











Dear BARN Community,

The power of community and shared purpose is vital, particularly in times of uncertainty. BARN is built on the enduring principles of belonging and service. Since our founding, we've drawn strength from the rich diversity of our members' perspectives, talents, and skills.

BARN plays an essential role in our community's fabric as a welcoming space where people gather, learn, and create together. It is a place where we learn from, trust, and support one another. That was powerfully evident in 2024 as our creative community continued to grow and thrive.

The energy in our studios was electric, with over 2,700 classes, events, and Open Studio sessions. We welcomed visiting instructors from across North America, launched our Drawing & Painting program, and continued planning future expansion. Financially, we exceeded our goals, building momentum that positions us for stability and resilience as we enter 2025. Through our programs, we invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in the local creative economy, creating ripple effects throughout our region.

Most importantly, our members continued transforming skills into service through dozens of projects, such as building bridges in local wetlands, creating furniture for young adults leaving foster care, and preparing over 200 dishes for the Giving Thanks Community Meal. This is BARN at its best: a place where creativity meets purpose, where diverse talents unite in service of the community, and where, together, we craft not just objects but lasting positive change.

With gratitude,

Grae Drake Executive Director

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STUDIO LEADERSHIP

Culinary Arts

Gina Galasso/ Tracy Matsue Loeffelholz

Drawing & Painting

Michael Gunderson/Carla Mackey

Fiber Arts

Sara Bantle/Robyn Weimer

Glass Arts

Cynthia Jacobs/Julie Dougherty

Jewelry & Fine Metals

Karen Olch

Media Arts

Brianna Torres/JP Powell

Metal Fabrication

Andy Dupree/David Hays

Print & Book Arts

Jane Kim/Laura Samant

Tech Lab

Alex Marcus

Woodworking

Dave Roe/Morgan Neff

Writers' Studio

Sallie Maron/Jessica Bloodsaw, Liz Walker, Emily Wyatt

Growing Creativity

2024 was a transformative year as BARN expanded programming, deepened our community impact, and strengthened our role as a catalyst for creative and economic growth in our region.

The new Drawing & Painting

program marked an exciting expansion of BARN's creative offerings. This 11th studio discipline kicked off in the fall of 2024 with the formation of a dedicated committee and initial programming.

Program development reached

new heights with our comprehensive Woodworking Certificate program, providing structured pathways for skills development and professional growth. The addition of a forge expanded our ability to convene unique workshops that drew participants from across the region. BARN is becoming a destination for exceptional craft education. In 2024, studios brought master craftspeople from across North America to teach unique intensive workshops.

The first-annual Spring Bazaar

was remarkably successful, connecting member vendors with more than 500 attendees. Our traditional Holiday Bazaar, with 70 vendors and over 900 estimated visitors, generated more than \$50,000 in vendor sales.





(Clockwise from top left): A young glass artisan sells her pieces at Bazaar. Visiting instructor Sue Spargo works on a detailed applique panel during her weeklong workshop. Instructor Yori Seeger shapes metal in the forge. Students in Paul Schürch's intensive course learned the art of marquetry.



Local businesses benefited from the \$174k spent on studio supplies and class materials.

Service & Youth

BARN's commitment to community service manifested in dozens of impactful projects throughout the county. A few examples:

Woodworking & Small Boatbuilding Studio

volunteers partnered with the Bremerton Housing Authority's Evergreen Bright Start project, crafting kitchen tables for young adults transitioning out of foster care.

The Culinary Arts Studio demonstrated the power of community care by preparing 220 side dishes for the Giving Thanks Community Meal.

Metal Fabrication Studio volunteers applied their expertise to repair and reinstall the bronze prayer wheel at Bainbridge Island's Halls Hill Lookout.

Countless others contributed their time and expertise to projects that were too numerous to mention.

Youth programming flourished in 2024.
Expanded offerings reached more young makers than ever.

Our Summer Youth Program delivered five intensive weeks of hands-on learning, with 41 unique classes and 224 enrollments from 168 students.

Expanded Youth Maker programming made creative learning more accessible to young makers with diverse schedules and interests.

Free monthly Teen Nights offered peer connections and creative exploration to 375 participants.



Fundraising Milestones

Our All In campaign marked the successful end of our fundraising campaign for the land between our facility and New Brooklyn Road, BARN's future expansion site.

We also launched the Legacy Makers program

to invite supporters to include BARN in their estate planning. Through the Legacy Makers program, donors create a lasting effect that strengthens our creative community well into the future.

The second annual Night at BARN was a testament to our community's extraordinary generosity and commitment to craft. The sold-out gala surpassed all expectations in support of BARN's mission and programs. Dedicated volunteers contributed their talents across every aspect of the event.

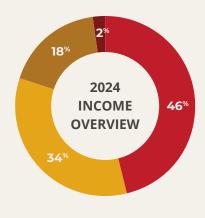
Our number of donors increased 67% in 2024

Photos (I to r): Intergenerational learning and teaching in the Culinary Arts Studio. Metal Fabrication Studio volunteers pose next to the restored bronze prayer wheel at Halls Hill Lookout. Attendees were all smiles during the second annual Night at BARN gala. Volunteers make Night at BARN an unforgettable event.





Financial Report





INCOME OVERVIEW

Net Income for 2024

	\$ 2,419,157
Other Income	\$ 51,930
Membership	\$ 430,612
Classes & Events	\$ 815,435
■ Fundraising*	\$ 1,121,178

EXPENSE OVERVIEW*

\$ 1,427,503
\$ 237,539
\$ 406,047

\$ 2,071,089

*This financial summary illustrates BARN's operating revenue and expenses from January to December 2024, and does not include depreciation. Fundraising income includes restricted donations from other income. Programming & Services expense includes costs of goods and services.

\$ 348,068

BARN's mission is to grow and inspire a creative community through craft, learning, and service. Your involvement helps make that possible, whether you join as a member, share your expertise as an instructor, give back as a volunteer, or support our community through tax-deductible contributions. Learn more at **BainbridgeBARN.org/get-involved**

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