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BAINBRIDGE ARTS & CRAFTS ANNOUNCES ANNUAL K-12 TEACHER GRANTS

Bainbridge Island, WA (March 10, 2017) – Bainbridge Arts & Crafts is delighted to announce the distribution of grant funds totaling \$3,260 to Bainbridge Island K-12 school art teachers.

BAC provides annual funding to Bainbridge art teachers to supplement their supply and programming budgets, and to give teachers the means to complete student projects over the remainder of the school year.

"Art teachers are creative and ingenious by nature, and they put those skills to work every day to develop innovative, exciting art projects on extremely tight budgets," BAC Executive Director Lindsay Masters said. "Year after year, teachers tell us that their BAC grants come along at just the right time, enabling them to carry out art education programs and restock fundamental materials such as clay, paper, paint, and brushes.

"As a longstanding visual arts nonprofit, we're extremely proud to be able to support our teachers, students, and schools through these grants."

2017 funds were distributed during the first week of March to Blakely Elementary, Ordway Elementary, Wilkes Elementary, Sakai Intermediate School, Woodward Middle School, Hyla Middle School, Odyssey Multiage Program, and Eagle Harbor High School. Remaining funds will be distributed to Bainbridge High School in May, in conjunction with the annual BHS Student Art Fair. Grants ranged from \$100 to \$600 per school, depending on the number of students served.



Pictured above: Bainbridge Arts & Crafts Executive Director Lindsay Masters presents Woodward Middle School art teacher Darcy Herrett with a check for \$420 on March 1. Each year, BAC provides grants to local elementary, middle, and high schools to supplement their art supply budgets and support visual art programming.

Additional K-12 support

Along with its teacher grant program, Bainbridge Arts & Crafts connects with Bainbridge Island schools in significant ways through the year.

- **Annual Student Art Shows and Awards**

Each year, BAC donates a gallery for the entire month of May so that island schools can exhibit student work. We display work by high school students every year, and work by elementary and middle school students in alternating years. Last year we exhibited work by 440 student artists.

Our 2017 Student Shows will take place from May 5-28 and feature work by students from Sakai, Woodward, and Commodore Options during the first half of the month, and Bainbridge High School and Eagle Harbor High School during the second half of the month.

We also offer cash awards at the annual Bainbridge High School Spring Arts Festival. When high school work comes to BAC later in May, an anonymous patron makes another round of cash awards possible. Last year we awarded BHS students a total of \$3,120 in cash prizes. As a professional art gallery, we're proud to send a message to talented students that we value their artwork on many levels.

- **College Art Scholarships**

Each year, we administer student scholarships to high school seniors on Bainbridge Island who plan to study art in college. The \$2000 Pauli Family Scholarship, the \$1000 Rosalyn Gale Powell Scholarship, and the \$1000 Pauli & George Dennis Scholarship reward excellence in one or more mediums, and encourage dedicated art students to continue developing their skills and talents.

About Bainbridge Arts & Crafts

Bainbridge Arts & Crafts is a nonprofit art gallery and education center founded in 1948 whose mission is to encourage the creation and appreciation of fine contemporary art and craft by exhibiting and selling the work of Northwest artists, and by offering art education to a county-wide audience of all ages.

BAC is the only nonprofit art gallery in Kitsap County that supports working artists' livelihoods through year-round exhibitions and sales, while also providing completely free art education, outreach, and support to schools, seniors, and the healthcare community.

Find us at 151 Winslow Way East, Bainbridge Island. Learn more at www.bacart.org.