



## BELLINGHAM SUNDIAL MURAL PROJECT

When professional gnomonist, Sasch Stephens saw an empty 28'x54' south facing wall in Bellingham's downtown core, he imagined a beautifully designed functional sundial mural for everyone in Bellingham to enjoy. He immediately contacted the owner of the Ciao Thyme building. It took a while to convince them, but finally a contract was signed granting permission for the sundial mural to be installed and remain for at least 10 years, after that it was off to the races!

With Allied Arts on board as our fiscal sponsor, we used their website to publish the RFP (request for proposals) calling to artists, muralists, and sundialists worldwide to submit their ideas. We were fortunate to receive 27 submissions from 11 different countries! Our distinguished jury panel of sundialists and art professionals were tasked with choosing the best possible design. In the end it was none other than a local Bellingham muralist, Gretchen Leggitt who got the nod. It is amazing that after searching far and wide it came down to someone right here in Bellingham. We definitely have talent in our midst.

The jury panel felt that what made this work special, beyond it being a functional sundial and educational tool, was it's connection to the vibrancy of our town and its surroundings. Bellingham, a young active town is closely connected to nature so this will be a perfect fit to the aesthetic of the area. Gretchen has also agreed to work alongside professional gnomonists to integrate the precise technical aspects of the sundial into the work. The combination of great art and a well appointed solar time piece will make this a world class installation.

We are working on raising \$22,000 which will pay for the design award, cost of installation, and future maintenance. Contributions are tax deductible, and contributors will be listed on a plaque as part of the installation. Donors over \$100 will receive a working miniature replica which can be set on any south-facing window ledge.

### **Will you donate to our project to help our dream become a reality?**

If all goes well we will get the sundial hour and season lines on the wall this fall and the full mural completed in the spring. Thank you for your support in realizing this unique functional and educational work of art that will be highly appreciated by both Bellinghamsters and all those who visit here. As tourism grows in our constantly changing downtown core, this project truly has the ability to put Bellingham on the map!

WINNER OF THE BELLINGHAM SUNDIAL MURAL PROJECT

GRETCHEN LEGGITT

WILL BE INSTALLING THIS WORLD CLASS FUNCTIONAL ART PIECE

LOCATED AT

207 UNITY STREET, BELLINGHAM WA



LONGITUDE 48° 45'11"      LATITUDE -122°28'37"



## Donation Form for Bellingham Sundial Mural Project

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to donate to the 'Sundial Mural Project' by releasing funds to Allied Arts, and thank you again for being a part of this exciting project.

Send check made out to Allied Arts of Whatcom County with this sheet to:

**Sasch Stephens/NW Sunworks**  
**PO Box 5652**  
**Bellingham, WA, 98227**

