow rubber duckies, slowly begin to appear, only to be washed away days later. How, one might wonder, can artists work for hours creating art, knowing it's only temporary?



Artists, who want to be considered for cash prizes and awards, will be divided into five categories: Professional Artist; Adults, ages 18 and up; Juniors, ages 13-17; and Tweens ages 9-12. (The children's division is not judged, but all participating young artists receive a prize). Judging begins at 3:00 p.m. Awards will be given in each division and the People's Choice and Best Theme will be presented 3:30 p.m. This year, Chalk Art will take place on **Saturday, July 27, 2019**, immediately following the Renton River Days Parade. Each artist will receive a selection of colorful chalk and an assigned square and registration is free!

Come on down and witness, first hand, the magical transformation of plain green pavement into intricate arrangements of unexpectedly bold and vibrant beauty.

Public Art Opportunity! Paint a Fire Hydrant

By Jessie Kotarskir

Renton Municipal Art Commission

The Arts Commission has partnered with the South Renton Neighborhood Association to participate in an exciting new public art campaign. Sybil McIntyre is one of several local artists who answered the call from the Arts Commission and South Renton Neighborhood Association, to submit designs for their fire hydrant project. Artists will transform twenty hydrants in the South Renton neighborhood into works of art in downtown Renton.

The goal of this program is to embrace the artistic talents of local individuals while displaying creative artwork throughout the community. The hydrant project gives the public a chance to see that art can be created anywhere and from anything.

Interested artists will be permitted to "adopt" fire hydrants within the South Renton neighborhood and create artistic designs for them. There is no specific theme for this program, though artists are encouraged to incorporate the character and history of the surrounding environment and neighborhood into their artwork. The program is free and open to the public. Selected artists will receive \$300 per hydrant to cover the cost of materials, supplies and design fees.

Applicants are welcome to submit multiple designs for consideration. Interested artists can submit their design for consideration. The Call for Artists is available for download at rentondowntown.com/hydrants.



People Working Together Make a Difference

Bea Mathewson - Early Member of AAR

By Jaris English



It was my pleasure to visit with Allied Arts of Renton's earliest member, Bea Mathewson. Bea started was born in Beaux Arts Village on May 4 and will turn 104 years young on that date this year! We met in the office of her home at Merrill Gardens in Renton. She just moved there a year ago. Before that, she was still managing alone in the family home that she had moved to with her husband in 1939. The family home and property was near the present day Fred Meyers and they were involved in the coal mining industry and automotive services.

Bea has been supporting Allied Arts of Renton since the 1960's. She was a founding member of the Philanthropic Education Association. Their goal is to promote education for women. She has always reached out to help people in the community. She told me, "It's the way things were back then. If someone needs something done, you just do it. It's part of the flow of life."

As a member and past president of the local chapter of the International Business and Professional Women group, she participated in many civic ventures to open opportunities for women. She has travelled extensively, worked for many years in the school district, is still involved in a book club, and is active in the First United Methodist Church. Also has always been a strong presence in Renton and was one of the earliest benefactors for Renton River Days. Bea is close to her children and grandchildren. Two sons were in the service during the Vietnam War.

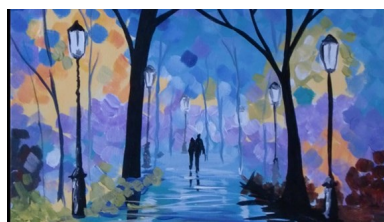
I was impressed that she is not intimidated by the electronic age as so many younger people are. I know she communicates by email with many family members and friends. I asked her if she used her computer often, and she said, "Yes, but I like my iPad better." What an amazing woman!

Welcome Artists and Art Lovers to the 2019 Renton Annual Art Show

By Linda Middlebrooks

The nonprofit, all volunteer Renton Annual Art Show will be open to the public during Renton River Days, July 26, 27, and 28. If you are an artist or know one that might like to enter art work to be juried, we invite you to visit our web site and print out an entry form. (www.rentonannualartshow.com). The site will give you all the information you will need.

The Preview Party for the show, will be on Thursday, July 25, starting at 8 p.m. in the banquet room at the Renton Community Center. This very special event is \$20 per person for an evening of live music, beautiful art pieces, a buffet table of light hors d'oeuvres, wine, and presentation of the Artistic Awards.



Allied Art Board members support this outstanding show with awards money and volunteer hours. If you are interested in volunteering for this event,

call Linda Middlebrooks at 206-919-9746 or email jmidbk@aol.com.



Come Meet Local Authors at Boon Boona Coffee

By Deloris Dewing

As a new venue for our organization, Allied Arts of Renton will sponsor "Author Readings" in cooperation with the Renton Writers Workshop and the new downtown coffee business, Boon Boona, to be held Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the readings event is to expose the public to the cadre of talented writers in our midst and to give the writers the opportunity to be heard and read.

The evening will commence with short introductions from Allied Arts and the Writers group, which is headed by Judy Kimball, followed by six or seven readings with time for questions or comments.

Admission is free with coffee and wine available for purchase.

Making the Arts Come Alive in Renton

75th Anniversary of Fall Family Concert

By Deloris Dewing



Maestro Adam Stern
conducts the Seattle
Philharmonic Orchestra

The Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra will celebrate its 75th-year anniversary with an exceptional Fall Family Concert at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Maestro Adam Stern has selected newly composed music to suit the occasion.

Fanfare by local composer, Gina Gillie, will begin the program, followed by Haydn's Symphony No. 75. Honoring the Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra's commitment to women composers, Dutch composer, Henrietta Bosman's (1895-1952) "Poeme" for cello and orchestra, with local cellist Nathan Whittaker, ends the first half of the concert. The "All American" second half of the concert features three works written the same year as SPO's origin of the year - 1940.

Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "Appalachian Spring" open, will be followed by a Symphonic Suite from Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical, "Oklahoma!"

We hope you will join us by marking your calendars now. Allied Arts' goal is to offer these professional musicians' concerts at an affordable price for the entire family. Adults, \$8.00, Seniors, \$5.00 and Students, Seniors: \$3.00.



Left: The student performers for this years' concert are, front row from left: Gabriele Vera-Kavanaugh (cello), Johlessa Orm (viola) Constance Turner (2nd violin), Elisha Tzeng (2nd violin), Sydney Hundelt (cello), Nathan Marsee (cello) Back row: Liam Jenness (Bass) and Corban Thompson (Bass).



Right above: The brass section is ably enhanced by a local harpist.

More Arts in Our Community



Renton Municipal Arts Commission Update

By Jessie Kostarkir

The Renton Municipal Arts Commission takes pride in serving and connecting the general public and local artists with information and opportunities. Below you will find opportunities for area artists of all ages and skill levels to further their education, advance their skill sets, connect with other creatives and get involved in the community. Renton Artists Grant Workshop held to launch the 2019 RMAC Grants Program

As your local arts agency, it is the duty of the Arts Commission to help maintain Renton's unique identity by investing in the organizations and artists who make our diverse community healthy and vibrant. Local artists were invited to join the Arts Commission for a special workshop on Monday, April 22 at the Fairwood Library to learn about the many grant offerings that might be a good fit for your creative activities. Program staff from 4Culture and members of the Arts Commission provided an overview of the Commission's grant programs, shared insights into finding and securing other grants for artists, and guided participants in best practices for composing successful grant applications.

The Art Commission 2019 Grant program was officially launched at the April 22 workshop. Special Project Grants and Sustaining Support Grants are available for artists working in all disciplines including, dance, theater, music, media, literature, and the visual arts. Grant applications are available at rentonwa.gov/rmac

Civic Theatre Announces Season Schedule

Bill Huls the Managing Artistic Director of Renton Civic Theatre is proud and excited to announce the 32nd season line up of shows.

Talented local teens will be putting their talents on display with **Into the Woods**.

The Butler Did It! will spoof all of those British murder mysteries.

For the holidays **Nuncrackers** will be fun for the whole family with lots of singing ruckous nunnery fun.

Sylvia shows us life from a dog's point of view.

The August Wilson play **Fences** will leave everyone with something to think about.

The season ends with one of the all time best soundtracks - the block buster hit of the 60's, **Hair**.

This is going to be a season to remember. Do not forget we also have comedy nights, our New Year's Eve concert and many other things happening all year long. Come and join us!



Calling Multicultural Performers

By Jessie Kostarkir

The City of Renton is looking for a variety of performers for its Third Annual Renton Multicultural Festival, which will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Carco Theatre and Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Renton Pavilion Event Center and Piazza Park.

Performances should reflect their culture and individuality in an art form that engages the audience in a brief demonstration.

Send in an application form with any promotional materials no later than May 24, 2019: rentonwa.gov/multiculturalfestival. Or email the Call for Performers Application with links to audio files or online recordings to DEken@rentonwa.gov



Performers from earlier festivals showcase their culture and talents.



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| • ADULT MEMBERSHIP | \$ 8.00 |
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Allied Arts of Renton

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ALLIED ARTS MEETINGS

Held the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. There are no meetings in July or December. Locations vary—call **206-772-4010**

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FALL FAMILY CONCERT

**Sunday, October 20, 2019,
2:00 p.m.**
Renton IKEA Performing
Arts Center
400 South 2nd Street, Renton

Information:
206-772-6528

*Renton Writers Workshop, Allied Arts of Renton and
Boon Boona Coffee*

Proudly invite you to share an evening with us
Wednesday, May 29, 2019 ~ 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

AUTHOR READINGS

by local poets, essayists and novelists from
Renton Writers Workshop

At Boon Boona Coffee, 724 S. 3rd Street, Renton
FREE ADMISSION
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ALLIED ARTS OF RENTON Annual Meeting Scheduled for May 28, 2019

Notice of the annual meeting of Allied Arts of Renton is hereby given to all members ~ Our annual meeting this year will be on May 28, 2019 at the home of board member, Janice Tanner. We will start with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. All members of Allied Arts are welcome to attend.

The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2019 - 2020 year:

Co-Presidents: Deloris Dewing & Linda Middlebrooks

Secretary: Patricia Tucker Dolan

Treasurer: Shari Fisher

Also, nominated for another three-year board position are Linda Middlebrooks and Sonja Kyes.

If you are an AAR member listed on page two of this newsletter, and plan on attending the meeting, please e-mail: jmidbk@aol.com or call 425-226-2298 - no later than May 24. We hope to see you there!



Current board members include, left to right: Donna Duffey, Jaris English, Sue Tierney, Linda Middlebrooks, Shari Fisher, Deloris Dewing, and standing: Cira Reymann. Others not pictured are: Melody Kroeger, Janice Tanner, Sonja Keyes and Pat Tucker-Dolan.

About Allied Arts of Renton

Allied Arts is an all volunteer non-profit organization where every cent received in donations goes directly into arts-oriented programs. By seeking grants and partnerships, and using our own in-kind talents, we have helped keep the arts alive and well in Renton. Our organization supports visual arts, vocal and instrumental music, performing arts, as well as the literary arts. Your generous donations help us greatly in this endeavor.