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Venues for Artists in the Local Area

Connecting artists to artists, artists to the community, and the community to art.



Artist Call

✨ CALL FOR ARTISTS: Momentary Magic ✨



Momentary Magic

VALA Art Center invites you to submit your work for our upcoming exhibition, "Momentary Magic: Exploring the Ephemera of Existence." from June 9th to June 25th. Dive into the transient nature of existence and capture the beauty of fleeting moments, emotions, and experiences in your art. Share your vision of ephemerality with us. The deadline for artist applications is **May 19, 2023**.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The deadline to apply is May 19, 2023

For more info and to apply, click: forms.gle/KcYzB9aaiXyB8M39.

Upcoming Events

✨ DON'T MISS OUT, RSVP FOR THE VALA GALA TODAY ✨



VALA Gala

VALA invites you to join us for an unforgettable night of art, music, and community at the VALA Gala, held on Sunday, **May 21st, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Bake's Place in Bellevue, WA**. This extraordinary evening will feature a live performance by indie/pop band Goodnight Suzie with the Passenger String Quartet, as well as a silent and live auction showcasing art and products from local businesses.

Guests will have the opportunity to indulge in delicious food and drinks, while experiencing the musical talents of Goodnight Suzie, and he Passenger String Quartet. Goodnight Suzie is a Spokane-born wife and husband team Suzie and Ben Bradford. Known for their unique sound and emotive performances, Goodnight Suzie has garnered a loyal fan base and a reputation for captivating live shows. The Passenger String Quartet is an avant-garde, experimental neo-classical group, formed by Northwest composer/violinist Andrew Joslyn.

Tickets are available now for \$100 + tax & gratuity, which includes a \$50 food/drink credit and concert ticket. With **limited booths and tables available**, guests are encouraged to **reserve their spots today by calling (425) 454-2776**.

All proceeds from the VALA Gala will support the VALA Presents: Goodnight Suzie Featuring Northwest Sinfonia fundraising campaign, which includes a scholarship for local artists and musicians. To learn more about this campaign, visit givebutler.com/c/6US7ZL.

Poetry Workshop



Poetry Workshop & Open Mic Reading

Writing in Response to Works of Art
Saturday, May 20th | 2 PM to 5 PM.

Join past Redmond Poet Laureate Rebecca Meredith in a writing workshop based on the 10x10 Project, a series of poems written in response to photographs of historic Redmond to celebrate the city's 2012 centennial. The workshop will discuss ekphrastic poetry, or work written in response to a work of art. We will use the techniques learned to write our own responses to the photos, and to refine our work.

The workshop will be followed by a reading by the Centennial Poets and an open mic reading of workshop participants. The reading portion may be livestreamed on Facebook. This workshop is free, but space is limited! Please register to reserve your spot: redmondhistoricalsociety.org/rhe-events

Stitching Together



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A Mother's Day Workshop with Create2Help
Sunday, May 14th | 3 PM to 5 PM.

Join Create2Help's Mother's Day workshop, "Stitching Together," on May 14th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at VALA Art Center. Learn simple sewing skills and create a one-of-a-kind pencil pouch that you can use for years. By sharing their passion for creativity and kindness, Create2Help hopes to inspire attendees to discover the power of crafting and how it can bring people together and make a difference. Materials will be provided, and registration is free. All slots filled. Sign up here to be informed of the next Create2Help sewing class: tinyurl.com/5n7yym

Recent and Current Events

CROCHET FOR A CAUSE



Worry Worm Workshop

Lead Lavanya Venkateswar of Meaningful Actions

What a heartwarming day we had at the VALA Art Center! 💖

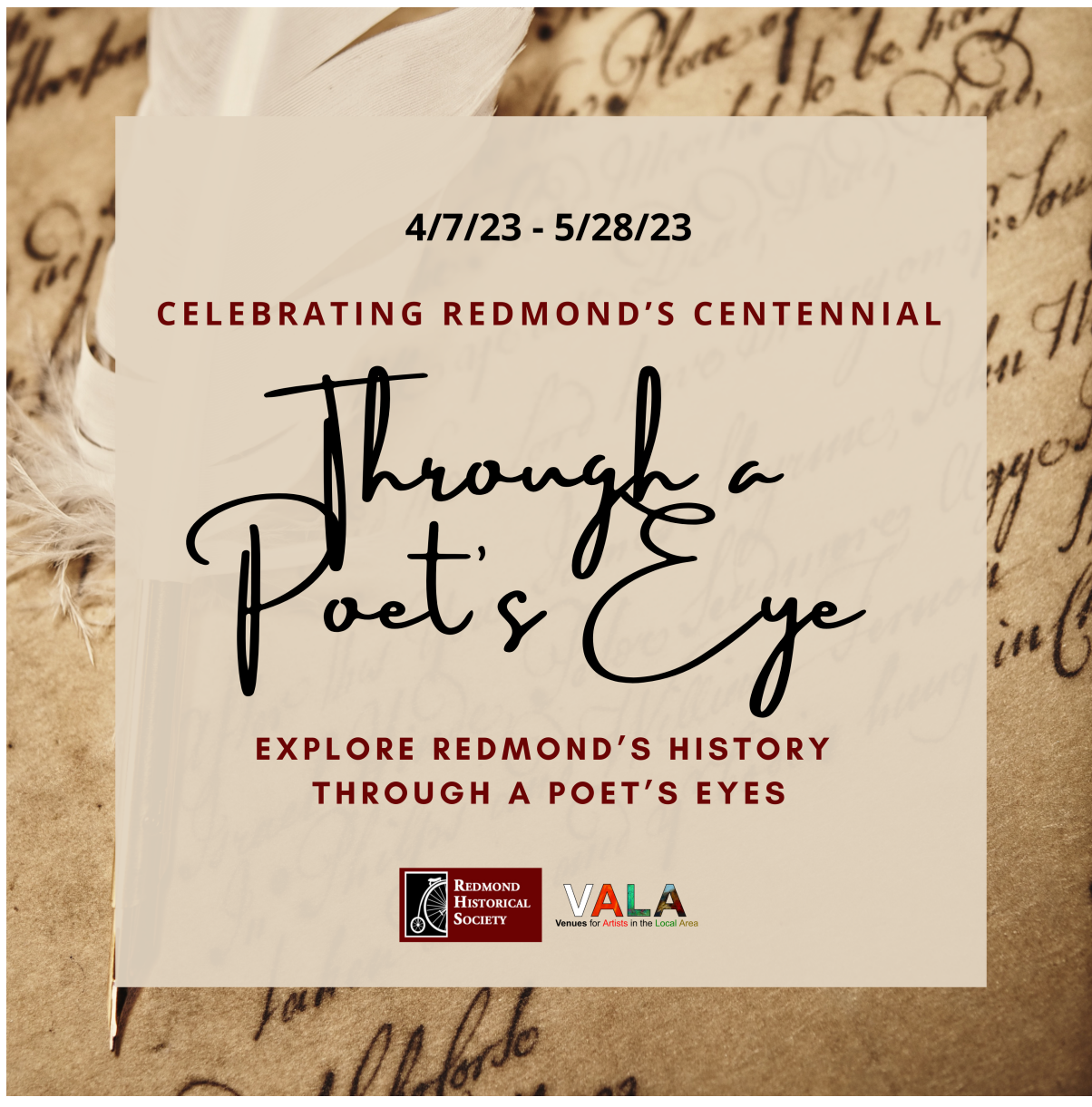
The "Worry Worm Workshop: Crochet for a Cause" event, led by the talented Lavanya and Mihika Venkateswar of [Meaningful Actions](#), taught participants to create adorable worry worms, while giving back to the community. 💖

Everyone enjoyed crafting these little crochet fidget toys that help alleviate anxiety and sharpen focus. As a result, many hearts were touched, and lives were brightened through the distribution of these worry worms to various organizations and individuals in need.

"Let's crochet some comfort, one worry worm at a time!"

A huge thank you to Lavanya, Mihika, and all our wonderful participants for making this event a fantastic success.

CURRENT EXHIBIT AT VALA ART CENTER



Through a Poet's Eye

Explore Redmond's History Through a Poet's Eye
On Display February 4th - March 26th, 2022.

"Through a Poet's Eye," a one-of-a-kind exhibition that intertwines history, poetry, and photography to celebrate the City of Redmond's rich past. It features large photographic prints accompanied by reproductions of the poems they inspired from the City of Redmond's centennial poetry anthology, 10X10. The anthology, a collaborative effort between Redmond's first Poet Laureate, Rebecca Meredith, the Redmond Arts Commission, and the Redmond Library, highlights the City's history through the unique lens of poetry. Visitors to the exhibition will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in a fusion of visual and literary art that invites them to explore Redmond's past and connect with its vibrant heritage. The exhibition will be on display from April 7 to May 28, 2023, at VALA Art Center. Open hours are Sat/Sun 11:00am-2:00pm.

THE ART WORLDS OF REDMOND



The Art Worlds of Redmond Outdoor Installation

By VALA Redmond Lights Artist, [Pamela Waters](#)
On display December 2022 - August 2023

Orb ornaments hanging are arranged in the shape of the city of Redmond. Each ornament is filled by an individual artist from our Redmond local community. The ornaments have been filled with something representative of each person's individual world.

LUMINOUS LABYRINTH



Luminous Labyrinth Outdoor Installation

By VALA Redmond Lights Artist, [Kay Bae](#)
On display December 2022 - August 2023

A labyrinth is an ancient form of structure, symbolizing a purposeful journey to our center and back into the world. It was used in many different ways such as spiritual centering and contemplation. By following the single path to the center and then retracing the same path back out, I could quiet my mind and become so peaceful. I am sharing this with the public, hoping they enjoy this path and may perceive a spiritual journey, a sense of inner reflection, or stress reduction.

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