

# MoNA

Museum of Northwest Art

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## Museum of Northwest Art Hosts a Night of Art and Science



La Conner, WA.

In partnership with the Skagit Climate Science Consortium, the Museum of Northwest Art will host its third presentation of *Surge* in the Fall of 2018.

*Surge*, an exhibition designed to draw attention to climate change and its impact on the Northwest's coastal communities, provides the forum for artists together with environmental researchers and educators to present the public with new perspectives on issues such as flooding and storm surge.

On **Thursday, July 13 from 6-8 pm**, artists interested in participating in *Surge* are invited to a meet-and-greet with participating environmental scientists at MoNA. This informal "*Surge* Speed Dating Night" will be the first step in building a *Surge* partnership with an area scientist. Artists and scientists will then collaborate over the summer and early Fall of 2017, swapping fieldwork visits and studio visits to inform a science-based artwork on the state of climate change in our region. Works of art influenced by these summer collaborations will be proposed for inclusion in *Surge* in September of 2017, one year in advance of the 2018 show. Artist and scientist pairs will then have a calendar year to prepare for the installation.



This low-key evening will include an opportunity for artists, scientists and area educators to socialize and enjoy refreshments. Participating scientists will present on their current research and background and attending artists are also invited to give a presentation on their recent work, areas of interest and background.

**The event is FREE.** Presentation opportunities for artists are given on a first come first serve basis. RSVPs for the event are requested by July 3.

Learn more: [www.monamuseum.org/surge-speed-dating](http://www.monamuseum.org/surge-speed-dating)

Honorariums will be offered to artists juried into the 2018 *Surge* exhibition.

About the Museum of Northwest Art:

The Museum of Northwest Art is renowned for the quality and focus of its collection of over 2,400 artworks. MoNA collects and exhibits contemporary art from across the Northwest, including Alaska, British Columbia, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, fostering essential conversations and encouraging creativity. The museum aims to provide a rich experience with thoughtful context and personalized attention for visitors from our diverse community.

The museum's acclaimed education program, MoNA Link, has served nearly 8,000 students and over 140 teachers in the school districts of Anacortes, Burlington-Edison, Concrete, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and Stanwood-Camano. MoNA Link provides comprehensive art education for students from pre-K to middle school. The outreach program meets the needs of the underserved, including the homeless, youth in juvenile detention, and assisted living residents.

MoNA offers free admission and is open seven days a week to ensure access to all. The museum has received the Governor's Award for significant contributions to arts and culture, and the facility's renovations by Henry Klein Partnership Architects received an honor award from the American Institute of Architects.