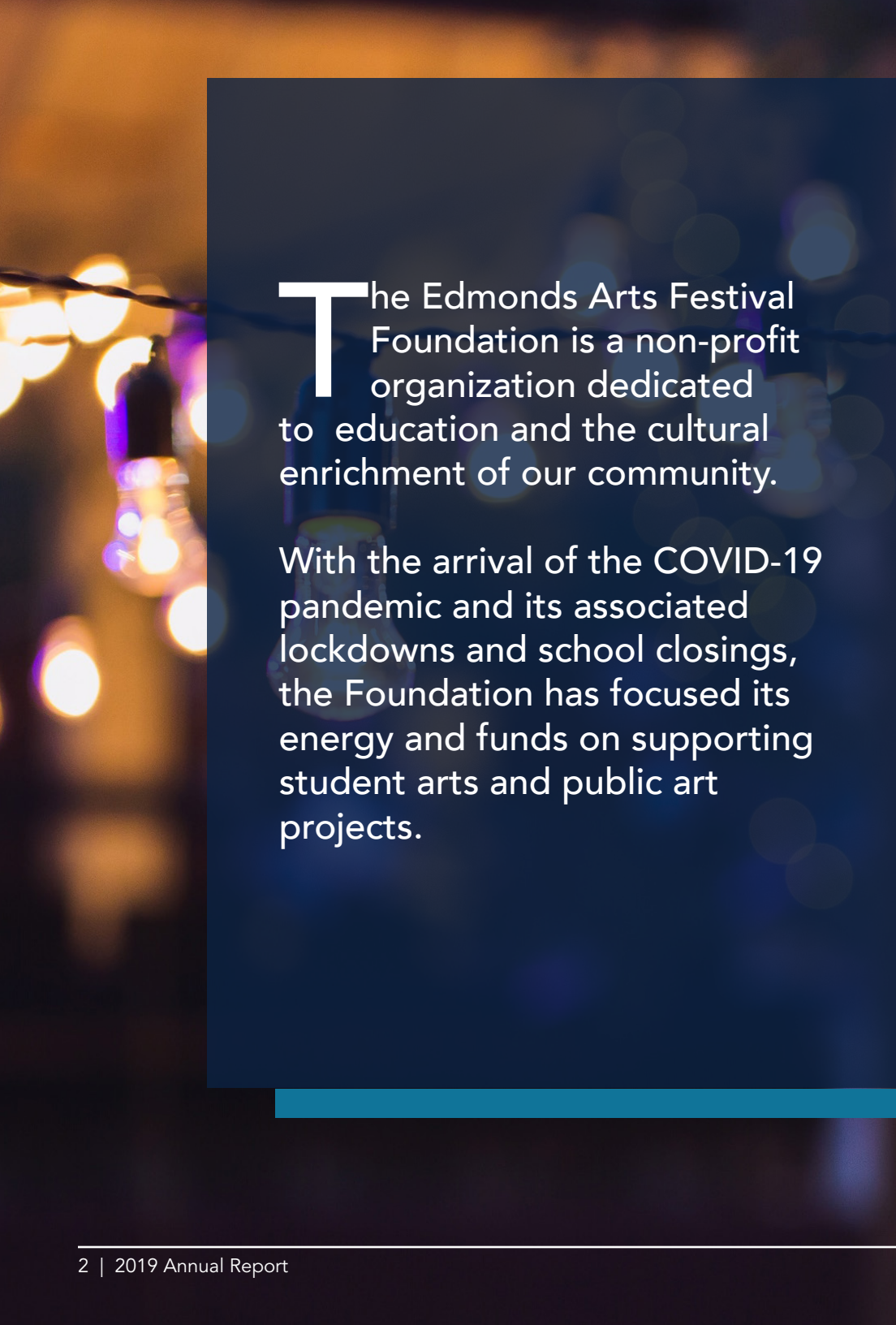




# Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to education and the cultural enrichment of our community.

With the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated lockdowns and school closings, the Foundation has focused its energy and funds on supporting student arts and public art projects.



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# Supporting the Arts In Our Community

**T**hrough scholarships, a wildly successful “grab and go” art supply program, and funding for public art projects that people can safely enjoy, the Foundation has stepped up in spite of a deeply reduced budget.

After the cancellation of the 2020 Edmonds Arts Festival due to the pandemic, the Foundation—which receives most of its funds from Edmonds Arts Festival profits—knew it needed to make the most of the resources it had available.

Despite the challenges of a global pandemic, including the cancellation of the annual Edmonds Arts Festival, the Foundation was able to support the art community in Edmonds. Here are a few of the groups supported this year:

- **ArtWorks** – Classroom and meeting spaces for artists to gather and learn (digital in 2020)
- **DeMiero Jazz Festival**
- **City of Edmonds Bird Fest**
- **Cascadia Art Museum**
- **Edmonds Waterfront Center**



# 2020 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.

**3**

Community  
Art Grants

**26**

Art Instruction  
Grants

**17**

Art Student  
Scholarships

**1**

Public Art &  
Special Projects

**\$10K**

Donated to Art  
Departments

**\$11k**

In Art Supplies  
Donated

**3**

Community Arts  
Organizations  
Supported

**1,600**

Students Given  
Art Supplies

**\$50k**

Grant to Support  
New Waterfront  
Center



## From the President

"It has been a long year, not just for the foundation but for the whole world. Fortunately, it looks like we have survived the worst of the pandemic, and we are looking forward to bringing back our social connections.

The Foundation has been harder at work than ever to bring arts to our community and provide arts education through our Art Instruction Grants program. Our scholarship applicant pool is bigger than ever before, and we expect to see even greater demand and opportunities to give back to the community.

Your continued support of the Edmonds Arts Festival and Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation allows us to continue the process of reconnecting our community through art. Join us in celebrating the arts and the role art plays in connecting our community."

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



# Board of Directors



**2020/2021**

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## Programs

Programs that the Edmonds Arts Festival 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



*Art Student Scholarship recipient Jackie Karis*

**S**eventeen local high school students were awarded \$31,000 in scholarships from the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation in 2020. Scholarship Committee Chair Barbara Norgaard-Reid and her committee interviewed local high school students and reviewed the artwork submitted with their applications. All students who applied are pursuing higher education degrees in the visual arts.

In addition, two prestigious annual scholarships in the amounts of \$1,500 each were awarded to Kristen Walter and Quinlon Merrin. Kristen received a scholarship from the Pamela Mummy Foundation for the second year, and Quinlon received a scholarship from the Sambataro Family Scholarship.

Students who receive these Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation scholarships are eligible to apply to renew each year they remain





*Sambataro Family Scholarship recipient Quinlon Merin and her piece, "Make Up Your Mind"*

candidates for an art-based degree; this year, seven scholarships were awarded to renewal students

Every year, the Foundation gives away more than \$30,000 to qualifying students. Funding begins with the support of volunteers, patrons of the arts, sponsors, donors, and visitors to the annual Edmonds Arts Festival.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who are residents of the Edmonds School District service area, and who have a strong interest in the visual arts.

Students who earned 2020 Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation scholarships attended schools including Edmonds College, University of Washington, Loyola Marymount University, Northwest College of Art & Design, Savannah College of Art and Design, Western Washington University, and Seattle University.



## 2020 scholarships were awarded to:

- Khaliun Enkhbold
- Dannielle Hulen
- Lisa Laizure
- Brandon Lane
- Nini Le
- Quinlon Merrin
- Caroline Monson
- Kristen Walter
- Linden Whitt
- Erick Wong





## Renewing their scholarships were:

- Charlotte Day
- Jackie Karis
- Tesla Kawakami
- Trevor Leen
- Nazar Patriy
- Jaylene Ball
- Lena Stavig

**Photos from left to right, top to bottom:**

**Page 10:** Khaliun Enkhbold, Dannielle Hulen, Lisa Laizure, Brandon Lane, Nini Le, Caroline Monson, Kristen Walter

**Page 11:** Linden Whitt, Erick Wong, Charlotte Day, Tesla Kawakami, Trevor Leen, Nazar Patriy, Lena Stavig

# Art Instruction Grants



Since 1996, the Foundation has awarded over \$370,000 to local art teachers. Hundreds of students have been able to learn and create art in their classrooms. In 2020, unexpected school closures halted some Classroom Instructional Grant-funded programs, and unused funds were returned to the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation. With schools closed, teachers and students transitioned to virtual learning and schools distributed the most needed materials for home use.

To support teachers and students in a new way, the Foundation teamed up with the Edmonds School District's Visual and Performing Arts department and developed a plan to distribute over \$11,000 in art supplies to the district's neediest families.

Funded by returned grant money and reserve funds, the Foundation worked with Edmonds' ArtSpot co-owner Tracy Felix, enabling the purchase of 2,000 paint palettes and over 600 colored pencil sets.

It was a win-win solution; the Foundation supported the only independently owned art supply store in Snohomish County and it ordered supplies from independently owned U.S. companies. As part of the packets, the School District's Art Department supplied needed paper and the Foundation purchased colored sidewalk chalk and gave it to students.

Volunteers distributed the art supplies at ten District Grab N' Go meal sites, established in lieu of the Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch program at schools. An additional 225 art packets were distributed through the Edmonds Food Bank.

Even though most traditional Foundation-supported art instruction could not be implemented before schools were closed, the Foundation was pleased to support many students in this unique and important way.



**In 2020, the Foundation donated \$11,000 in art supplies and \$10,000 in funds to middle and high school art departments. The following institutions were also awarded grant money for art programs, though some of these funds were returned when school closures began.**

### **Elementary Schools**

Beverly Elementary  
Cedar Valley Elementary  
Chase Lake Elementary  
College Place Elementary  
Hazelwood Elementary  
Hilltop Elementary  
Mountlake Terrace Elementary  
Oak Heights Elementary  
Sherwood Elementary  
Spruce Elementary

### **Middle Schools**

Alderwood Middle School

### **High Schools**

Edmonds Woodway High School  
Lynnwood High School: Encaustic Process on Photos  
Scriber Lake High School

# Community Art Grants

The Community Grants program awards go to a variety of local non-profit, 501(c)3 organizations for their efforts to provide arts-related, services and programs. Selection is based on criteria including the number of people serviced, diversity, and uniqueness. Grants are reviewed and awarded on a case-by-case basis dependent on merit and budgetary constraints.

In 2020, COVID-19 presented significant challenges, including the cancellation of the annual Edmonds Arts Festival and constraints on in-person events and gatherings. Despite the challenges of the past year, groups who were funded by grants early in the year met and exceeded their criteria, and the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation was happy to support them.



Ziggy Spiz

*Soundstation Jazz Choir performs in April 2021*

## **In 2020, \$3,750 in grants were awarded to these organizations:**

- Cascadia Art Museum
- City of Edmonds Bird Fest
- DeMiero Jazz Festival



*Dee Daniels Jazz Vocal Scholarship winner Brooke Lambert with mentors, Artistic Director Sara Gazarek and former Artistic Director Dee Daniels*



# Special Projects & Public Art

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The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation has a long history of supporting the community with funding assistance for public art. In 2019 the Foundation awarded a \$30,000 grant to the Edmonds Historical Museum to assist with funding for a Coast Salish carving by Tulalip Tribes artist Ty Juvenil.

In 2021, Juvenil completed the carved mural, which is called "Marsh Life." The mural was carved from 4-inch thick cedar planks harvested in the Puget Sound region. It was carved in the traditional Coast Salish style, which depicts local flora and fauna.

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 completed mural has been placed in front of the museum in the Reflection Plaza and landscaped in a natural setting evoking the marsh. It is flanked on either side by carved and painted posts in the same style. The Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation was pleased to help make this important art and cultural addition to our community.



"Marsh Life" carved mural and posts by Tulalip Tribes artist Ty Juvenil, representing the Coast Salish peoples.

# Frances Anderson Center Gallery

The EAFF gallery in the Frances Anderson Center was able to have only two exhibits in 2020 prior to a repainting of the walls in early March and followed by the gallery closure due to COVID-19.

"In January 2020, the gallery displayed some results from the 365 Drawing Challenge hosted by Tracy Felix and ArtSpot," noted Mary Monfort, Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation Gallery Chair. "The challenge encourages artists to create art every day regardless of skill level and to pick up their sketchbook once a day."

The February exhibit was a special tribute to an exceptional Edmonds artist: Pamela Mummy. Called Figuratively Speaking, the Mummy family exhibited a cross-section of her sculptures, drawings and paintings.

The Mummy Family has established an annual Art Scholarship through the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation in Pamela's memory. Anyone can contribute by donating on Mummy's GoFundMe page at [www.pmummy.com/donate](http://www.pmummy.com/donate).

We look forward in 2021 to again exhibiting works from various local and regional non-profit organizations with an emphasis on those supported by EAFF.



# ArtWorks



**A**rtWorks, located at Second and Dayton in downtown Edmonds, is usually a welcoming art center filled with a wide array of art classes, artist workshops and ongoing displays of local art. Throughout the year, ArtWorks typically offers numerous watercolor classes, general art classes, photography, calligraphy, drawing, jewelry, and mixed media classes. ArtWorks is also a popular location for meetings, small conferences and other uses because of its space and location.

Like so many other small businesses and venues, ArtWorks was forced to close on March 13, 2020, due to the pandemic. Without the ability to gather in person for the usual classes, Director Meredith Arnold got creative by offering a small selection of digital art classes via Zoom instead.

On April 5, 2021, ArtWorks held its first in-person event in over a year, a Drawing Studio class. Meredith said the full class event was a great success and noted that it will continue on Monday evenings.

One large project was produced at ArtWorks in 2020. Mural artist Andy Eccleshall rented ArtWorks for much of December to paint a huge multi-panel mural too large to complete at his home studio. That mural, a nine-panel, 45-foot-long piece, celebrates the history of Petersburg, Alaska, and was placed in a public area for the city's citizens to enjoy.

Additional information about ArtWorks, including class schedules and rental information, can be found at: <http://artworks-edmonds.org>.

# Supporting Student Creativity

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Following school closings, the foundation's Edmonds School District liaison and another board member realized that students usually use classroom supplies for their art lessons, and with schools closed, a lot of students would not have access to art supplies.

When the need was brought to the attention of the Edmonds Arts Festival Foundation board, the idea of a [grab-and-go art supply program](#) met with unanimous and excited support, and we decided to use \$10,000 of our funds earmarked for Art Instruction Grants to support the cause.

The grab-and-go art supply program reached approximately 1,000 children at 13 total sites. An additional 900 paint sets were delivered to students through the Edmonds School District's direct home delivery program, and the last 200 or so packets were donated to the Edmonds Food Bank, which distributed them to needy students.

In the fall, the Foundation [donated \\$10,000](#) to Edmonds School District middle school and high school teachers to assist in purchasing art supplies for students to use at home during remote instruction. Teachers were given the discretion to tailor their purchases to the specific materials needed by their students. As a result, more than 1,600 students received art supplies to use at home during their online instruction.



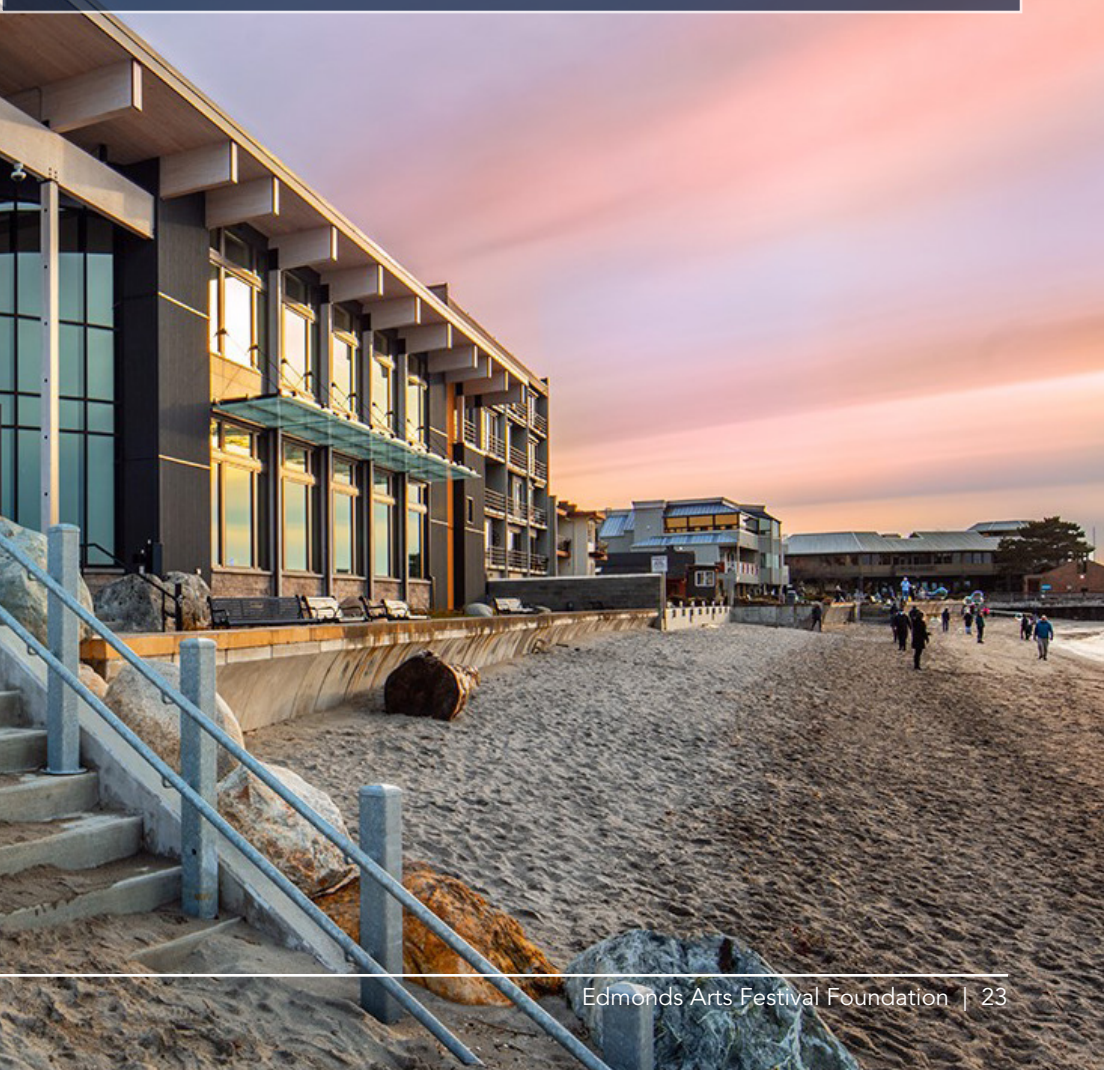


# Waterfront Center

Last year, the Foundation donated \$50,000 to support the construction of the new Edmonds Waterfront Center. We also donated our art collection, consisting of original artworks that were used as posters over the Festival's 60-plus year history, as well as other works by local artists, to the new Center.



The new Edmonds Waterfront Center will become a cultural destination in downtown Edmonds, offering an array of classes, performances, and other activities. The new Center is a 26,000 square-foot sustainable, LEED Gold building. It is entirely electric—zero emissions, with a 305-panel rooftop solar array to power the building.



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