



April 2010



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Next Meeting

Monday, April 12th

6:30 pm Arts Center Basement

700 SW Madison Ave Corvallis

Anagama Slide Show

Nobu Kosai Workshop Preview

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Susan Pachuta

Empty Bowls

Dawn Jones & Keith Moses

Fall Festival 2010

Coordinators needed

Holiday Market 2010

Coordinators needed

Spring Garden Sale 2010

Susan Pachuta & Beth Norris

Davinci Days 2010

Barb Markello & Donna Morse

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Willamette Ceramics Guild meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month, September to June.

Membership entitles you to participate in all Willamette Ceramics Guild sales and programs and to receive the 10 monthly newsletters. The membership year runs from January to January. Annual dues are \$20/individual; \$15/students; \$25/household. To join, **send payment made out to WCG**

to Ted Ernst

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This Month's Meeting Topic – Nobu Kosai Slide Show & WCG Sales

April 16-17 workshop preview-Ted Ernst will be presenting a DVD from Nobu. The DVD shows Nobu's 2 kilns and some of his beautiful work. He fires in an anagama kiln and an oil kiln. It also talks a little about his history.

•Susan Pachuta is organizing the May 2nd 2010 Spring Garden Show sign up. Let her know right away if you plan to participate. spachuta@gmail.com "As many of you know, Laura Peters and Beth Norris have graciously offered to host this event with me. I will be meeting with them after I get a schedule of volunteers from all of you! Please remember that this is also the Sunday of "showcase".....so, many of you will be away to tend to that which means the rest of us need to step up and help our guild's presence shine at this fine community event. It's a fun day, held right in the central park area in front of the library. I hope you will choose to spend some time with us!" Susan

•Donna, Barb, and Ted will talk about plans for the next DaVinci Days extravaganza. The theme for our booth will be "Clay and Fire" and will have several components to it. A demonstration component with raku firings from interested guild members (this will be **only** demonstrations and not public use-for several reasons), along with throwing and hand-building demos. An educational component: written information with real examples about the effects of fire on clay (high fire, salt, soda, raku, bisque) to help educate the public about the ceramics process and what makes each type of firing special and challenging. A fun children's component-*scheduled* time for free 'play with clay' with handbuilding and throwing. And of course, the important sales component. Obviously, there's a lot to do and plan and hopefully stir the pot (sorry, no pun intended) of enthusiasm to be involved in helping with this very ambitious schedule. Bring your ideas and willingness to help make this another successful year. A sign-up sheet will begin it's rounds. Thanks in advance for your ideas and help. Barb Markello

•Arts Center WCG exhibit 2012. Now that we have an idea and artists to work with we need some guild members to step up and take this on. Susan Pachuta, Ann Lahr and Holly D helped get this together. They are not able to continue with the project but can help and advise. We need a coordinator to help get all the details worked out. Susan is working with the ArtsCenter on this project but she also has other responsibilities in the guild and cannot take it all on herself. It does not happen till January 2012 so if you want to learn how a gallery exhibition comes together this is great experience.

•Collecting for the Sitka Center apartments.

Last Meeting- Jeanne Henry shared her experience at the Hokkaido & OPA Potters Exhibition in Japan 2009. It was an amazing slide show highlighting the wonderful array of ceramic serving ware that is sold and used everyday in Japan. There were gorgeous shots of feasts prepared and served on every size and shape of ceramic bowl and plate. Real eye candy for potters. Thank you to Anthony for putting this all together for us. We now are able to use the Art Center projector for slide shows!

•Karen filled us in on the new Citizens Bank community account we hold. To avoid fees we need to maintain a balance but some of our sales entry fees have already been paid and we are in fine shape for the year ahead.

•Alexis circulated the last proofs of our new logo with some color choices to vote on. The black & white version is at the top of the page and this is the colored version. A new banner version is in the works. Thank you Alexis!!!!



Empty Bowls-Our Empty Bowls raised over \$600 at the Community Soup event, March 14, to benefit Community Outreach. Participants were invited to buy bowls in addition to their event tickets of \$9 each. Thanks to Karen French for coordinating. Special thanks, also, to WCG members who are donating bowls made in their own studios. - Dawn Jones

Local Events

Corvallis ArtsCenter

* *Main Gallery*- April 6 - 29 Celebration of Youth Art: April 6 - 13, Elementary and Middle school with class projects. April 16 - 18 High school CWG April 6 - 28, High school photography

**Dine for the Arts*-April 1 @ Nearly Normals May 6th Novak's Hungarian Restaurant
These restaurants generously donate a percentage of their day's business to The CAC

Member News

•Ceramic Showcase 2010 Portland Convention Center - April 30, May 1 & 2. Mark you calendars. Free clay demos and 200+ clay artists. Quite a few WCG members are involved and will be showing their work as well. There are also other craft guilds having shows in the Convention Center so if you have friends or family into other craft areas there is something for everyone-woodworking, beading, weaving, metal workers, jewelers and basketmakers.

Work Shops

LBCC Benton Center- Nobu Kosai-visiting artist and potter from Japan will have a slide lecture and demonstrate on April 16-17. Free slide lecture is Friday 7pm to 8pm. Saturday workshop 9am-3pm is \$35. You can sign up at the Benton Center and online or call 757-8944 FMI. WCG will be co-sponsoring this event by getting the studio ready for his demo and providing a meal at Jay's after the slide show. We'll have our new logo on the poster and a note saying we're co-sponsoring the event.

More Workshops

- Georgies** Portland www.georgies.com
Jim Gion-*Sculpting the Head* May 14-15 \$200
- Oregon College of Arts and Crafts** ww.ocac.edu
*Susannah Lints "Creating Ceramic Art with Majolica" May 17-19, \$210

Gallery Event

Anthony and Sandy took a trip to our fair capitol and enjoyed the sights at the Hallie Ford Museum. Of Particular interest was a new show: African Stone Sculpture.

Check it out at www.willamette.edu/museum_of_art
African Stone Sculpture: Selections from the Keith Achepohl Collection of Eugene, Oregon
March 13-May 23, 2010

Stone sculpture is among the oldest sculptural traditions in Africa, dating back thousands of years. At sites such as Bura in Niger, for example, archaeologists have unearthed an astonishing array of abstract, anthropomorphic heads in stone, while at other sites in West Africa, they have discovered figurative sculptures whose purpose and function remains a mystery. The exhibition features a selection of stone sculptures from Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Nigeria.

Call to Artists

- Corvallis Arts Center- call to CAC Guild Artists for the Corrine Woodman Gallery-pick up entry form at the Arts Center. Submit actual work and proposal May 28th 9am—5pm. FMI call Hester Coucke 541-754-1551
- Corvallis Artisans Market-The 2010 Season opens April 17. This year we have simplified the fees by doing away with the commission. Vendors will now pay a flat fee of only \$20/week. Applications at www.corvallisartisansmarket.com/camforvendors.html Hope you can join us this this year! Sheri Dover



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