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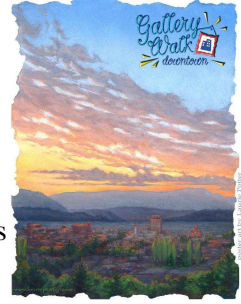
## DRN Board Elections

Enclosed in this edition of *Network News*, you will find your 2007 Network Board Elections Ballot. The Network Board of Directors opens five positions each year; existing members may choose to run for a second term (three years). The Network nominations committee evaluated the current Board for stakeholder and issue representation, and developed a slate of recommended candidates for membership endorsement based on qualifications, interest, and involvement in downtown. Please review the enclosed ballot and cast yours by **June 22** in time for the June 27 Network Quarterly Meeting. Ballots will be tallied and the new Board confirmed on that date. New terms will begin in July. Nominations from the floor will be taken during the meeting if necessary. You must be a current member of the Network to vote. One vote per membership. If you have questions please contact 527-8710 or e-mail [kirsten@downtownbellingham.com](mailto:kirsten@downtownbellingham.com).

**!!!!!!! VOTE TODAY !!!!!!!**

## July 6 Gallery Walk

Gallery Walks are a festive time when participating business owners keep their doors open from 7 to 10 pm to showcase an array of artwork by local and visiting artists. Art lovers are invited to stroll through the streets of downtown to enjoy art, food and community. To participate in the July 6 Gallery Walk as a venue, artist, or attendee, contact Kirsten at 527-8710 or visit [www.downtownbellingham.com](http://www.downtownbellingham.com).



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## Downtown Sounds Returns to Downtown Bellingham Every Wednesday July 11 – August 1, 6:00 to 9:00PM



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### 2007 Sponsors:

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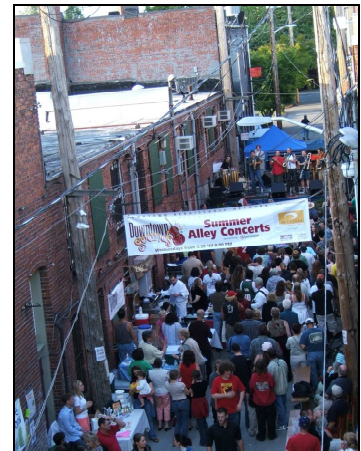
**THANK YOU!!!!**

Winner of a 2006 Mayor's Arts Award and an Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Award from the State of Washington, the popular *Downtown Sounds* Summer Alley Concert series is returning to Bellingham for a third year of live music, delicious food, dancing, and fun for the entire family. This FREE all-ages event is presented by the Downtown Renaissance Network with support from our generous sponsors. The concerts will take place every Wednesday from July 11 through August 1, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the alley between Holly Street and Bay/Champion Streets in downtown Bellingham. Last year's event drew approximately 1,000 people per night to the downtown area, offering the Bellingham community a fun and unique way to enjoy summer. This year's lineup promises to replicate that success, with headliners Flowmotion, Bow Diddlers, Randy Oxford Band, the Clumsy Lovers and additional entertainment from The Upfront Theatre.

### Goals for *Downtown Sounds*:

- Raise Awareness & Visibility for Downtown Bellingham
- Bolster Business in Downtown
- Encourage a safe, festive after work environment in downtown
- Showcase creative use of existing space

*Downtown Sounds* creates opportunities for our members to promote their businesses on concert nights. Contact the Network if you are interested in participating in this event through sponsorship or as a volunteer.



## Visitor Info Station update

Since opening on April 6, 2007, the Downtown Visitor Information Station has helped nearly 600 visitors find hotels, restaurants, museums, shops and other downtown businesses. The Info Station features maps, ticket sales, brochures, and local merchandise. If you would like to sell tickets for your events or advertise your business at the Info Station, please contact Nicole at [Nicole@downtownbellingham.com](mailto:Nicole@downtownbellingham.com) or 527-8710.



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Comcast, Community Food Co-op, Otton, Portionables, Cascadia Weekly, Classic Rock 92.9 KISM, Sustainable Connections, 2020 Engineering, Grand View Sign and Awning, Minuteman Press, Three Sixty Productions, and Zervas Group Architects

### THANK YOU!!



## Bite of Bellingham

Wednesday, July 18 from 6:00 to 9:00PM

The second annual *Bite of Bellingham* is joining up with a *Downtown Sounds* concert event for a night of sizzling summer fun. The Bite will be held in conjunction with the second concert of the series featuring the Bow Diddlers on Wednesday, July 18 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to sample foods and beverages from numerous Bellingham restaurants and vote for their favorite 'Bite' while enjoying the live music of Downtown Sounds.



Over 2,500 people attended last year's Bite, and this year the Downtown Renaissance Network is gearing up for the event with more advertising, infrastructure, and a wider variety of Bellingham restaurants.

Along with giving the Bellingham community an opportunity to sample great food and celebrate downtown, the event serves as a valuable promotional tool for participating restaurants to showcase their menu and increase awareness of their establishment.

Please contact the Downtown Renaissance Network to participate in this event as a vendor, through sponsorship or as a volunteer. We hope to see you at the Bite!

### Welcome New Members!

Applied Research Northwest • Bank of the Pacific • Baron & Company • Blue Horse Gallery • Caffe Adagio • Chamber of Commerce • Downtown Bob's Burgers & Brew • Dream on Futon • Hot Dawg Lady • Leopold • Looking Glass Salon • True Blue Boutique

*Thank you for helping us create an effective, dynamic voice for Downtown Bellingham!*

### Summer in the City

Downtown Renaissance Network is introducing its new co-op advertising campaign, *Summer in The City*, in partnership with Baron & Company. The 13-week campaign will run from June through August, and is designed to promote downtown as a destination by featuring participating businesses in weekly downtown itineraries. The itineraries are designed to give downtown visitors and Bellingham residents ideas on where to go and what to do while in downtown. The campaign includes print, TV, and online components.

### MNAC Representative

Introducing: Sue Thomas, CBD Representative to the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission. Sue is a resident of Morse Square and is excited to be a part of the "new downtown" and equitably represent the merchants, businesses, and residents of the neighborhood. Sue's e-mail: sthomas86@comcast.net.



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### Upcoming Events Downtown

#### June

- 2 Bellingham Farmer's Market (every Saturday throughout the summer)
- 3 Two Guys, One Mountain, Whatcom Museum
- 9 The Human Race 2007- 5k/10k walk/run, Maritime Heritage Park
- 28 Bellingham Bay History Cruise
- 30/July 1 Imagine This Home & Landscape Tour sponsored by Sustainable Connections

#### July

- 4 Hagen's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Bellingham Bay
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Bellingham Bay History Cruise
- 6 Downtown Gallery Walk
- 6 Bay Street Co-Motion
- 11 Downtown Sounds Summer Alley Concerts
- 13-15 Downtown Sidewalk Sale
- 18 Downtown Sounds Summer Alley Concerts and Bite of Bellingham
- 25 Downtown Sounds Summer Alley Concerts

#### August

- 1 Downtown Sounds Summer Alley Concert
- 9 & 16 Bellingham Bay History Cruise
- 11 Chalk Art Festival (rain date 12th)
- 11 & 12 Allied Arts Bella Strada Arts Festival

The Central Business District needs a representative to volunteer for the city-wide **Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Committee**. This Committee will work with the Assistant Fire Chief and Emergency Management staff to implement a neighborhood-based emergency preparedness program.

This program is fundamentally important to overall City preparedness as, during a major disaster, neighbors play a critical role in life safety issues. If you are interested, contact Kathryn Hanowell, Neighborhood Services Coordinator at the City: 676-6855 x 305, [khanowell@cob.org](mailto:khanowell@cob.org)



# Downtown Renaissance Network Board of Directors Ballot – 2007

The Downtown Renaissance Network is pleased to announce our annual Board of Directors Election. The following slate of Board nominees were selected by the Network Nominations Committee for our five open positions. Please review the nominee statements and then return your ballot with an endorsement or no endorsement of the proposed slate to the Downtown Renaissance Network by June 22. The final vote will be tallied for the June 27 quarterly membership meeting.

## 2007 Board of Directors Candidates

### George Dyson



**Occupation:**

Boat builder, designer, and historian of technology

**Favorite Downtown Activity:**

Late breakfasts at the Old Town Cafe. We trade parking for food--and both parties think that's the best deal in town.

**Statement:**

George Dyson has lived in Bellingham for 18 years. He purchased the former Dick's Tavern property at Holly and Central Avenues at the mouth of Whatcom Creek in 1989, and has been an active proponent of waterfront redevelopment ever since. A dual citizen of Canada and the United States, Dyson divides his time between building kayaks and writing books. Having worked on commercial vessels throughout British Columbia and Southeast Alaska, he noted, upon the closure of the Central Avenue visitor's moorage in 1990, that Bellingham was now unique among Pacific Northwest coastal communities in having no direct maritime access to its downtown. A charter member of the Downtown Renaissance Network, Dyson believes that a thriving waterfront (and this means a working waterfront) will return some of the character and prosperity to Downtown Bellingham that was so abundantly evident in the times when Whatcom Waterway connected us directly to the vibrant maritime community that is Puget Sound.

### Shannon McGuire



**Occupation:**

Professional Business Consultant Northwest Computer

**Favorite Downtown Activity:**

Attending the Saturday farmers market

**Statement:**

As a Bellingham resident for the past five years and the manager of Northwest Computer's Professional Services, issues and progress in Bellingham directly affect me. I moved here from living abroad and have chosen this area as my home because I am enthralled by the beauty of the land and the mindsets of its residents.

As a local downtown professional, I not only take pride in the development of commerce but also care about the issues facing downtown merchants and residents. I have been able to give of my time and resources to various organizations which promote the standards and values I share.

I have enjoyed two years of involvement on the Downtown Renaissance Network Board and am interested in continuing to promote and improve downtown Bellingham's future through the DRN. Thank you for your consideration of my continued involvement with your organization

## 2007 Board Candidates

### Patricia Woehrlin

**Occupation:**

Senior Director for University Advancement, Western Washington University

**Favorite Downtown Activity:**

Gallery Walks and lattes!

**Statement:**

As Senior Director for University Advancement, I work with fundraisers and campus partners on major gift strategies and planning. I have also been participating in Western's planning effort for the Waterfront.

Additionally, I served on the board of the Whatcom Museum of History and Art as a Vice President for Planning until 2006.

I'm excited about the prospect of working with the Downtown Renaissance Network. With all the opportunities facing our community, it is critical that our downtown keep its vibrancy and remain our city's center -- its core. By partnering with DRN members, I hope to contribute to its mission in meaningful ways.

Prior to joining Western, I led a major change effort at the University of Washington to streamline its internal business practices. This included engaging end users in the development of technical solutions. I have a background in organizational consulting and have operated my own practice as well as worked with larger firms such as Price Waterhouse.

Thank you for considering my application to be a member of the DRN Board of Directors, I would be honored to serve.

### Heather Wolf

**Occupation:**

Real estate and land use attorney with the firm of Brownlie Evans Wolf & Lee, LLP.

**Statement:**

Heather Wolf received her undergraduate degree from New York University (Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa) and her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Washington School of Law. Heather moved to Bellingham immediately after graduating from law school and has resided and practiced law in Bellingham for the past ten years. Heather enjoys the outdoor recreational activities offered in the area; she is an avid skier, mountain biker, hiker, and runner.

Brownlie, Evans, Wolf & Lee, LLP, in partnership with three other downtown businesses, recently purchased the Fussner monument building, which the owners intend to restore and occupy. As a downtown business and property owner, Heather is very interested in promoting the continued redevelopment and vitality of downtown Bellingham. Heather's land use and real estate work reflects her personal interest in local planning and urban development issues. Having witnessed the exciting redevelopment that has occurred in Bellingham, Heather seeks this opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Renaissance Network to assist in its ongoing efforts to enhance the City Center.

## 2007 Board Candidates & Ballot

**Lisa Woo**



**Occupation:**

Downtown property owner

**Statement:**

Lisa Woo has been a Bellingham resident and active participant in the community since 1982. She is the owner of the Gateway building in downtown Bellingham. She is a 6-year member of the Executive Board of Directors for the Western Washington University Foundation and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Renaissance Network. She is the Cheong Ju Chairperson of the Bellingham Sister City Association, and is currently building a sister city relationship with Cheong Ju, South Korea. She and her husband were the recipients of the Western Washington University Foundation Community Volunteer of the Year Award for 2003-2004. She is married to Dr. Ronald Woo, a local orthopedic surgeon. Her daughter is a recent graduate of Western's Masters in Teaching program and her son is in medical school at the University of Chicago.



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### 2007 Ballot Downtown Renaissance Network Board of Directors

**IMPORTANT!** To ensure one vote per current membership *please provide your last name or business name on the envelope in which you return this ballot.* Your name will not be linked with the results of your vote and all information will remain confidential. Failure to include your name on the envelope may result in vote disqualification. New Board members will be announced at the Network Quarterly Membership Meeting, June 27 from 6-8pm at the American Museum of Radio & Electricity.

*Please place a check next to all the nominees you endorse for the 2007 Downtown Renaissance Network Board of Directors (up to 5):*

- George Dyson**
- Shannon McGuire**
- Patricia Woehrlin**
- Heather Wolf**
- Lisa Woo**

Please return ballot to:

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Bellingham, WA 98227  
or fax 527-8709