



**A message from our board of directors:**

**O**ur second year of operations at the Art Salvage Creative Reuse Center was filled with exciting awards, increasing awareness, and solid growth in donations, sales and volunteers.

We were proud to earn recognition for our work in the form of two major awards (as depicted in photos on this page).

We offered reuse education and inspiration to the greater Spokane community by participating in local events, and through a variety of partnerships, programs and workshops. We began offering the first of our family drop-in “Make & Takes,” and also hired professional artists to lead classes. We collaborated with student-volunteers from

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Katie Patterson Larson and Amy Mickleson, Art Salvage co-founders, accepting the 2019 Recycler of the Year Award: Innovation from the Washington State Recycling Association

These awards spotlight individuals, businesses, government agencies and community organizations that make outstanding contributions to expanding and strengthening recycling and waste prevention.



In February 2019, Art Salvage was one of three non-profits receiving attention, love, and cash from STCU and KREM 2.

Their partnership program, “Who Do You Love?” invited people in the community to vote for their favorite charity; Art Salvage earned third place and \$1,000!

**2019 BOARD of DIRECTORS**

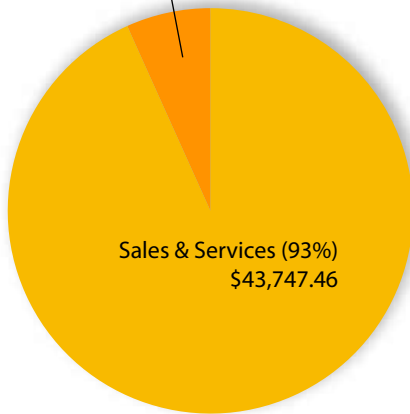


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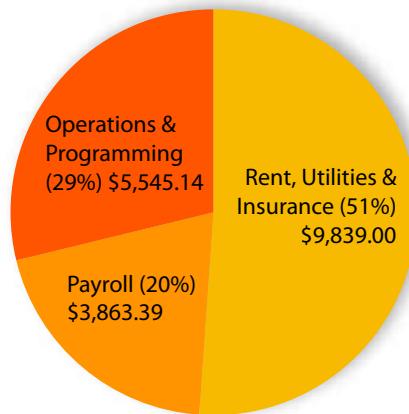
*Our Board added 5 new members at the beginning of the year, and we hired our first employee in November of 2019*

# 2019 Financials

Grants & Donations (7%)  
\$3,158.92



**Revenue**  
\$46,906.38



**Expenses**  
\$19,247.53

**Net operating revenue: \$27,658.85\***  
\* Net operating revenue is used to fund our growth into a bigger, better reuse center



Art Salvage at the Gizmo CdA Maker Faire



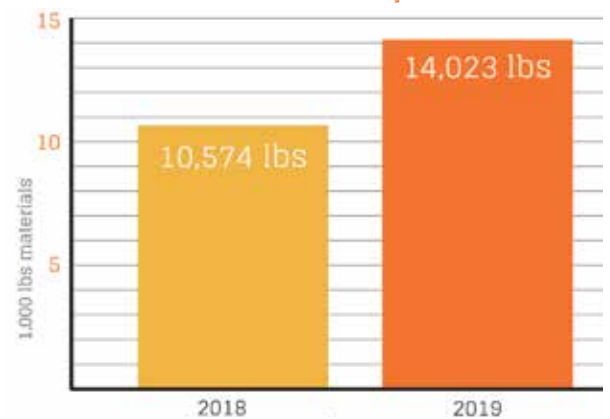
Whimsical fashion design by volunteer and Art Salvage maker, Genevieve

## Rescues from the Waste Stream

This is our key mission. We collect and curate usable materials from the waste stream—and then make those items available for reimagination and repurpose.

We calculate donations by weight, and 2019 saw a 32% increase in materials received, represented by 725 separate donations.

## Donations by the pound:



“Art Salvage is wonderful. As an art teacher, it is an invaluable resource for affordable materials. It is also a wonderful place to get inspired!”

—Google reviewer



Artist Trading Card class with Theresa Vaughn



YSEALI Professional Fellow  
Kurt Cuong Duy Nguyen

## Volunteers

Our ability to divert so much waste would not be possible without the help of our dedicated and hardworking volunteers. Regardless of their commitment, whether monthly, weekly or just occasionally, our volunteers power our organization with their time and talents—from donation intake, curating materials and cashiering, to leading art activities, making inspirational examples of creative reuse, and more.

1,860 volunteer hours



Sorensen Magnet School  
Street Fair, CdA



New in 2019:  
Our "Make & Take"  
workshops are a hit!

“As a visitor to Spokane, this store was one of the highlights. Wonderful yarn, fabric, ribbon, paints, paper, collage elements and so much more are there at great prices! It was all neatly well-organized. The staff was welcoming and helpful. The only downside—not enough time to explore it all!”

—Google reviewer

# Education & Community Events

In the Spokesman-Review (Oct 11, 2019, "Family Fun: Art Salvage is recycling for the masses"), reporter Kimberly Lusk wrote:

Patterson Larson sees the group's growth as evidence that Spokane is receptive to the idea of creative reuse, and she is excited to continue to promote the overall idea of sustainability. As the organization continues to educate the community, she hopes, "Instead of throwing something in the trash or recycling, maybe their first idea will be, 'How can I reuse this?'"

Creative learning programs at Art Salvage included:

- "Make & Take" monthly workshops with families
- "How to Make Artist Trading Cards" taught by Theresa Vaughn
- "Collage Poetry Class" with Kat Smith and Nance Van Winkel
- "Eco Paper Printing" taught by Nan Drye
- "Fiber Wrapping" led by Kay West

To promote awareness of sustainability and creative reuse, Art Salvage led art activities at these events:

- Nine Mile schools STEAM event
- Sorensen Magnet School Street Fair, Coeur d'Alene
- Gizmo CdA's Maker Faire
- Mono-printing Class at the Northwest Museum of Art & Culture
- Fall Fest at the West Central Community Center



**MISSION:** We seek to promote reuse and creativity for students, teachers, artists, crafters and makers of all ages.

**VISION:** To educate and inspire innovative creative reuse and sustainability in the Inland Northwest.



Our storefront was treated to a "YARN BOMB"!

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A message from board president, Mary Gayle Johnson

Eastern Washington University, a representative from the **Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative** fellowship, and took part in the 1st annual **West Central Artists Studio Tour**.

In a key milestone representing the growth and success of our young organization, our first paid employee was hired in November of 2019.

Thanks to the time and energy invested by our volunteers, the passion of individuals and businesses who support sustainability, and to our legions of happy shoppers,



Creating a "Litter Bug" at a Make & Take workshop

we look forward to continuing to remove usable materials from the waste stream while increasing creativity in our community.

**"Should have been coming here all along!  
Best source for art supplies AND ideas!"**

—Google reviewer