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## **BARN (BAINBRIDGE ARTISAN RESOURCE NETWORK) FACT SHEET**

### **Overview**

BARN (Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network) is a non-profit organization formed in 2012 to build and operate a hands-on center for craft and invention on Bainbridge Island, WA. Originally operated out of a temporary 2,500 square foot facility on Bainbridge Island, BARN opened its new 25,000 square foot facility featuring ten well-equipped artisan studios in June 2017.

### **Mission**

To grow and inspire a creative community through craft, learning and service.

To accomplish that mission, BARN

- Maintains a well-equipped facility with a variety of craft studios.
- Offers access to all the studios for members as well as the public.
- Offers classes and events that increase the ability of participants to learn and expand their skills.
- Supports other non-profit organizations through its community service work using our core competencies.

### **BARN's Artisan Center**

In 2015, BARN purchased two acres at 8890 Three Tree Lane NE, adjacent to New Brooklyn Road on Bainbridge Island, for its permanent artisan center. Johnpaul Jones, an internationally known Bainbridge architect, and his firm, Jones & Jones, developed the plans along with PHC Construction.

A community "BARNraising" campaign gathered \$8.5 million from more than 500 donors. Hundreds of volunteers donated their time to create the studios, organize classes, and plan and equip the space -- members of the woodworking studio alone donated over 6,000 hours to the construction of specialized cabinetry in the studio spaces. The building's 25,000 square feet includes separate spaces for the ten studios, plus a Great Room for large events, a commercial kitchen, and a Commons area where participants can relax and share ideas. The building opened on June 3, 2017. BARN is located at 8890 Three Tree Lane, Bainbridge Island, WA.

## **BARN Artisan Studios**

BARN includes ten artisan studios in the following disciplines: Electronic and Technical Arts, Fiber Arts, Glass Arts, Jewelry & Fine Metals, Kitchen Arts, Media Arts, Metal Fabrication, Print & Book Arts, Woodworking & Small Boat Building, and Writers.

Each of the studios offers an ongoing series of classes, events, and open studios. All classes are open to anyone ages 14 and up. BARN memberships are available, and offer discounts on classes and open studio times, as well as special events. The schedule of upcoming events can be found on the BARN website at [BainbridgeBarn.org/Classes](http://BainbridgeBarn.org/Classes).

## **What the Community is Saying**

*"BARN is a wonderful addition to the Bainbridge Island community, several years in the making. Are you interested in woodworking, book-making, fabric art, metal work, or making jewelry but don't have the tools or knowledge to get started? BARN has the space, the tools, and the classes. People coming together to share what they know and to learn. How cool is that?"-- Susan Ekin Grostin, Bainbridge Island*

*"Bainbridge and the greater Kitsap area have come together to create a one-of-a-kind garden for craftspeople and artisans to flourish. The unique aspect of BARN is providing a fertile environment for the studios to not only work within their own disciplines -- the opportunities for cross-pollination between the studios is endless." - Jeff Williams, BARN Woodworking Studio Lead*

*"Thanks to BARN for creating fun, creative spaces for Bainbridge Island teens! We applaud BARN's youth engagement team and the teen focus groups they conducted to help plan their new space." - Bainbridge Healthy Youth Alliance*