



ALCHEMY ART CENTER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

As we continue to grow, we are honoring the vision that we started with 5 years ago: To create an inspiring artist community on San Juan Island.

At the heart of Alchemy lies transformation. Whether people take a class, live here as a resident artist, or learn as a youth mentee, Alchemy provides ways to explore creativity and discover new forms of expression. We don't do this alone, though- it is truly a collaborative process. We are a catalyst to connect artists with community, but your support and participation is what makes this work possible. Thank you.

2022 brought its share of challenges, but we are growing as we see the needs of islanders growing.

Our campus is bustling and alive all year round. During the summer, our visiting artists share meals in the evening after days of making art in the studio, mentoring local kids, and teaching out in the community. During the winter months, the studio is a cozy space where members work throughout the day and evening. Groups of kids and adults come and learn, gathering around in our studios to experience the magic of the art forms that we foster.

We are so proud of how far we've come. Together, we are creating something that feeds the soul of our community.

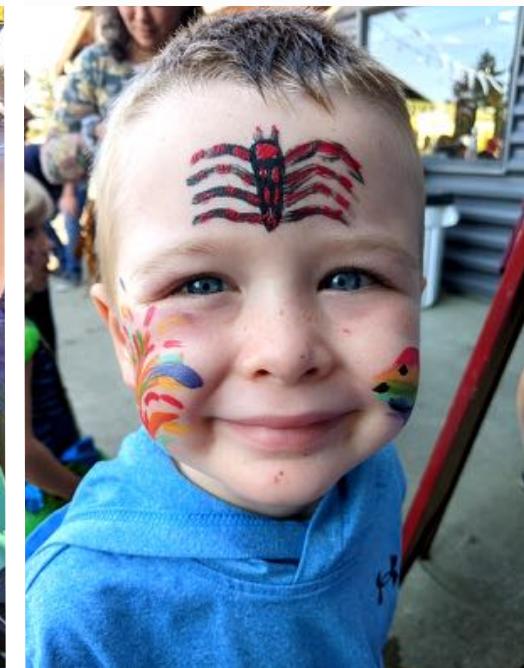
In gratitude,

Maria Michaelson and Glenn Hendrick, Co-Directors of Alchemy Art Center

Art in the Community

Our Artists in Community program offers an opportunity for visiting artists to live at Alchemy while they teach free community activities on stained glass, botanical dye, screen printing and more. Our residency brings fresh energy, skills, and ideas to islanders and visitors alike.

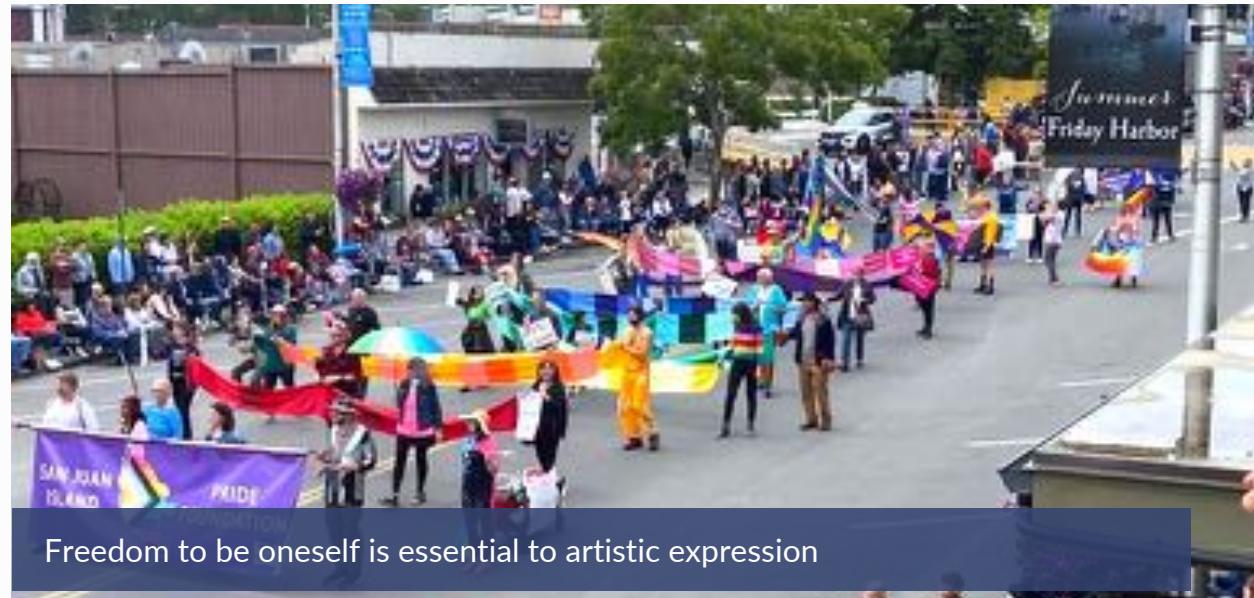
Our visiting artists conceptualize and anchor our summer offerings, enabling us to be many more places on the island during the summer, because we have so many more helping hands. Friendships are built and lives are changed. **Together, we brought over 60 public art events to our community in 9 locations in 2022!**



We believe art is at the core of a thriving community



In 2022, we offered assistance to many other organizations and causes, both local and national. Last summer we offered our supplies, tools and creative energy to those whose missions we believe in. One such project was building an incredible rainbow quilt for the 4th of July parade, in support of San Juan Pride. We also created original screen prints to speak up about reproductive rights and invited islanders to print these messages on their own apparel. By lending our art skills to those who are already doing important work, we can amplify the voices of our community.



Freedom to be oneself is essential to artistic expression



Artists From Near & Far

Our 2022 visiting artist program was diverse and energetic. Seen above, clockwise from top: Ananya Bernardo works on her first quilt. Sulli Yost throws a big bowl. Vince Cuedra shows some work in an exhibit in the dome. Emerald Lapow rocks a Trasheon Fasheon outfit for the fair. Nico Otte with a screen print design he made. Katey Rissi teaches a young person how to screen print. Stephanie Roe teaches a children's wheel class. Maya Djiji works on a stained glass window. Sarah Aineb explores our multi color screen printing press. Cozette Ellis prints her own design.

Maybe you met some of our visiting artists in 2022! We invited 12 artists from all around the country to teach their diverse skills to islanders.



"I loved that I had so much creative freedom"
-Young Environmentalist

This year, we started our Young Environmentalist program. 12 island middle schoolers were immersed in an incredibly comprehensive course on the intersection between environmentalism and art. With the support of six adult professional instructors, both local and regional, the young artists explored three focuses: sense of place, upcycling, and messaging. Though the subject matter was comparable to a college course, the teens thrived in the program.

We were so proud of how the students began to look at the world differently with each lesson.

New experiences lead to alternative and creative mindsets. The kids formed a human mural of an orca with activist Bill Moyer from the Backbone Campaign, they took photos of patterns and forms in nature with professional photographer Danielle Dean, and they screen printed posters about environmental causes that were close to their hearts.

Thanks to funding from the Madrona Institute and Alchemy supporters, we were able to offer this program free of charge.



We believe that people protect what they love and they love what inspires them. Art can inspire us to change our relationship with the environment and do better.

2022 Quick Facts



25+ Ceramics Members



Hosted 60+ classes in our studios



Served 700+ kids



Hosted yoga 2-3 times per week



Hosted 12 visiting Artists in Residence & Interns



Provided 80+ scholarships to promote inclusive arts access



Hosted 20+ concerts, art shows, and artist talks at our 11 acre campus

Many of our members sell their work locally! Please check out the work of: Living Large Small (find Craig and Britt at the Roche Harbor market booths all summer), Christina Grifo, (her work is available at many local shops), and Betty Ness (find Betty's jewelry at Salty at heart Apothecary)



Employed 7+ artists

Income

Program Revenue - 32%

\$81,000

Donations - 38%

\$96,000

Grants - 30%

\$78,000



We enthusiastically contribute to Alchemy Art! All of us benefit from having art in our lives, whether we know it or not. Access to art education should be a fundamental human right; expression through art improves health, spreads joy, dissipates despair, and reconnects us to each other.

- An Alchemy Supporter

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Alchemy's different types of memberships have enabled us to grow our business incrementally. While we have big dreams of one day having our own studio, knowing that our membership can evolve along the way & support us in reaching that goal at every step, is truly life-changing. Establishing your own studio is quite an investment, one we would not be able to make all in one step. Alchemy has provided us with an incredible gift by offering us their skills, resources, and space to do what we love.

- Ceramic Studio Members

Expenses

Operations Expenses
23% - \$38,000

Sustainability Expenses
9% - \$16,000

Programming Expenses
68% - \$114,000





We believe
art changes
lives

