



March 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– No meeting in March 2016



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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  
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**WCG News and Events**

**No meeting in March 2016**

- Last meeting: Suzanne Getz showed new business cards (designed by Alexis Spakoski) for the Guild, passed them around for members to use at shows or to give people the contact information for the group. We have been invited to show at 262 Studio downtown. Two people each month may display pedestal or wall pieces. There is a 70% commission. There will be a group show there sometime during the year. Our guild contact person is Sandy Segna. [sjsegna@hotmail.com](mailto:sjsegna@hotmail.com) Thanks Sandy! Suzanne passed around a sign-up sheet for potential show spaces for the Guild. If you are interested contact Suzanne. Bet McCoy introduced new members Mike Wilmert, Adriana Gabriel, and Moira Nicholson who were in attendance. Other new members are Isabel Prusinski, Felicia Sweet and Fay Jones-Day. A location is needed for the May potluck -Debbie Van Der Sommen volunteered her home. Suzanne reported that the business meetings are held during the months when we don't meet for a program; anyone is welcome to attend those meetings and bring ideas or issues.
- Program: Laurie Childers shared her November trip to the Fifth Biennial Art of Fire Workshop in Jovellanos, Matanzas Province, Cuba. She got to stay on a farm B&B that grew coffee, avocados and bananas as well as chickens. There was lots of rooster art around the place. Much of the art features dominoes, too, because the game is very popular in that part of Cuba. She worked in the studio at Jovellanos firing at low temperature with native clay for her first week, completing a large sculptural piece which remains in their sculpture garden. She participated in a show and artist workshop where everyone is there both to teach and learn, from beginners to masters. Cubans love their culture, and most days musical performers came to entertain the artists, from pop music to high school groups. Three of Cuba's TV channels are dedicated to art, performance and music. A couple of journalists were also at the "Bienal V Arte del Fuego" and made a video about the event, which Laurie showed to us at the end of her talk. She said her slides could not capture how much fun everyone had, and how much laughter was shared. Before leaving, she was escorted through an amazing museum of ceramic art in Havana. Her escort was a local expert and artist. Thank you Laurie.
- Spring Garden Festival Update: The following potters have expressed an interest in participating in the Spring Garden Festival (Sunday, May 1st): Trish Browning, Malinda Choitz, Kathy Clark, Suzanne Getz, Gary House, Betty McCoy, Aron Rizes, Michael Wilmert, and co-coordinator Rena Kindregan. Please let me know if I have missed anyone! This is the largest potential group we have had for this event in many years, and we are thinking that maybe we should start a waiting list if there are others who would like to be involved? It is early in the process - and sometimes things happen and people opt-out and others opt-in. We will send out a group email to discuss the Festival particulars to each of the above. If you are named above and haven't received a group email by mid March, we may not have a current email address for you - so please email us at ([potteryputtery@yahoo.com](mailto:potteryputtery@yahoo.com)) or Contact Rena and or Sheryl Van Fleet. You can also see info on the Festival at the WCG Facebook page.
- Guild now has the Footwise window display for August 2016. We have formed a committee that will meet starting this month to put some ideas together and I look forward to a very interesting display. We will keep Guild members informed as things develop.
- Thanks for the sweet card to encourage healing. Love.

## Local Events

- **Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis [www.theartscenter.net](http://www.theartscenter.net)
  - \*Main Gallery-Howland Community Open March 1-April 8
    - Brown Bag March 10 Noon
    - Reception: March 17 4-8 pm
  - \*Corrine Woodman Gallery: Transportation and Defense: Patrick Hackleman & Dale Scott Exhibit in the Corrine Woodman Gallery March 1 – 26
    - Artist reception, March 3 noon
  - \*14<sup>th</sup> Around Oregon Annual at The Arts Center June 3-July 9, Deadline March 20
  - \*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** March 17 4-8 pm [www.corvallisartwalk.com/](http://www.corvallisartwalk.com/)
- **Studio 262 Gallery** 425 SW Madison Ave. Corvallis Sandy Houtman and Ginny Gibson with WCG.
- The City of Corvallis is hosting three community Vision 2040 Workshops to hear what is important to people. Luckily, Arts, culture and creativity are one of the 6 main topics to be discussed. As future city funding will be determined by what is expressed in these sessions, it's important that artists turn out to share our hopes and dreams for a town rich in arts and culture. We know the arts are important for learning, better health, and livability, but most people take the arts for granted. Hope to see everyone Saturday, March 12, 10 am-1 pm at Linus Pauling.FMI <http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=1843> Contact Cynthia to find out more about the importance of this vision session. [Cynthia@theartscenter.net](mailto:Cynthia@theartscenter.net) or 542-754-1551, ext 654.

## Member News



- The kiln building class at the Benton Center with Keith Moses is well underway. Nice job!
- Sandy Houtman and Ginny Gibson's work will be featured in the Willamette Ceramic Guild space in Studio 262, downtown Corvallis this month.

## Member News

- **LBCC Art Galleries Ceramics Show & Sale** North & South Santiam Hall Galleries (Albany Campus) Feb 29 to March 31 M-F 8-5 Ted Ernst and Ginny Gibson have work in this show.



- **Becca Lemon** is showing her masks at the Universalist Unitarian Fellowship March 1 - April 12. "Oregon Waters" and the masks represent various rivers, creeks, and other waters of our area.
- **Rhoda Fleischman** demonstrated creative ceramics in her beautiful studio for a local group on tour.

