

# PT Artscape

Port Townsend Community Consortium  
Arts in Education Program



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## *It is time for the Fourth Annual Chair Affair'10!*

Please consider donating your artistic talents to raise funds for the Arts in Education program in the Port Townsend School District. PT Artscape, a community consortium, collaborates with the following organizations to provide arts offerings in our schools: Washington State Arts Commission, Port Townsend School District, Port Townsend Main Street Program, Centrum, Port Townsend Arts Commission, PTSD PTA's, ASB, and PTO's, NW Maritime Center/WBF, Port Townsend Library, and many PT businesses. Creating a chair or small side table will help provide funds for art education for our PTSD students and it is a chance to display your work and have fun with other local artists. We would be delighted to have you join us at the event. Check out our website for photos of some of last year's chairs. ([www.PTartscape.com](http://www.PTartscape.com))

This annual event draws a broad audience of people who support arts education, and we plan to put **Chair Affair** chairs up for sale during gallery walk on the evening of May 1st, 5:30 to 8pm. **All proceeds will go to arts programming in the schools.** Chair Affair proceeds support programming needs such as:

- Artist, sculptor Margie McDonald's teaching residency at PT high school.
- Visual Artist Jesse J. Watson teaching residency in the Blue Heron Middle School.
- Teaching Artist Wanda LeClerc art education offerings to the Grant Street Students.
- Professional development for teaching artists.

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*“The arts are a fundamental component of a basic education.”--National Arts Education Association.*

*“The arts celebrate multiple perspectives.*

*The arts teach students to think through and within a material.*

*The arts' position in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.” E.Eisner*

The Arts and the Creation of Mind, source: *NAEA*

We are asking a select group of artists to contribute decorated chairs and small side tables. They will be displayed together in a cozy and prominent downtown location, as a temporary gallery setting. How you reinvent or create your furniture is completely open to the interpretation by the artist. We are asking for a title, a short biography, and a response to the question” Why are the arts important to our youth? We are considering a few price ranges to simplify the process. In respect to the artist, we are asking you to place your chair or table in one of the price ranges. Please keep in mind the constraints of today’s economy on potential buyers. The average sold price of last year’s chair was \$150. A few pieces garnered \$200, \$350, and \$600. Please price your chair in one of the following categories:

**A. \$50-100      B. \$100-200      C. \$300 and above.**

**Please e-mail or call us with your response by March 1st—with plans of completion by April 16**, if you would like to be considered for P.R. photos associated with the event. All completed artwork should be delivered to **Mt. Baker Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Suite 3, on April 16<sup>th</sup> between 3-5pm.**

Lisa Doray and volunteers will be on staff to accept your donation for the event.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration.

With sincerest gratitude,

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