



# February 2016

*"The Willamette Ceramics Guild promotes the ceramic arts by supporting and encouraging artistic expression and creativity at the individual and community levels."*

**Next Meeting– February 8th  
6:30 pm at The Arts Center  
basement meeting room. 700  
SW Madison Ave. Corvallis, OR**

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**Empty Bowls**

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**Spring Garden Booth**

Sunday May 1st

Coordinators: Rena Kindregan &  
Sheryl Van Fleet

**Fall Festival Booth Sept 2016**

Coordinators needed for 2016

**Holiday Market Booth Dec 2016**

Coordinators needed for 2016

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Willamette Ceramics Guild meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Betty McCoy  
5020NW Crescent Valley Dr.  
Corvallis, OR 97330

**WCG News and Events**

Next meeting Feb 8th 6:30-8 pm at The Arts Center basement with a business meeting first to vote on important issues followed by a presentation. Laurie & work in Cuba. Laurie Childers spent 3 weeks in Nov '15 making ceramic art in Cuba with other ceramists at the Bienal V Arte del Fuego. She came back feeling inspired and empowered.

\*Suzanne will need to be there early (6:10 at latest) to set up and would appreciate a ride. [suzanne@serenacenter.com](mailto:suzanne@serenacenter.com)

- Minutes from the Business Meeting held 1/25/2016. In attendance, Suzanne Getz, Lynda Farmer, Susan Pachuta, Richard Kuensting, and Betty McCoy. The topics we discussed were the opportunity for members to show at Studio 262 and Guild donations. An opportunity to show at Studio 262: Suzanne brought the contract. We reviewed it and agreed to the terms.
- Another opportunity to show/grow community awareness, Suzanne also brought the application to show in the FootWise window in downtown Corvallis. We agreed that would be another great avenue to pursue, and noted our interest for fall of 2017. Suzanne completed the application and will submit it this week. Mother Goose was also mentioned for a possible show, but nothing serious was discussed at this time.
- The annual Guild donation to the Art Center: We all agreed it's been kind of random (amount) and that we need to develop a more appropriate method of determining how to handle it. It was suggested that we ask Cynthia to give a brief presentation to the Guild (perhaps at the Fall potluck) of how our Guild donation dollars are used. Then, at a Business Meeting, we would discuss and determine an appropriate donation amount. Next, it would be put out to the membership via newsletter and then to a vote. We also encourage all Guild members to join the Art Center membership, as they are our "umbrella" in the art community. – Lynda Farmer

**From Pres Suzanne Getz:** Do good together, promote community, touch a life, change a destiny. We all know how important it is to give back to society, develop personal growth, experience a sense of accomplishment, create friendships and networks, learn the reality of a situation by volunteering. This is a call to help promote the Arts and other service opportunities around Corvallis. We would love to hear about your service to community through our newsletter. Please write an article about your volunteer experience and send to Holly Dubrasich, our newsletter editor extraordinaire!

Is anyone interested in heading a committee to inform us about art related volunteer opportunities in our community or to create a service project? The Arts Center is in need of art teachers for children, public and private schools need volunteers to teach art, and other opportunities exist in retirement communities, after school care and more. Our Guild volunteers to provide appetizers for an opening at the Arts Center. It is said that folks really look forward to our presentations because we go all out and have a delicious and colorful table. If you attended the "ROT" show you know what I am talking about. As President of the Guild I am working on promoting the diverse talent of our members as well as what we contribute to the community. I encourage members to get involved on whatever level works for you.

**Pres Suzanne Getz & WCG News Continued:**

We are delighted to announce that the W.C. Guild has been invited to show our work at Studio 262 for one year beginning Feb 1st. Studio 262 also agrees to host 1 event during the year which highlights the WCG art work and other local guild works may be included in this show. Studio 262 will charge a 30% commission for items that sell. We will have a 5'by5' wall space and 3 or 4 pedestals to display work. Members who wish to display will be responsible for delivering their work to the gallery and picking up their work at the end of the month. We would like for 2 different people to be displaying each month-one for pedestal work and the other for wall works. We will need a coordinator for this project. That person would be in charge of jurying all work to be displayed and creating a schedule for the year and facilitate monthly change of artists. Anyone? Please contact Suzanne. A sign up list will be passed around at the February 8th meeting for showing at Studio 262, so please come to the meeting if you would like to show your work at Studio 262.

- Welcome new members: Mike Wilmert and Felicia Sweet. Please reach out to these new members and see if they need help getting to meetings or are new to the area and needing some local info.
- At our last meeting (Dec potluck) we held a vote to donate \$750 to the ArtsCenter education program. The funds help support the program and provide scholarships for kids and families with low income. Yeah kids!
- Thank You** to Trish Browning and helpers for the great job she did organizing the ROT opening. Many members brought delicious and beautiful food arranged very artfully by Trish and others. Very interesting show and well attended.
- Spring Garden Festival - a call to all Potters to join the Willamette Ceramics Guild booth during the Madison Avenue Spring Garden Festival on Sunday, May 1st in front of the Arts Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone - and especially for those new to selling their work - as it is only a one day event, with an inexpensive booth fee, and a great event to join into the fun of setting up the booth, displaying your work, manning the booth and interacting with the public. Lots of people are in town as it is also OSU's Mom's weekend. A wide range of pottery sells at this show, not just garden themed work, so bring your work and give it a go! More info will follow regarding this show and you can contact Sheryl Van Fleet or Rena Kindregan (this year's organizers) with any questions.

Now is the time to start thinking about making pots for this show - though it may seem a long way off, if you wait until Spring term - you may find time short to get things done! This Festival is the same weekend as Showcase in Portland, but you can see Showcase Friday or Saturday, and then be at the Spring Garden Festival on Sunday! - Sheryl Van Fleet [potteryputtery@yahoo.co](mailto:potteryputtery@yahoo.co) and/or 541-810-2747

**Local Events**

- Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis [www.theartscenter.net](http://www.theartscenter.net)
  - \*Main Gallery: *ROT, The After Life of Trees* Jan 14 – Feb 25 A visual art exhibit and multimedia art event.  
A collaboration of the Forestry Department OSU, The Spring Creek Project OSU and The Arts Center Art exhibit with 24 Oregon artists
  - \*Rot: Poetry, music and performance art inspired by the ecology of decay Sat, Feb 20, 3:00 pm
  - \*Corrine Woodman Gallery: **Journal 365**, a year of creativity one day at a time Feb 2- 27  
Conversations from the Corrine Woodman Gallery, Thurs Feb 4, 12 noon  
Artist reception, Thurs, Feb 4, 5:30 – 7:30 pm  
Lauren Ohlgren hosted a monthly session at The Arts Center of artists and maker newbies. The challenge was making a little art every day for one year, creating a diary of their journey with the results.
  - \*Call to Artists at The Arts Center
- 1. Bring in artwork for The Howland Community Open 2016, Sat Feb 27, 12 noon – 4 pm, ONLY! The Howland Community Open exhibit is March 1 – April 8 This Exhibition is an opportunity for ALL people living in Linn or Benton Counties to show their art. Member or not, accomplished artist or just starting out, we hope you'll participate. We love artwork from toddlers, kids, teens, adults and professional artists, but we especially welcome just starting out art makers. The exhibit is primarily intended to reflect the joy of artmaking, which can be just as present in a beginners work, as in work by a longtime practicing professional artist. No early or late submissions will be accepted. (You CAN have another person deliver your artwork for you on the intake day. We accept one (1) original piece per person/artist. There are size and weight restrictions as noted below. Paperwork must accompany each submission. See website.
- 2. 14<sup>th</sup> Around Oregon Annual at The Arts Center June 3-July 9, Deadline March 20
- 3. Yoga in the Gallery – Most Mondays, 6-7 pm and Wednesdays, 10-11 am. No meeting Feb 15th. \$5 suggested donation.

- CAW-Corvallis Art Walk Feb 18  
www.corvallisartswalk.com/
- Studio 262 Gallery 425 SW Madison Ave. Corvallis  
"Gifts from the Sea" Featuring Annclaire Greig and Rinee Merritt. opens Feb 18th *during the Arts Walk.*
- Giustina Gallery at The LaSells Stewart Center 875 SW 26th Street Corvallis  
Exhibit is Jan. 26 -Feb. 19  
Reception Feb. 3 at 6:30pm  
Albany Artists 10 x 10 Celebrate a diverse collection of two-dimensional work by ten local artists.

**Member News**

- Diana Rose Studio is looking for an electric pottery wheel in working condition to purchase for studio classes. Please contact [dianarosestudio@gmail.com](mailto:dianarosestudio@gmail.com) if you have a wheel you'd like to loan or sell. Thanks!
- Wild Women at River Gallery 184 S Main St Independence, OR Jan 12 to Feb 8th Pat Berman and Ginny Gibson will be showing in this. This is an annual juried show celebrating the spirit of women. www.rivergalleryart.com/
- Underway! The first day of kiln building class at LBCC with Keith Moses. Yippee. Several guild members participating This is the new salt kiln being built at the LBCC Benton Center lead by Keith Moses.



**Member News continued:**

- Guild members Leslie Green and Gary House along with clay artists Will Ashton and Dianne Cassidy will be participating in a panel discussion at the Academy of Lifelong Learning entitled "Connecting With the Creative Soul and Why Art Matters" on Tuesday, February 23 at 9:30 a.m. The presentation will be held at First Congregational Church, 4515 West Hills Rd., Corvallis. The talk is free and all are welcome to attend.
- Becca Lemon is showing her masks in conjunction with painter Susan Louise at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship March 1 - April 12. "Oregon Waters" and the masks represent various rivers, creeks, and other waters of our area.



**Workshops**

- Benton Center-Renee McKitterick will be giving a workshop in Feb. The subject will be "surface design" and will cover decals, screenings & transfers. A free talk on Fri, Feb 5th, and the workshop (registration and fee required) will be held on Feb 6th-more details to come.
- Arts Center Class: Digital images of your art and how to present them. Thurs, Feb 4, 6:30-8:30 pm. David Paul Bayles will give a class at The Arts Center, see <http://theartscenter.net/classes-and-education/> for the minimal fee of \$10.00. Register on line. David will lead you through the steps you need to take to submit sharp, appealing digital images to catch attention and electronically preserve your work in the best fashion possible.
- Jane Herbst has a collection of pieces on display in the ROT show, ceramic and textile. Nice work Jane.

