

Mercer Island Arts Council



Department Report
January 18, 2023

Transforming the Community Center



- In early December, the Community Center hosted a cultural event for the Oriana Ladies League.
- The group worked with the City team to completely transform the Mercer Room into a runway that had fashion, dancing, singing, and a celebration of their one-year anniversary.
- Our thanks to the staff team who patiently worked to bring the Oriana Ladies League's vision to life!





THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
**Illuminate MI
 Events**



❄️ These events are in addition to the Holiday lights that illuminate the Town Center, Mercerdale Park & The Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery!

Tree Lighting & Firehouse Munch
 Mercerdale Park * Station 91, 6 - 8pm



Dec. 2

Lights Up at the J
 Stroum Jewish Community Center, 4pm daily

Dec. 1 - Jan. 1

Friends of MI Library Book Sale
Dickens Carolers (Dec. 12, 2pm)
 Mercer Island Library

Dec. 8 - 12

Dec. 12

Girl Scouts Toy Drive
 Mercerdale Park, 9am - 4pm

Dec. 10

Argosy Ship
 Luther Burbank Beach, 8:40pm

Dec. 18

Chabad MI Menorah Lighting
 Mercerdale Park, 6pm

Dec. 19

Hands on Hanukkah
 Stroum Jewish Community Center, 4-6pm



Dec. 20



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- Stroum Jewish Community Center (JCC)
- ArtsWA & NEA

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- Mercer Island Firefighters IAFF Local 1762
- John L. Scott
- Friends of the MI Library
- Mercer Island Girl Scouts
- Chabad Mercer Island
- Mercer Island Visual Arts League (MIVAL)
- Mercer Island Preschool Association (MIPA)





Donation of *Raven*

- Palladium print by Ron Reeder, long-time Island resident, scientist, and artist
- Presented to the City by MIVAL in 2019, Approved by the Arts Council in 2021
- On January 3, the Mercer Island City Council voted unanimously to accept the donation of *Raven* into the City's public art collection.



Ron Reeder

MIVAL at MICEC



- The Evergreen Association of Fine Arts Members Juried Show Hosted by the City of Mercer Island and the Mercer Island Visual Arts League took place last week at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.
- This was a fantastic event with 45 artists that were part of this exhibit, with patrons who came to support the show.
- Come by and see the winning artwork and all the beautiful submissions, now through March 2nd.

Lectures at MICEC

- The Mercer Island Sister City Association will be holding *French Art Lectures* on February 21 and April 27 at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center at 7pm. More information will be coming soon to www.mercerislandsistercity.org
- OSHER is back at MICEC! First offering is a 4-Week Course: The Federalist Papers with speaker James Rigali.
 - Thursdays, January 26, February 2, 9, 16 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.
 - To register email OLLI@uw.edu or call 206.685.6549
 - Learn more about the program at <https://www.osher.uw.edu/programs>.



Island Lanterns

Free lanterns will be available at the **Mercer Island Community Center on Saturday, January 28, from 9am-5pm.**

Pick up a lantern to create at home, or we'll also have art supplies available to craft your creation that day.

Once your lantern is complete, drop it off at the Outdoor Sculpture Gallery on Saturday, February 28, during our community install day!

Thank you to ArtsWA and the National Endowment for the Arts for supporting this project.

Questions? Contact Sarah Bluvas, CIP Project Manager, at sarah.bluvas@mercerisland.gov.

www.mercerisland.gov/islandlanterns

Community members of all ages are invited to use their talents and help us create imaginative outdoor, illuminated art displays for the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery. We'll provide the lanterns; you provide your creativity!

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Thank You!

