



### SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS NOMINATION FORM

**INITIATOR:** Please fill in this section

County department/agency: Parks, Rec & Tourism / Arts

Contact person/phone: Jeremy Husby 425-388-6601

Name of Board/Commission: Arts Commission

Advisory  Governing  Ad Hoc  Ongoing

Term of Appointment Now- Expires 12-31-22 Commencing Un-expired term

Mandated Requirements for Appointment\* District 5

The Snohomish County Arts Commission is authorized by County Code:

<https://snohomish.county.codes/SCC/2.95>

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM

**NOMINEE:** Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Arts Commission

New appointment:  Reappointment: 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  Ex-Officio

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

1                      2                      3                      4                      5                      Don't Know

Name: Kari Johnson

Home Address: 2908 112th Ave SE

City: Lake Stevens State: WA Zip: 98258

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): cell: 317 7509252 (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: kariann.johnson@gmail.com

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: artist

Education: bachelor of arts, Iowa State University

Licenses held (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? \_\_\_\_\_

I am looking for an opportunity to get involved and give back to the community and county in an area of personal and professional interest to myself.



Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission. \_\_\_\_\_

As an artist who is new to the area, I believe I bring a fresh outside perspective on ways to expand the importance of art in Snohomish County.

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities. \_\_\_\_\_

volunteer art docent for Glenwood Elementary School, Lake Stevens

Please attach to this application a response to the following questions:

1. What is your connection with the arts and how have you participated in the arts community?
2. What skills, knowledge and approach would you bring to the Arts Commission?
3. How would your involvement help mobilize the arts community and arts supporters to elevate the arts in Snohomish County?
4. Specify your main area of interest in the arts:  
 Visual Arts                       Performance Arts                       Literary Arts
5. List past or present art organization affiliations.
6. List two references and their contact information.
7. Include other information you feel is relevant to your application.

How did you learn of this opportunity? Snohomish County website

Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?\* No

**\*2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to County boards or commission must meet the following requirements:**

1. Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony.
2. If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board.
3. Reside or work in Snohomish County or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, provided that a candidate may not be a County employee.
4. Membership is limited to one position at a time on a board or commission, provided that a member of a board may simultaneously serve on one ad hoc or advisory committee. (Ord. 82-037 § 1, adopted June 9, 1982)

**By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record,**



including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.

Signature: 

Date: June 4, 2020

**Please attach resume if available and return to:**  
Jeremy Husby, Interim Cultural Resources Manager (Arts)  
c/o Evergreen State Fairgrounds  
14405 – 179<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Monroe WA 98272  
(360) 805-6700 / (360) 794-8027 fax / [Jeremy.husby@snoco.org](mailto:Jeremy.husby@snoco.org)

To Jeremy Husby and the Snohomish County Arts Commission,

Hello board members. My name is Kari Johnson and I am an artist who lives and works from my home studio in Lake Stevens. As someone who is newer to this state and region, I do not have many connections to the area arts community, but as a former military spouse (my husband is now retired) I was given the opportunity to build robust communities of artists using online platforms. As a military spouse forced to move every 2-3 years to a new duty station (sometimes completely disconnected from the previous one) it's hard to maintain a sense of community with the place where you live. So many spouses, like myself, move to online platforms to display, connect, and gain support and encouragement.

It is my understanding of these communities and ability to connect with them that I believe would make me an asset to the committee. Many military families have a wealth of talents and stories to tell and their participation in this community, however brief, should be embraced and encouraged.

In my short time here I've been able to volunteer with my son's elementary school art docent program. It has been an absolute joy to share my knowledge of art and paint alongside them. I believe fostering and encouraging artist exploration and unencumbered creativity can help build on all aspects of education. I also believe access to local artists within their community and throughout the arts will help children think of their own creative futures, whether professionally or as a hobby.

I grew up in a small, rural community hundreds of miles from a major city. Our arts program consisted mostly of no 2 pencils and computer paper. And while there was a small thriving arts community in my hometown, it felt miles away from me. My children, our children should know that you don't need to be in the city center to have a thriving community and you don't need fancy tools to be a real artist.

I would like to use my platform an artist, mother and former military spouse to help bridge the gap between the work of the Arts Commission, the County and the community.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kari Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kari Johnson

REFERENCES

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