

# Mercer Island Arts Council



Department Report  
April 19, 2023





# Island Lanterns

- Thank you to ArtsWA and the National Endowment for the Arts for supporting this project.
- The City of Mercer Island partnered with [Mercer Island Visual Arts League \(MIVAL\)](#) to bring back *Island Lanterns*, a community art project designed to connect and inspire Islanders through arts and culture.
- We distributed 200 solar lanterns for community members to transform with their creativity and then installed them at the Veterans Pergola in Mercerdale Park. Lanterns will be on display through April 24.
- [www.mercerisland.gov/islandlanterns](http://www.mercerisland.gov/islandlanterns)



# LEAP FOR GREEN



**EARTH DAY FAIR: TAKING ACTION!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

**10AM – 2PM**



**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!  
SUSTAINABILITY VENDORS  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD TRUCKS  
ELECTRIC VEHICLES  
EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS  
AND MORE!**

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## Leap For Green Earth Day Fair – April 22!

- Thank you, Cedar Grove & The Mercer Island Community Fund for your sponsorship!
- This weekend, the Community Center will be transformed into an Earth Day Fair, with sustainability vendors, live entertainment, sustainable kid's crafts, electric vehicles, food vendors, a petting zoo, and more!
- Thank you to all the local vendors who will be in attendance for a day of fun!



# SUMMER CELEBRATION!

JULY 15, 2023

Join the fun at Mercer Island's largest event with elements of: community parade, live music, community booths, art vendors, kid's activities, food trucks, fireworks and more!

**LOOKING FOR:**

SPONSORS

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ART VENDORS

FOOD TRUCKS



# Summer Celebration!

- Join MI Martial Arts, The Mercer Apartment Homes and The Mercer Island Community Fund in sponsoring Summer Celebration. Many opportunities still available.
- We also have applications for community groups, art vendors and food trucks posted online.
- The Community Parade will return, thanks to Island Books, John L. Scott and Island Treats – application out soon!





# MIVAL at MICEC

David Fishman's Unique Botanical Portraits &

Mercer Island High School 2D & Photography: March 6 – May 4

- The Artist Reception was held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, where attendees heard from David on his elaborate photographic gear and editing tools.

Coming up: Puget Sound Sumi Artists: May 6 – June 24

- The Artist's Reception will be held on Thursday, May 11 from 5 – 7pm

Coming up: MIVAL Junior Art Show: June 26 – August 18

- The Artist's Reception will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 1 – 2pm



# MICEC

- The Open Window School hosted their Multicultural Event, highlighting arts & culture from around the world with dancing and a lot of live music!
- Last Sunday, a Diwali Festival was in the Gym of the MICEC, which had 250 – 300 people in attendance. Our staff reported it was musical, colorful and great to see so many happy people!
- Last night, we partnered with the Mercer Island Sister City to host a French Film, which was shown in French with English subtitles.





## Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway

- Our annual Advisory Boards & Commission recruitment is now underway through May 5.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill expiring terms on:
  - Arts Council (3 positions)
  - Design Commission (2 positions)
  - Parks & Recreation Commission (2 positions)
  - Planning Commission (2 positions)
- New this year: electronic application to streamline the process. Learn more and apply at [www.mercerisland.gov/bc](http://www.mercerisland.gov/bc).

**Thank You!**

