



Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation

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The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to education and the cultural enrichment of our community through the arts. The Foundation gifts more than \$80,000 annually in the form of arts-related scholarships and grants. In addition, over the past 40 years the Foundation has provided more than \$1 million to fund public art installations and large community projects. The Edmonds Arts Festival, held annually in June for more than 60 years, is the primary fundraiser that allows the Foundation to realize its mission.

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Supporting the Arts In Our Community

In keeping with the Arts Festival's Mission and Vision, in addition to providing funding for our core scholarship and grants programs, the Foundation actively supports local artists and events and provides exposure to the arts for community members in a number of ways, including two places where community members can view and be educated in the arts.

- **Arts Festival Gallery** – Rotating exhibits showcase local arts organizations
- **ArtWorks** – Classroom and meeting spaces for artists to gather and learn
- **ArtistsConnect** – A regional group of artists who meet regularly
- **DeMiero Jazz Festival**
- **Olympic Ballet**
- **Steel Magic Northwest**

The following are affiliated artist organizations/events of the Foundation:

- **Edmonds Art Studio Tour** – Area artists who hold an annual tour of local art studios and art sale
- **ArtSplash** – An annual art show and sale by local artists

2019 Results

VISION

As a dynamic force in promoting the arts, the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation envisions a vibrant arts community in which every person has the opportunity to access and appreciate art.

10

Community
Art Grants

25

Art Instruction
Grants

13

Art Student
Scholarships

1

Public Art &
Special Projects

\$118K+

Community
Investment

2

Supported Artist
Organizations

\$24k

in Community
Art Grants

110

Public Art
Classes Offered
via ArtWorks

\$30k

Grant to Support
Public Art



From the President

"It's an exciting time to be a part of the vibrant community of Edmonds! As always, the we will continue to be at the forefront of promoting the arts in Edmonds and we're excited for you to see some of the many impactful things the Foundation is doing for the Edmonds arts community. We couldn't do it without you, so here's a big THANK YOU!"

**Terry Vehrs, President
Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation**

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Programs

Programs that the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation (Foundation) supports annually include:

- **Art Student Scholarships** – Program for students of the visual arts.
- **Art Instruction Grants** – Supplemental art instruction in K-12 classrooms.
- **Community Art Grants** – Arts-related funding for non-profit organizations.
- **Public Art and Special Projects** – Funding for public and non-profit art installations and spaces.

Art Student Scholarships



Mummy Award Scholarship recipient Kristen Walter

The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation awarded scholarships to 15 impressive students, all of whom are pursuing higher education degrees in the Visual Arts. The process of applying for a scholarship requires lots of work and reflection.

Each of the students who received scholarships were required to obtain letters of recommendation, provide grades, describe art classes they would take in college and generally demonstrate their commitment to the arts.

The students who applied had varied academic goals including graphic design, engineering, computer science, architecture, game design and becoming an art instructor.

After their applications were submitted and accepted, each student had an in-person interview with the Scholarship Committee. All of the students were very well prepared, poised and eager to talk about their art and their goals for college.

Students who were awarded scholarships were honored at a reception at ArtWorks in May. Their parents and teachers watched proudly as each student shared his or her art and talked about their future college plans.



Scholarship recipient Treavor Lean makes his presentation.

In June, students provided a piece of their art which was exhibited in the Art Gallery at the 2019 Edmonds Arts Festival. Thousands of people attending the Festival were able to view their work. All of the students may apply for a scholarship for a second year.

In the meantime, the Student Art Scholarship Chair, Barbara Norgaard-Reid said, "We had a great group of students in 2019 and we're so pleased we could help them with tuition as they pursue an arts-related college degree. We are now inviting students to apply for our 2020 scholarships."

A new award this year was from the Pamela Mummy fund which gave Kristen Walter a scholarship in addition to her Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation scholarship. The 2019 Sambataro family scholarship was awarded to Shelby Norton.



2019 scholarships were awarded to:

- Jaylene Ball
- Charlotte Day
- Jackie Karis
- Trevor Leen
- Isaiah Reitan
- Isabelle Simons
- Lena Stavig
- Nomin Ulziisakhan

Renewing their scholarships were:

- Tesla Kawakami
- JiEon Lee
- Hannah Noh
- Nazar Patriy
- Stephen Smith

Photo: 2019 Art Scholarship Winners
Diana Scheel, Cat in the Moon Photography

Left to right: Isabelle Simons, Nomin Ulziisakhan, Jaylene Ball, Isaiah Reitan, Shelby Norton, Hannah Noh, JiEon Lee, Jackie Karis, Lena Stavig, Trevor Leen, and Kristen Walter. Not pictured: Charlotte Day, Tesla Kawakami, Nazir Patriu, Stephen Smith.

Art Instruction Grants

In 2019, 25 Art Instruction Grants were awarded to Edmonds School District educators to enhance visual art instruction in classrooms.

This annual grant program, started in 1996, has contributed more than \$360,000 to schools allowing the financing of art instruction, hands-on projects, materials, and equipment.

Over the years, thousands of students have participated in creating art through these instruction grants.

The Foundation congratulates grant recipients for focusing on visual arts and culture that promote student education.



Garden Art Grant, Edmonds K-12



Raku Pottery, Meadowdale High School



Chihuly Bilagio Project, Beverly Elementary

In 2019, more than \$30,000 was awarded to the following institutions:

Elementary Schools

Beverly Elementary: Chihuly's Belagio
Cedar Valley Elementary: We Are One World Mosaic
Cedar Valley Elementary: Paint Night Program
Hazelwood Elementary: Technology and Art
Maplewood Co-op Elementary: Storytelling in Art and Literature
Mountlake Terrace Elementary: Little Hawk Art K-3 Grade
Mountlake Terrace Elementary: Little Hawk Art 4th-6th Grade
Oak Heights Elementary: Clay Sculpture, Bird and Nest
Sherwood Elementary: Art Enrichment Classes
Spruce Elementary: Nevelson Sculpture with Docent
Westgate Elementary: Continuing Art Ed, Staff/Docents

Middle Schools

Alderwood Middle School: Ceramic Wall Pockets
Brier Terrace Middle School: Patterns in Nature Print Making
Brier Terrace Middle School: Soul Mask

High Schools

Edmonds Woodway High School: Environmental Scanography
Edmonds Woodway High School: Raku Firing
Edmonds Woodway High School: Raku Vessels
Meadowdale High School: Mark Making
Meadowdale High School: Mural Making
Meadowdale High School: Throwing our Worries Away
Meadowdale High School: Raku Pottery with Seattle Pottery
Meadowdale High School: Meadowdale Arts Week
Meadowdale High School: Glass Fusing
Edmonds Heights K12 Home School Center: Art of Science with Ceramics
Edmonds Heights K12 Home School Center: Edmonds Heights Garden Art

Community Art Grants

The Community Art Grants program awards grants to non-profit organizations that provide community-based arts education. These organizations may supply services, materials and programs in the visual, performing and literary arts. They complete an online application describing their project and how the grant will be used to enhance art in the community. Each application is reviewed by a committee to ensure compliance with all requirements and provide a summary report at project conclusion.

Some examples of how community grants help local organizations include the DeMiero Jazz Festival that was attended by more 1,200 jazz choir students from around the Pacific Northwest. Since student registration fees only cover about one-fourth of the costs of presenting this event, their \$3,000 grant helped cover the costs for many students to attend the 3-day event.

Another grant helped with the sponsorship of Kidstock attended by close to 2,500 people. A grant to Olympic Ballet assisted with summer production costs and a grant provided to the Girl Scouts helped 150 Girl Scouts participate in art projects at a 7-day residential camp. Many other non-profit organizations were awarded grants that benefited our community.



In 2019, \$24,000 in grants were awarded to these organizations:

- City of Edmonds Bird Fest
- DeMiero Jazz Festival
- Edmonds Arts Commission
- Edmonds Center for the Arts
- Edmonds School District Girl Scouts of Western Washington, Cedar & Sound Community Camp
- Edmonds Senior Center
- Lynnwood Arts Commission
- Olympic Ballet
- Scriber Lake High School Drama Program
- Steel Magic Northwest

Special Projects & Public Art

The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation has a long history of supporting the community with funding assistance for public art. In 2019 a \$30,000 grant was awarded to the Edmonds Historical Museum to assist with funding for a Coast Salish carving that will reside at the museum.


The Coast Salish people are of fundamental importance to the heritage of Edmonds. The museum is celebrating that history with a cedar panel carving by Ty Juvenil, a Native American artist with the Tulalip tribes.

The carving depicts Coast Salish natives using the marsh along the waterfront of what is now Edmonds.

The tribes used the marsh in the summer months for salmon and crustacean fishing, and for harvesting reeds and medicinal plants. Many different Coast Salish tribes used the marsh and met there to seek marriage partners and engage in tribal diplomacy.

The carving is in the unique style of the Coast Salish people. Cultural leaders with the Tulalip, Suquamish and Port Gamble S'Klallam tribes are enthusiastic about the work and the city's recognition of their history. So, too, are cultural leaders in Edmonds, where the museum already exhibits bounty of public art.

The carving will be placed in front of the museum in the Reflection Plaza and landscaped in a natural setting evoking the marsh. The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation is pleased to help make this important art and cultural addition to our community.



Sketch on cedar panel by Native American Artist Ty Juvenil for a wood carving representing the Coast Salish peoples that will be completed in 2020.

Art+Cocktails

The 2019 Arts Festival Foundation “Art+Cocktails” event at the Frances Anderson Center was a magical evening. On a lovely evening on June 13, guests enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and beverages in a large tent, participated in art game to win \$500 and wandered through three art galleries filled with exceptional art – all for sale.

This event allowed guests to purchase art in advance of the Festival opening to the public and sales were great. Guests then roamed over to the Plaza for a variety of signature dishes from some of Edmonds most outstanding restaurants, 190 Sunset, Bar Dojo, Epulo and Salt and Iron.

Rick Steves spoke about the importance of art, delicious unique desserts were served, live music and dancing was enjoyed, and a stunning sunset lingered as guests talked to new and old friends. A delightful Edmonds Evening.

Reinforcing the Foundation’s mission by providing cultural enrichment opportunities to our guests through the visual arts, live musical performances, and culinary experiences, this popular event not only increases Gallery sales, but gets people excited to see even more great art that will be at the upcoming Festival.



Arts Festival Gallery

The Arts Festival Gallery had a very active year showcasing local and regional artists and art organizations at the Frances Anderson Center. Gary Faigin, a well-known artist, author, co-founder and Artistic Director of the Gage Academy of Art in Seattle had an engaging exhibit of his original paintings. Faigin was the selected poster artist for the 2019 Edmonds Arts Festival.



The Arts Festival Gallery in the Anderson Center is presented to the community by the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation.

In addition, organizations and small groups curated their own exhibits bringing many new visitors to the Gallery. Two of these organizations were Women Painters of Washington and Seattle Co-Arts. Artists participating in the Edmonds Art Studio Tour displayed in August and artists of the Edmonds' Potters Workshop displayed pottery and sculpture. A variety of media were represented throughout the year including encaustic paintings by members of Wax on Washington, sculpture and ceramics by Lyrical Art, fiber art by Seaview Weaving & Fiber Arts Guild members, and Ty Juvinel had a month-long exhibit of his Coast Salish art.

Consistent with the Foundation's goal of providing gallery space to projects the Foundation financially supports through grants, Senior HS Art Projects of Edmonds-Woodway and Lynnwood High School students were exhibited. Mary Montfort, the Festival Gallery volunteer coordinator said, "These artists did an excellent job selecting, curating and displaying their own shows. They provided their organizations' mission, provided information about upcoming events and programs. We plan to continue these shows in 2020."

ArtWorks

ArtWorks, funded by the Festival and Foundation, is a unique and welcoming art center in downtown Edmonds offering meeting spaces and on-going art classes for the public including 45 watercolor classes and 65 general classes including photography, calligraphy, drawing, watercolors and mixed media classes as well as jewelry classes. Classes for artists in 2019 included a serial drawing class and Professional Development certified programs. ArtWorks also hosts art shows, exhibits and art sales.



Important technologies were purchased for ArtWorks this year such as this wall mounted monitor used to enhance instruction for a watercolor class.

With so many classes and rentals, and the need to enhance teaching and presentations for meetings, important technologies were added to ArtWorks this year in order to remain competitive in the facility rental market. Meredith Arnold, ArtWorks Manager said, "We need to make sure we have current equipment including a document camera and a wall-mounted display for instructors. They need state of the art technology to display and to provide live close-ups for artists in action demonstrations."

ArtWorks is used by individuals as well as groups and organizations. Many artists rent studio sessions throughout the year. For a cost of \$5.00 a session, many artists were able to have space to create art and work on their projects. The facility was also rented by 90 organizations throughout the year. Additional information about ArtWorks, including class schedules and rental information, can be found at: <http://artworks-edmonds.org>.

Artist Organizations

The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation assisted in the development of, and provides ongoing support for the following artist organizations:

ArtistsConnect

A regional group of artists who meet regularly and connect to share their collective wisdom relative to all aspects of being an artist. They meet at ArtWorks in downtown Edmonds.

www.artists-connect.com

Edmonds Art Studio Tour

This group of local area artists holds a free annual Art Studio Tour representing more than 30 artists where community members can visit local art studios, meet professional artists, and purchase art treasures directly from the maker. www.edmondsartstudiotour.com



Art Studio Tour members preparing signage for the upcoming Tour.



ArtistsConnect members hold their annual show and sales event, ArtSplash, at ArtWorks

Edmonds Arts Festival

The Edmonds Arts Festival held annually in June for more than 60 years, has grown to be one of the most prestigious arts events in the country. Produced entirely by more than 450 community volunteers, the Festival is the primary fund-raiser that allows the Foundation to realize its mission to support the art in our community.

The Festival always takes place the third weekend in June, Fathers' Day Weekend, over that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The 2019 Festival received rave reviews from attendees who enjoyed the art, food, and entertainment. The weather was perfect for Festival goers, artists went home happy with the Festival and their sales, and the Festival made a significant amount of money that was directed to the Foundation's projects. Doesn't get much better than that!



Everyone enjoys the entertainment at the outdoor amphitheater!



Nice weather and great views greeted the crowds at the 2019 Festival.



Festival-goers take a break at the Food Court.

Donors

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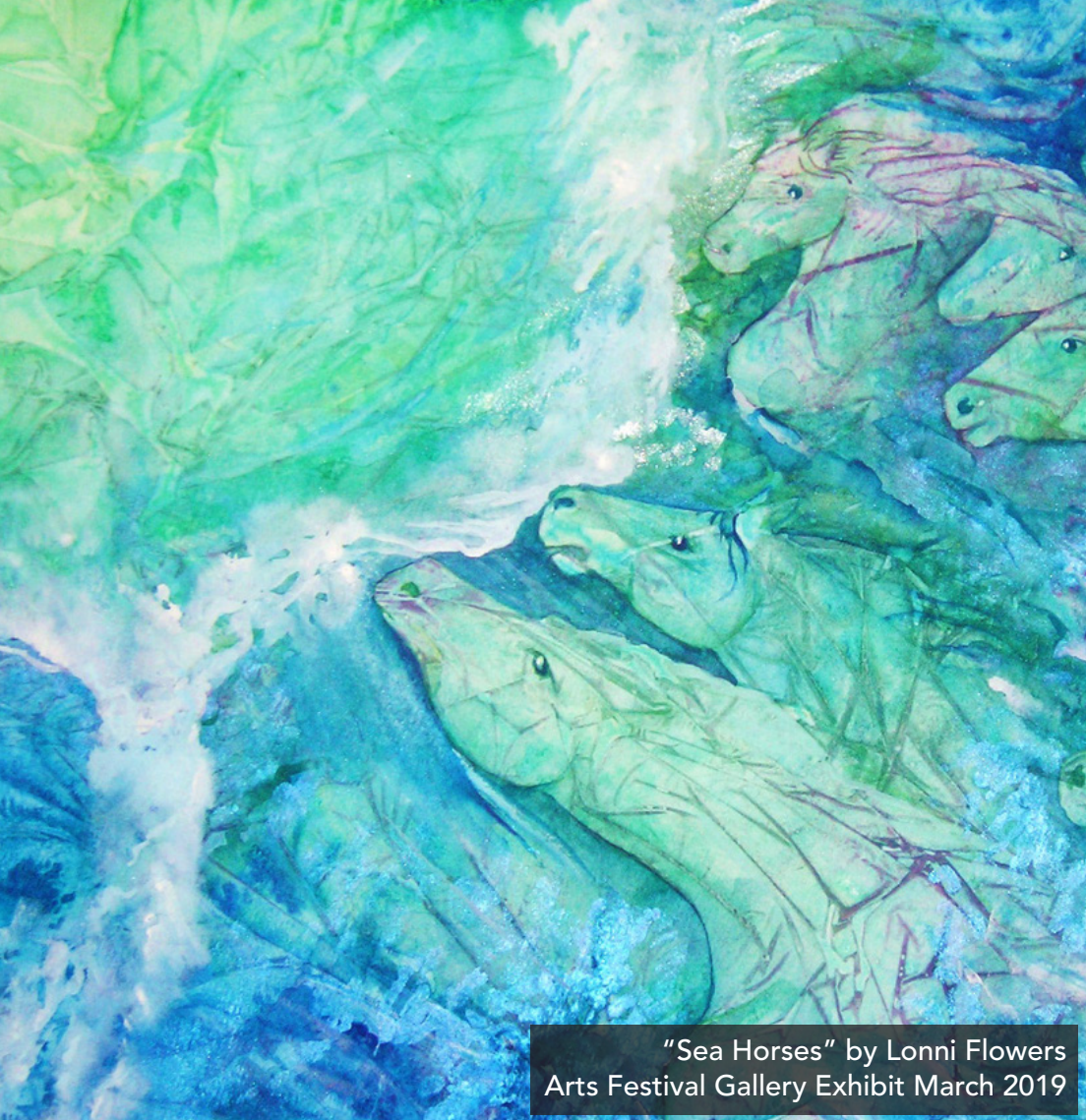
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"Sea Horses" by Lonni Flowers
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