

# ARTIST TRUST'S AMBASSADOR PROGRAM GAINS MOMENTUM

by **Jim McDonald**, Board Member, Outreach & Artist Committee Chair

**S**tarted in late 2007, Artist Trust's Ambassador Program addresses the very core of our mission: "...to support and encourage individual artists working in all disciplines in order to enrich community life throughout Washington State."

Artist Trust Ambassadors are artists and arts supporters located across the state who are helping to expand the number of artists who benefit from our grants and services. Ambassadors are artists, art administrators, advocates, business owners and most importantly, people invested in their communities and the artists in their communities. They serve as bridges to Artist Trust's programs and services and provide feedback to us on how best to serve the local artists. Across the state there are currently five Ambassador Committees, whose members act as representatives of their region.

Ambassadors encourage artists in their area to apply for Artist Trust's grants and use our many services, disseminating information including notices of workshops, gatherings, grant deadlines, the bi-weekly *(re)Source* e-newsletter, *Art Source*, brochures, etc.

Ambassadors also provide useful information to our staff, such as leads on local businesses that we could approach for members' discounts, local press and media contacts, and new venues for workshops. The Ambassadors are invaluable in helping us stay in tune with what's happening and what's needed in the many diverse arts communities throughout the state.

Members of Artist Trust's Outreach & Artist Committee serve as liaisons to the Ambassador Committees, and they meet altogether to network

and discuss issues and concerns of their local arts communities. Ambassador Committee meetings have been productive, leading to increased communication, feedback and action. Getting together in person has been a (not unexpected) challenge—coordinating meetings between busy volunteers in diverse locations always is. The Eastern Committee has met twice in the last 18 months; the North Central Committee met last spring during the Cultural Congress at Sleeping Lady Resort in Leavenworth; and several members of the Puget Sound Committee met this past January. Members of the Western Committee are currently scheduling their introductory meeting, and the South Central Committee is still being formed, with commitment from several people in the area confirmed.

We would like to sincerely thank our inaugural Ambassadors for their time and commitment and for being an integral part of Artist Trust. When you see them in your community, say hi, find out what's new with Artist Trust and let them know how we could serve you better. If you would like more information on the Ambassador Program or would like to directly contact an Ambassador or board member, contact Lila Hurwitz, Communications Manager, at [lila@artisttrust.org](mailto:lila@artisttrust.org) or by calling 206/467-8734 x13 or 866/21-TRUST (toll free).

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## ARTIST TRUST AMBASSADORS

### East Ambassadors

*Includes Stevens, Pend Oreille, Ferry, Lincoln, Spokane, Whitman, Garfield, Columbia, Asotin, Adams and Grant Counties.*

Louise Kodis, Spokane  
Melissa Lang, Spokane  
Tina Morrison, Spokane  
Lorinda Knight, Spokane  
Michelle Forsyth, Pullman  
Dennis Held, Spokane

### North Central Ambassadors

*Includes Okanogan, Douglas and Chelan Counties.*

Kate Jones, Methow  
Scott Bailey, Wenatchee  
Bill Rietveldt, Wenatchee  
Tori Karpenko, Twisp

### South Central Ambassadors

*Includes Kittitas, Yakima, Klickitat, Benton, Walla Walla and Franklin Counties.*

Justin Gibbens, Thorp  
Elizabeth Miller, Yakima  
Joan CawleyCrane, Ellensburg

### Puget Sound Ambassadors

*Includes Mason, Thurston, Pierce, King, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Kitsap Counties*

Hugo Ludeña, Seattle  
Amy McBride, Tacoma  
Ann Reid, Mount Vernon  
Sue Ellen Heflin, Bellingham  
MaPina Chan, Olympia

### West Ambassadors

*Includes Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Skamania, Lewis, Clark and Cowlitz Counties*

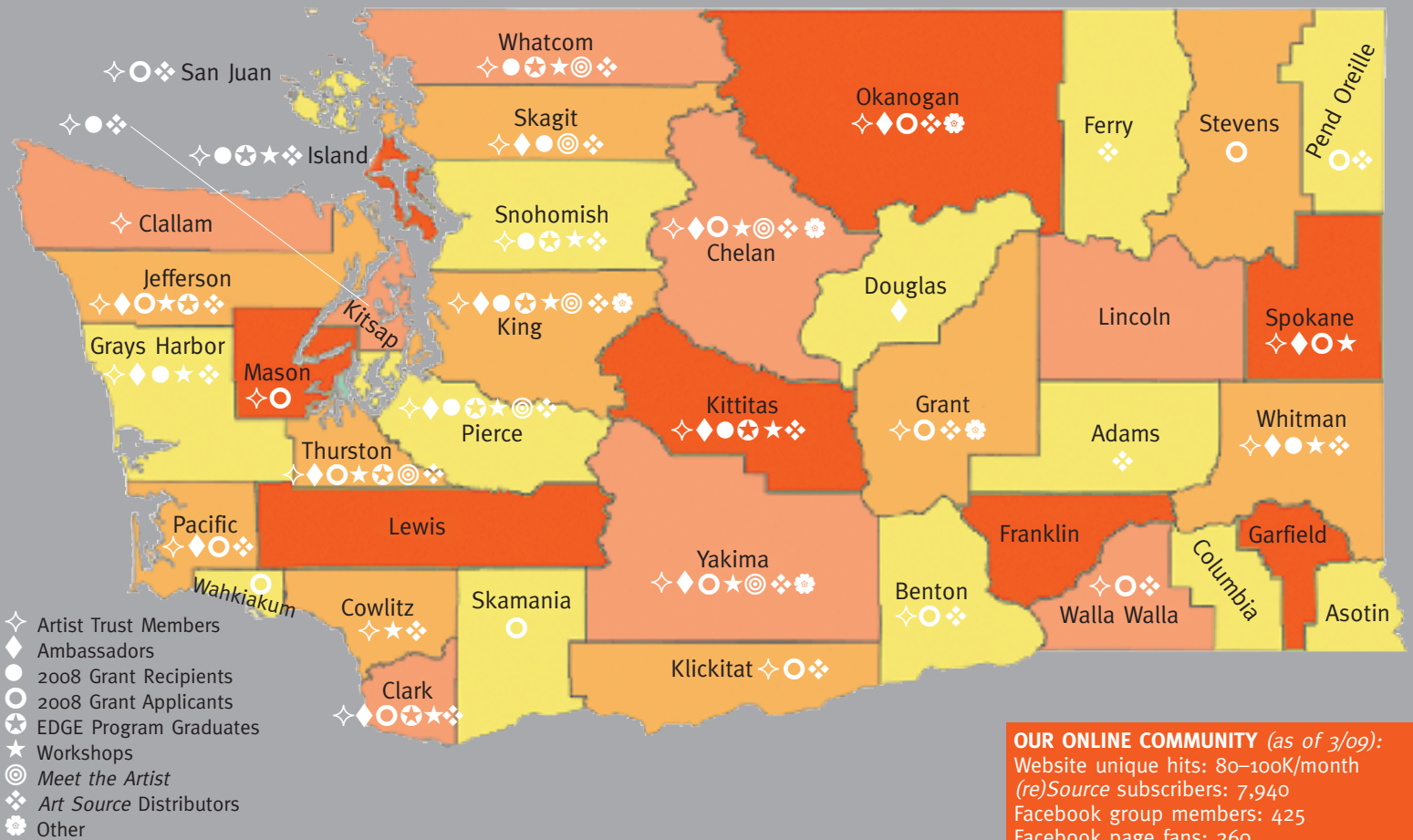
Joan Broughton, Port Townsend  
Amy Buchheit, Vancouver  
Cyndy Hayward,  
Oysterville/Long Beach  
Gloria Lamson, Port Townsend  
Carrie Larson, Hoquiam



**VISIT ARTIST TRUST'S  
NEW TEMPORARY  
SATELLITE OFFICE IN  
ELLENSBURG!**

Mondays & Tuesdays  
9am–5pm  
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866/21-TRUST x10 (toll free)

# ARTIST TRUST ACROSS WASHINGTON IN 2008



**Adams County**  
 Art Source distributors

**Benton County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP & Fellowship applicants  
 Art Source distributors

**Chelan County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP & Fellowship applicants  
 Workshops  
 Meet the Artist  
 Art Source distributors  
 Cultural Congress workshops  
 & scholarships

**Clallam County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP & Fellowship applicants  
 Meet the Artist  
 Art Source distributors

**Clark County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP recipients  
 Fellowship applicants  
 EDGE graduates  
 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**Cowlitz County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**Douglas County**  
 Ambassadors  
 Cultural Cong. scholarships

**Ferry County**  
 Art Source distributors

**Franklin County**  
 Fellowship applicants

**Grant County**  
 GAP applicants  
 Art Source distributors  
 Cultural Cong. scholarships

**Grays Harbor County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP recipients  
 Fellowship applicants  
 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**Island County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP recipients  
 Fellowship applicants  
 EDGE graduates  
 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**Jefferson County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP & Fellowship applicants  
 EDGE Program graduates  
 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**King County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP & Fellowship recipients  
 EDGE Program & graduates  
 Workshops  
 Meet the Artist  
 Art Source distributors  
 Other: Twining Humber  
 Award recipient; Ethnic Arts  
 Connection workshop;  
 Benefit Art Auction; Pecha

Kuchas; Art-B-Que; Salons;  
 Microsoft Artist Lecture  
 Series; Northwest Film  
 Forum's *Local Sightings*;  
 Open Houses; Seattle Arts &  
 Lectures; Qliance Artist Health  
 Screening; Networking  
 Events; grant celebrations;  
 Portfolio workshops

**Kitsap County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP & Fellowship recipients  
 Art Source distributors

**Kittitas County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
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 EDGE graduates  
 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**Klickitat County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP applicants  
 Art Source distributors

**Mason County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP applicants

**Okanogan County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP applicants  
 Art Source distributors  
 Cultural Cong. scholarships

**Pacific County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP & Fellowship applicants  
 Art Source distributors

**Pend Oreille County**  
 GAP applicants  
 Art Source distributors

**Pierce County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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 Art Source distributors

**San Juan County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 GAP & Fellowship applicants  
 Art Source distributors

**Skagit County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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 Fellowship applicants  
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**Skamania County**  
 GAP applicants

**Snohomish County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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**Spokane County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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**Stevens County**  
 GAP applicants

**Thurston County**  
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**Wahkiakum County**  
 GAP applicants

**Walla Walla County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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 Art Source distributors

**Whatcom County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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**Whitman County**  
 Artist Trust members  
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 Workshops  
 Art Source distributors

**Yakima County**  
 Artist Trust members  
 Ambassadors  
 GAP applicants  
 Workshops  
 Meet the Artist  
 Tieton: Arts Unbound  
 Abundance sculpture  
 Art Source distributors