



February 2017

"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 General Meeting in February 2017
Business Committee Meeting Feb. 15th Wednesday 10am @ Market of Choice (upstairs conference room) Corvallis

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Spring Garden Booth 2017

First Sunday May 7th

Coordinators: Reena Kindregan & Harriet Lamberson

Fall Festival Booth Sept 2017

Coordinators Dixie Daniel & Marcella Henkels

Holiday Market Booth Dec 2017

Coordinators Lynda Farmer & Ginny Gibson

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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 \$25/individual; \$15/students; \$30/household.

To join, **send payment made out to WCG** to Betty McCoy 5020NW Crescent Valley Dr. Corvallis, OR 97330 Please include your email address, phone # and home address with your check.

WCG News and Events

•There is no General meeting this month, however the business Committee will meet Wednesday, February 15th at 10am at the Market of Choice upstairs meeting room. At the last meeting we discussed The Arts Center's invitation to Sponsor/Curate a show in the near future. Though the deadline for applying to do this of Feb.5th, (this month) wouldn't work for us this year, we wanted the Guild to have a chance to consider this possibility for the future. The next opportunity to apply would be in Feb. 2018 for a show in 2019. By then, it will have been 7 years since WCG did the absolutely wonderful exhibition EXTREME CLAY with work by Brad Mildrexler and Katie Swenson. The Guild's Curators/Organizers for that event: Rhoda Fleischman, Annclaire Greig, & Susan Pachuta are putting together information to help us understand all that might be entailed in the guild taking on such a project. They will present what they have learned at the Business meeting on Feb 15th. Guild members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please let Sheryl know if you will attend, so that she knows how to configure the tables/seating. (potteryputtery@yahoo.com) If members have anything else they would like to add to the agenda please pass that on to Sheryl as well.

•**Remember to pay your dues! If you haven't paid yet - stay current and send your WCG dues to Betty (see the bottom of the left hand side bar for the details).**

•Also - put on your calendar the Monday, March 13th WCG General Meeting at 6:30 @ The Arts Center, 700 Madison Avenue., Corvallis, basement meeting room. Hester Coucke will be speaking to the Guild about the potential of WCG taking on the Exhibition project and we will have a chance to ask questions of her before we deliberate to decide if we have the leadership and interest to do this!

•Sandy Houtman ran the flower making workshop at the Arts Center on the 21st. It was a small but enthusiastic group. This is a fundraiser project for the at risk youth program at TAC. Anyone can join in if they are inspired to contribute. These pieces are intended as garden ornaments and must have a hole (about 1/2" when wet) in the bottom to receive a bamboo stick. They should not be too large or will overwhelm the stick and fall over. They can be decorated as you like. We used underglazes with a clear cone 6 glaze as they are colorful and easy to predict. If you have questions please contact Sandy Houtman. houtman@aol.com or 541-602-1516

Sandy below at the OSU botany lab studying flower structure. Above at TAC creating flowers to the right. Glazed in middle.



Local Events

- **Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis www.theartscenter.net
- * **Main Gallery**— Howland Community Open Exhibition
Feb 4 Bring in artwork, 12 noon-4pm only
Feb 7-March 30
Reception Feb 16 4-8 pm Awards 6 pm
March 31, April 1 Fri & Sat Art pick up noon to 5 pm
- * **Corrine Woodman Galleries:** Jan 31– Feb 25
Milla Oliveira: Na Bagunca, A Collection of Choices
Conversation: Thurs, Feb 2, 12 pm
- * **Yoga in the Gallery** Mondays 7-8pm and Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am. Gentle Yoga in the main gallery. \$5 suggested donation.

Book

Suzanne Getz recommends this book. Consensus-Oriented Decision-Making by Tim Hartnett <http://www.ic.org/community-bookstore/>



FYI

Local Ceramic Supply:
Oregon Ceramic Supply 30893 Ehlen Dr. S.W. Albany, Or 97321. Just off of Hwy 34, approx. 4 1/2 miles west of I-5. Open 10 am to 4 pm. They have low fire under glazes and glazes by Hobby Colorobia. Similar to Duncan and others. I have used them and they work as well. Also have some tools and brushes. They mostly sell molds and greenware for the china painting market as well as the under-glazes. HD

Call to Artists

- TAC Howland Community Open Drop-off day, Sat, Feb 4, 12 noon-4 pm, ONLY. Everyone invited to show one piece. There are some size limitations. <https://theartscenter.net/howland-community-open-exhibition/>

Workshops

Fall workshop in Tuscany! Alternative Firing with Marcia Selsor at La Meridiana Sept. 3-9, 2017 <http://www.lameridiana.fi.it>

In the five intense days of the course they will be creating and firing forms for two specific Alternative firing methods: Obvara and Ceramic saggar and Foil Saggars. Feb 2014 Rebecca Arthur demoed the Obvara technique for us. She had been to the above workshop in Tuscany which is being offered again. This is an image of her work from that time.



Members News

- Ginny Gibson will be showing work in Art in the Valley gallery in downtown Corvallis for the month of February. Reception is Thursday evening February 16th during the Art Walk.
- **Plethora of Crows III**— Jan 13 - Feb 18. Opening reception is Friday, January 13. Leslie Green, Gary House, (new Guild member) Dianne Cassidy and Will Ashton, members of the Evergreen Artists group, have been invited to submit work about crows to the upcoming exhibit at the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath.



Gossip by Ginny Gibson



From Plethora of Crows III

- Benton County Museum in Philomath presents the Soap Creek Artisans. Show runs Feb. 24th through April 8th. Artist reception on Friday Feb 24 from 5-7PM. Ceramic artists include Sam Hoffman and Ann Lahr.
- Betty McCoy's recent coiled ships. She makes the



basic ship and then applies wrapped textured pieces to the body. Clear glaze on the white and glaze wiped back on the brown piece.
Nice work Betty!

Minutes from Jan 2017 Business Meeting

Meeting Attendance:

Suzanne, Richard, Sandy, Sheryl, Steve, Carrie, Marcella, Dixie and Trish

Guild needs tabled and new.

1. Shall we purchase a canopy for Fall Festival?

The guild is willing to buy an easy up for future shows. (An inexpensive smaller canopy for Fall Festival outdoor payment table area. Some members have been loaning their canopies to keep weather off those volunteers who help out with the sales. It was time for the Guild to go ahead and get the extra one.) Dixie has volunteered to pick one up at Costco this spring when they come on sale!

2. Volunteer positions.

Does anyone want to vacate their position? No

Do we need any new positions needed? No

3. TAC invites Guild to sponsor a show in the near future.

*First available Dates are March 2018

Questions discussed:

Do we have enough people to Organize Show? Yes

Guild sponsored for other Ceramic artist? Possible

Guild sponsored for the guilds own members and possibly high school artists or other community members. This one seemed to create the most buzz in the room.

There was a little confusion over whether the guild was to sponsor a few artists or the guild it's self. Trish Browning spoke with Cynthia and Hester they would like WCG to sponsor a show with the guild in it. Trish will be contacting these fine people and clarifying which one they prefer.

Also if we are to plan a show we will have to have a Theme and proposal ready for The Art center.

4. Storage space at TAC. Managing and implementing our storage

Responsibilities. Who, what, when. Everyone!

Suzanne and Sheryl re-organized the closet space at TAC. There will be pictures hung in room to see how the guilds items should be stored. This will give the guild a little more room in the storage closet.

5. Membership application form, pros and cons.

All looks good and Steve noticed that it needs the Guilds website added, but Great job Sheryl!

B. Shall we have a Guild show once a year, less, at all? Who, what, when?

Dixie suggested that we have a guild show sometime in Holiday season, or possibly some other time of year, (Open to suggestions).

She was thinking of doing what Teal does around the holidays. Renting a space for few weeks or a long weekend. Where the guild can showcase work for the holiday season and hopefully SELL!!

There are a lot of factures in this situation, the hope is to get a space downtown, but other places are up for discussion. LBCC Main Campus? Other Holiday Markets? Market of Choice? Suggestions are welcome!

C. Professional development ideas for March meeting.

We are hoping to get Kyle Aafahl a ceramic/Art photographer in for the March meeting.

D. Footwise Window Show Update from Suzanne.

The Footwise show will be in Oct.

Please let Suzanne know if you would like to be in the show!

E. Sheryl's statement of her role as President.

Sheryl would like to welcome new members.

She would also like to set up studio visits for any guild members that would be interested in showing their home work space.

F. Member issues if any.

No issues

There is also a bunch of old ceramic magazines up for grabs. Please let Sheryl know if you want any!

