



## Arts Commission Meetings

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Second and Fourth  
Wednesday of every month  
at 6:30 p.m.

Look for agendas, minutes  
and special meeting notices  
on the City Web site at:

[www.lakestevenswa.gov](http://www.lakestevenswa.gov)

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Meeting Location:

Visitor Information Center  
10020-B Lundeen Parkway  
Lake Stevens, WA 98258

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The Arts Commission  
comprises seven members  
who are appointed to four-  
year terms. The  
Commission was  
established in July 1996.

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Mission Statement:  
The Lake Stevens Arts  
Commission encourages  
community participation  
and support of cultural,  
performing, visual, and  
literary arts.

## Arts Commission Meeting Agenda

**Location:** Visitor Information Center  
10020-B Lundeen Parkway Lake Stevens  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 2016  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### Call to Order:

### Roll Call:

**Minutes:** September 14, 2016

### Guest Business:

### Discussion/Action Items:

- Downtown Subarea Plan Executive Committee Meeting Update
- Downtown Subarea Plan Advisory Board – Appoint Delegate
- Discuss and Form Subcommittees
- Festival Proposal
- Music on the Lake
- Commissioner Reports

### Adjourn:

***THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND***

### ***Special Needs***

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## **Festival Proposal for Lake Stevens Community**

In anticipation of the city's expected growth and civic advancement, an additional annual event or festival separate from the 56-year-old Aqua Fest could be developed to include cultural components considered noteworthy by the broader county and state populations in order to highlight the historical culture of the region.

The central idea proposed is to work with local tribal organizations and artists as well as local growers by displaying and combining significant Native American traditions with seasonal harvests in order to inform, entertain and promote this area's cultural history.

The event would comprise booths, displays, and demonstrations that would include music like drum circles, cedar woodcarving like totem poles, textiles such as baskets and grass cloths, plus blueberries, and other naturally occurring foods found in the region. Other artists and craftspeople whose body of work supports the central theme of the event would also be invited to participate. Distinguished area eateries and breweries would sell food and refreshments, replacing traditional fair food.

This enterprise would specifically benefit the citizens of Lake Stevens by

- \* Establishing an annual fundraiser whose income would be used for cultural projects and K-12 arts education
- \* Educating and entertaining its visitors through the visual and performing arts
- \* Build State government and local partnerships in the non-profit sectors through cultural grants and collaboration
- \* Providing greater visibility to Lake Stevens local parks and businesses
- \* Developing a corps of active community service volunteers

The following 10 annual events are currently listed on Snohomish County's website. The dates and types of festivals are for consideration in moving forward or tabling this proposal.

<http://gonw.about.com/od/eventswa/ss/Top-Events-and-Festivals-in-Snohomish-County-Washington.htm>

### **Top Events and Festivals in Snohomish County, Washington**

Each year, Snohomish County communities' host festivals and special events. Snohomish County, located north of Seattle, includes the cities of Everett, Marysville, Edmonds, and Snohomish. Here are some of the most popular:

#### **Arlington-Stillaquamish Eagle Festival (February)**

Late winter brings migrating bald eagles to Western Washington, many stopping to rest and feed along the Stillaquamish River. This annual occasion brings nature lovers together to enjoy eagle watching, photography, paddling, and a variety of other workshops and activities.

#### **Edmonds Arts Festival (May)**

This long-running festival features the work of local artists and craftspeople, some showcased in juried galleries. Like any good festival, it not only offers well over 200 arts and crafts booths but lots of food and live entertainment. The Edmonds Arts Festival is at the Frances Anderson Center in downtown Edmonds.

#### **Marysville Strawberry Festival (June)**

Event includes a royalty scholarship pageant, talent show, and two different parades. The Berry Run 5K and live music and performances are other highlights. Of course, you will get plenty of opportunity to purchase strawberries and strawberry treats.

#### **Kla Ha Ya Days in Snohomish (July)**

The charming riverside town of Snohomish hosts this SeaFair sanctioned community festival every year. A parade and a street fair are the highlights, joined by fun contests, a car show, a fun run, and a carnival.

#### **Darrington Blue Grass Festival (July)**

Blue grass musicians from around the region perform at this outdoor music festival held in a gorgeous mountain location.

#### **Stanwood-Camano Community Fair (August)**

On the charming rural edge of Snohomish County, Stanwood hosts this wonderful harvest celebration that includes a long list of fun: a parade, country fair contests and exhibits, a carnival, participatory contests, and lots of live entertainment.

**A Taste of Edmonds (August)**

You'll find foods, lots of food, at this Edmonds community festival that also includes a whole lot of arts and crafts and vendor booths, carnival rides, and live entertainment.

**Evergreen State Fair in Monroe (late August through Labor Day)** This popular country fair has it all - farm animals, fabulous foods, commercial exhibits, carnival rides, and games booths, and it comes a couple week's before the huge Washington State Fair in Puyallup, providing a country fair option for those who just can't wait.

**Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival (September)**

Held in and around the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park on the shores of Puget Sound, this late summer celebration includes a long list of fun stuff. Fireworks, a parade, arts and crafts booths, children's activities, a fun run, and lots of live entertainment are all on the festival schedule.

**Everett Sausage Festival (October)**

This family-friendly Oktoberfest event features a Bavarian Dinner "Haus" and a Bavarian Beer Garden along with arts and crafts booths, international food booths, local performers, kids games, and carnival rides.