



May 2016

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

WCG News and Events

**Next Meeting– May 9 6:30pm
Spring Pot Luck Meeting
At Debbie Van Der Sommen's
home in Philomath.
1718 Mc Bee Rd.
Bring Pot Luck dish and you.**

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Empty Bowls

Dawn Jones

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 Susan Pachuta and Lynda Farmer

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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 Betty McCoy
5020NW Crescent Valley Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330

•*Spring Pot Luck Meeting* May 9 at 6:30pm Bring yourself, a treat to share, and a folding chair if you have one. This is always a fun and delicious night. There is plenty of parking but you might want to car pool just to make the drive more fun and connect with other members.

Where: Debbie Van Der Sommen's home in Philomath. 1718 Mc Bee Road
Directions: From Corvallis head towards Philomath. Option 1: take Walnut to 53rd passing the fairgrounds. Then Reservoir Rd on to West Hills. Go west on West Hills and stay to the right. It makes a right turn at 19th St.

Pass Wooded Knolls on the right, then turn right on Mc Bee Road. I'm the 2nd driveway on the left. Follow the driveway all the way down to the white house with green roof. Option 2: take Philomath Blvd to 19th street. (DQ on the right corner). Make a right on 19th and follow it the West Hills.

Turn left on to West Hills. Second road on the right is Mc Bee Road. I'm the second driveway on the left.

•Gary House will present a review and demonstration of his explorations making musical instruments out of clay. Guild members are invited to bring any clay instruments they would like to show. Regardless of skill level, making and playing ceramic instruments is entertaining, informative generative for creative hearts.



•From Pres Suzanne Getz:

At our last business meeting we discussed the need to fill two positions to help our guild run smoothly-the next President and Secretary. We approved a letter written by Michal Wilmert welcoming in new members by providing them with helpful information about the Willamette Ceramic Guild. Copies of the letter will be made and kept by Betty as a handout and it will be published on our FB page and website. We also will provide copies to our festival coordinators to hand out to people who are interested in joining the guild. Thank you so much Michal for your time and interest in this project. We really appreciate all volunteer work from our members as this is how we get things done for our awesome guild.

We really need a Secretary to take minutes at our general and business meetings. Taking minutes will be the only job the Secretary will be responsible for. If you cannot make a meeting you simply ask someone to take your place. We do not require very detailed notes and you have several weeks to submit them to Holly and the President. You will be very appreciated and thoroughly thanked.! For the next term I will be the co-president as long as I am needed to mentor the new President. The President runs meetings, fields questions about the Guild from the outside, helps develop policy, welcomes newcomers and generally keeps us on track. Look at this as an opportunity to get to know the members better, to influence the guild's direction and help the group to move forward. Please contact me if you are interested and these two positions will be discussed at our May meeting. I will bring a sign up sheet for the convenience of all. New members are really encouraged to sign up!

•For \$20 a year here is what we get for our membership to WCG:

1. a friendly, generous and helpful community of clay artists and potters.
2. 10% discount at Georgies clay supplier.
3. places to show our work.
4. festivals to show and sell our work.
5. educational presentations.
6. delicious potluck food and drink to share.
7. parties.
8. website and face book page.
9. volunteer opportunities.
10. newsletter.
11. connection with The Arts Center.

Can you believe it? All this for \$20. a year. I am in awe of the WCG.

Local Events

- **Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis
www.theartscenter.net
 - *Main Gallery-
3 Narratives: Larry Calkins, Georgianna Nehl and Liisa Rahkonen April 14–May 14
Hope: Art created by Middle School students with seniors from Grace Center and Conifer House May 17 – 21
CAW: May 19, 4-8 Sumi Ink Club
Family Creative Play Art Event “Kandinsky’s Circles” Saturday May 21st 2:30-4
 - *Corrine Woodman Galleries: Photography by Koa Tom and Adam Wood April 25-May 21
Reception and CAW, May 19 4-8pm
Conversation: May 5, Noon
 - *Yoga in the Gallery – Most Mondays, 6-7 pm and Wednesday, 10-11 am.
- CAW-Corvallis Art Walk May 19 4-8 pm
www.corvallisartwalk.com/
- Spring Garden Sale May 1st Check out the WCG booth and many plant and craft booths surrounding the Arts Center on the square. ArtShop will offer 20% off to members that day!

Members News

- **Big Thank You** to Mike Wilmert for his work on the letter welcoming and informing new members about the guild. It will be made available to new members, put on the Face Book page and our website. willametteceramicsguild.org
- Debbie Van Der Sommen and Mike Wilmert will be showing their work in May at studio 262. Take a look during the CAW opening.
- Annual Art in the Garden at Cynthia Spencer's, Saturday, May 14, 11-4 pm. 1105 NW 30th Street, Oldies but goodie ceramics & sculpture from me, glass by Jerri Bartholomew and mixed media and clay works by Louie Gizyn.
- Martha Wehrle will be having a retrospective at the Benton County Historical Society May 20 - July 9, with an opening reception Friday, May 20. The show's title is Layering Life's Forms: Martha Wehrle Retrospective.
- Garden Gathering 2016, June 25 celebrating summer and art in Rhoda Fliessman's magnificent garden, with art sales, music, games, and visiting. There will be a soda kiln opening at noon, and there will be some new and some return artists. A special installation will raise funds for Arts Care. A percentage of our profits will go to the Arts Care Program, helping at risk kids. Get this one on your calendar! More details to come.



Mike Wilmert



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- Moira Nicholson won "First Place" for her piece "Oh no, armadillo!" at the Howland Community Open Exhibition at The Arts Center last month!



- Donna Morse will be participating in Studio 262 2nd Annual Artist Garage SALE: Apr 29 - May 1
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 9am – 5pm
Sunday 10am – 3pm
Come shop our amazing deals on art, books, supplies and more during our 2nd Annual Artist Garage Sale happening during the OSU Mom's Weekend Event!
- Ted Ernst will be participating in the Pleasant Hill Pottery Spring Sale, May 14 and 15, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Pleasant Hill Pottery is at 85426 Ridgeway Road in Pleasant Hill (Ridgeway Road is off of highway 58 a couple of miles east of I-5). There will be a number of artists (not just potters) participating ... And free wood-fired pizza! Such a cool place. Totally worth the trip.

Call to Artists

- At Studio 262 "From Frida with Love", a Frida Kahlo inspired show: Oct 18 - Oct 31, 2016 OPEN community show accepting work inspired by the life and work of Frida Kahlo. Registrations OPENS Sept 1, 2016

Workshops

- Clay Space in Eugene, OR offers classes and workshops all year. www.clayspaceonline.com
For example Celebrating Porcelain with Katie Swenson 8 week classes. Monday 1-3 starts May 9 or Sundays 1-3 starts May 15. Check out what they have going on at their website.
- Georgies in Eugene, OR 1471 Railroad Blvd. Unit 9 www.georgies.com
Free Saturday Demos May 2016 10am-2pm
 - *May 7: Annie Chrietzberg
In lieu of a demo today, Annie will be here from 10am -4pm showing us how she hand-builds her fabulous pieces. You must register and pay the accompanying fee of \$125.00 to attend this full day demonstration.
 - *May 14 Decorating Terracotta flower pots with Duncan French Dimensions and Concepts! There will be a \$3 firing charge.
 - *May 21 Maco Silkscreens We will play with the silkscreens and Mayco Stroke and Coats on low fire tiles!
 - *May 28 Mishima (inlaying colored slip or underglaze into incised lines on leather-hard clay).