



Dear Teachers,

In this packet you will find a poster and entry forms for **Passing the Torch 2009**, the *7th Annual Washington State High School Metal Arts Exhibition*. This exhibition is sponsored by the Seattle Metals Guild, an organization made up of Jewelers and Metalsmiths interested in fostering an exchange of ideas and information about the field of metal arts.

We are very pleased to announce that this year the exhibition will be held at *North Seattle Community College April 14th through May 8th, 2009*. With so much emphasis on sports and computers, this is a chance for the students who are interested in art to have their day. Prizes are awarded for first, second, third place and three honorable mentions in each of two categories: Jewelry or Sculpture/Holloware. Last year the award winners received approximately \$2000 in gift certificates and prizes.

Each school may submit up to five entries – maximum one entry per student. I have enclosed one copy of the Entry Form. Additional forms may be copied, or you can print them from the Seattle Metals Guild website at: www.seattlemetalsguild.org. Information about Passing the Torch 2009 can be found in the Events section. Please use the enclosed postcard to let us know if you are planning to participate.

We look forward to seeing the artwork created by your students.

Sincerely,

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Dates to Remember

Saturday, April 4th, 1-4pm

Saturday, April 18th, 2-4pm

Saturday, April 18th, 4-6pm

Friday, May 8th

Sunday May 10th, 1-4pm

Deadline for entries to arrive at North Seattle Community College
Open House/Tour of North Seattle Community College Art Department
Awards Ceremony at North Seattle Community College Concert Hall
Last Day of exhibition
Pick-up work without pre-paid return shipping at
North Seattle Community College Art Gallery

Juried Competition and Prizes:

Artwork will be judged on its creativity and craftsmanship. The jurors will select the pieces to be exhibited and will award prizes for first, second and third places and three honorable mentions in both the Jewelry category and the Metal Sculpture/Holloware category. Wall pieces must be ready to hang. Work made from kits is not allowed. Only original artwork will be considered. No licensed images may be used. All artwork must have been created within the 2008-2009 academic year in the high school classroom. There is a limit of five entries per school, with a maximum of one entry per student. Sculptures must be no larger than 18"x18"x18" with a maximum weight of 30 lbs.

Application Process

Artwork may be hand-delivered or shipped via UPS (with pre-paid return shipping enclosed) to:

North Seattle Community College Art Gallery/Passing the Torch
Attn: Brenda Anderson (206)528-4557
9600 College Way North Room IB1322
Seattle, WA 98103

Please note: There is no mail service on campus on Saturdays, so shipped items must arrive no later than Friday, April 3rd.

A separate entry form and artist statement **must** accompany **each** piece. Additional entry forms are available online at www.seattlemetalsguild.org under "Events". All artwork that does not have pre-paid return postage included **must** be picked up at North Seattle Community College Art Gallery on Sunday May 10th between 1-4pm. All uncollected work will be disposed of.

Information on the Art Department at North Seattle Community College:

Both the Seattle Metals Guild and North Seattle Community College are pleased to have this opportunity to support the high school metal arts programs around the state. The College's Art Department offers a wide array of courses in ceramics, drawing, computer art and design, metal design, printmaking, painting, jewelry-making and sculpture. The scheduled Open House will give your students an opportunity to see the fine facilities available and to have some hands-on experience in the Jewelry Studio. For more information about the Art Program at North, you can go to the website below.

<http://www.northseattle.edu/humanities/art/>

This exhibition will be held in the Art Gallery located in Room IB1322 on Campus.

North Seattle Community College Gallery Hours:

Monday-Friday: 11am – 3pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 5pm – 8pm