



March 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 March 13
6:30pm at The Arts Center
basement 700 SW Madison
Ave Corvallis

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Spring Garden Booth 2017

First Sunday May 7th

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Fall Festival Booth Sept 2017

Coordinators Dixie Daniel
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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 you email address, phone # and home address with your check.*

General Meeting Monday March 13th At The Arts Center 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars now a plan to attend.

The Agenda will include:

•Blown Away by Clay! - We are excited to be able to announce that the WCG will be presenting an application to The Arts Center in 2018 to Curate an exhibition in 2019! Annclaire Grieg, Rhoda Fleischmann and Susan Pachuta have agreed to form a nucleus of the committee to move this project forward. As a Guild, this is something wonderful for us to be taking on! At the most recent WCG Business meeting our support was unanimous for this project and we thank these three enthusiastic organizers for being willing to get the ball rolling on this process! They will talk to us at this General Meeting, so plan to attend if you possibly can!

Here is what Susan has to say:

Annclaire, Rhoda, and I are happy to be part of this important and exciting project! "Big Picture": an exhibit that will celebrate atmospheric firings in the world of ceramic art. We plan to represent wood firing, soda and salt firing, and raku and obvara firing techniques in a show that is enlightening, educational and dazzling - visitors will be "Blown Away by Oregon Clay!"

If you are interested in joining this effort (no obligation now), send us your name (spachuta@gmail.com, acg7@mac.com, and flashpointartworks@gmail.com), and we will begin a list of members to contact. We are looking forward to chatting a bit at the March meeting, and are grateful for the opportunity to work together with the TAC once again!

•Chris Neely - the new head of Community Ed at LBCC - has a strong pottery background and is very supportive of Community Ed Ceramics! She will share some of her vision for the future with us.

WCG News and Events

•Our Webmaster: Mike Wilmert is in the process of moving to another state and resigning as webmaster. Keith Olsen has agreed to take on the job. Thanks to Mike - not only for being Webmaster - but for being such a positive and enthusiastic addition to WCG! You will be missed! We wish you well in you move! And Keith - thanks so much for taking on the position! We are lucky to have you guys step forward!

•Remember to pay your dues! If your dues are not up to date by now you will not receive an April newsletter. If you haven't paid yet - stay current and send your dues to Betty (see the bottom of the left hand sidebar for details)

•Spring Garden Festival News: The Madison Avenue Task force will not be organizing the Festival this year but a group of people are stepping up with Serena Kapuler (1st Alternative Cooperative Grocery) leading the effort. The Festival will be the first Sunday in May (May 7th). Rena Kindregan and Harriet Lamberson are the coordinators for the WCG booth in this event and will be reaching out to WCG members to see who would like to participate

this year. If you are interested now is the time to start potting! May 7th will sneak up on us before we know it!

Local Workshop!

•WCG is sponsoring this workshop at the Benton Center in March. Sign up now to get a spot!



**Cuban artist
Ramiro Díaz Rodríguez**
will lead an interactive workshop featuring his expressive figurative work and symbolism as social commentary

Side lecture, no cost! Friday, March 17, 7-8:30 pm.
Two-day Workshop, \$39 Saturday, March 18, 10-5 pm.
Sunday, March 19, 10-3 pm.

LBCC Benton Center
757 NW Polk Avenue, Corvallis
541.757.8944
CRN #53511

**Benton Center
Ceramics Workshop**

Local Events

- **Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis www.theartscenter.net
- * **Main Gallery**— Howland Community Open Exhibition Feb 7-March 30 Check it out-Awesome stuff. Art pick up noon to 5 pm March 31, April 1 Fri & Sat
- * **Corrine Woodman Galleries:** Laura Rodriguez Feb 28-March 25 Conversations-March 2 noon Guest curator Juliet de la Rosa selects artwork by Laura Rodriguez on compassion for refugees. The exhibit is a political comment, supporting refugees around the world with mixed media paintings elements taken from Islamic architecture with collaged imagery from current events
- * **Yoga in the Gallery** Mondays 7-8pm and Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am. Gentle Yoga in the main gallery. \$5 suggested donation.

Member News

- Sandy Houtman, Sandy Segna, Ginny Gibson and Ted Ernst will be showing pottery at the Celebration of Creativity fine art exhibit and sale, March 2-March 5, 2017. Reception March 3 7-9pm Southminster Presbyterian Church, 12250 SW. Denney Rd., Beaverton, OR. FMI:

www.celebrationofcreativity.com.

- Pat Berman is showing in Portland "Keep Portland Wared" March 21-25, 2017 Skutt Ceramics, 6441 SE Johnson Creek Blvd

Her sculpture is also featured in "7 Jewish Ceramic Artists" At PSU Lincoln Hall, opening March 22

- Benton County Museum in Philomath presents the Soap Creek Artisans. Show runs Feb. 24th through April 8th. Ceramic artists include Sam Hoffman and Ann Lahr.

- Jane Herbst and Sandy Houtman have work in the Small Gallery, 210 Kidder Hall at OSU. The show, Microbiomes:

Imagining the Unseen is a collection of abstract and stylized visual art that exemplifies the inquisitive and inventive nature of the human mind in its quest to understand the mystique that lies in the unseen reaches of our planet. spark.oregonstate.edu/events On view Feb. 20 - Mar. 24, 2017. Reception is Thursday, March 16 from 4 to 7. Gallery hours are Mon.-Fri. 8-5. Closed during lunch. This show is a spin off of the Microbiome show that will be held at the Arts Center in April/May.

- If any OPA members in the show, Keep Portland Wared (at Skutt during NCECA) and the Small works show would like me to take your work up on March 19, let me know. It needs to be packed exactly as they require and with all the tags on and correct. I'll be taking a lot of work and won't have time to correct any mistakes! email me at houtman@aol.com Sandy Houtman



Member News cont'

Several members of the WCG have stepped up to make ceramic flowers for the fundraiser for the Youth at Risk Program at the Arts Center. BIG thanks to all who have partici-



pated so far. As you can see, the flowers are beautiful! I'm

sure they will fly out

the door once the story about the project is published in the Gazette Times. They will be sold in the Art Shop at the Arts Center and also the Spring Garden Show. If you are interested in learning how some of these are made or would like to make flowers for this fundraiser please contact Sandy Houtman at houtman@aol.com

Workshops



Master Class with Heidi Preuss Grew Saturday, March 18 | 10 am-4 pm Registration:

\$90 (March 13 Deadline) With 20 years of teaching and international exhibition experience, International Academy of Ceramics member Heidi Preuss Grew presents her first Salem porcelain master class. The class will include studio demonstration sessions and lecture style presentations. All levels of participants are welcome! By Salem Art Assoc at Bush Barn Art Center Salem, OR 10 am-12:30 pm Master Class Session I, 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch in gallery with Grew's show Draw Near (March 11-April 22), 1:30 am-4 pm Master Class Session II

For Sale

Fay Jones Day booth equipment for sale:

Trim Line Canopy from Flourish company. It's a 10 x10. It has a sky light and 2 mesh display walls. I got it in 2005 but I haven't used it for maybe 6 years.

Original price \$1400. here is a link [http://](http://www.flourish.com/trimline_features)

www.flourish.com/trimline_features For information contact Fay Jones Day fayjonesday@gmail.com

Opportunities

Camp Laurel, one of New England's premier co-ed summer camps, is seeking Ceramics Instructors for the summer of 2017. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this type of position, please contact me at tim@camplareel.com or 203 227 8866. To apply online, visit our website at www.camplareel.com. Tim Eldredge, Staffing Director,

NCECA conference coming soon in Portland March 21-25 If you haven't already registered for the conference, check their website, www.NCECA.net. This is such a great opportunity to attend the conference without having to travel! Ceramic artists from all over the US and beyond teaching, demos, shows all over Portland, selling the latest and greatest ceramic supplies and tools at the vendors hall and generally obsessing on everything ceramic for 5 days. The OPA website (www.OregonPotters.org) has images of the work from The Alchemy of Surface, as well as many of the pieces from Keep Portland Wared. Many WCG members are involved in the conference and shows.

Call to Artists

- Local opportunity to have small items for sale in an consignment gift shop (prefer prices under \$50). There is a new shop manager at the Historic Old School House on Hwy 20 and she has purged the shop of "made in China" décor and is interested in having a local artists gift shop.

Contact Kierra Woekel -Trillium Family Services

Community Engagement Manager

541-450-0680 Cell 541-758-5950 Office

- Get ready clay fish mongers-, La Sells Center has come up with a new challenge. Tina sent this out as a heads up: <http://lasells.oregonstate.edu/current-future-exhibits>(we may change the show title but for now it is Under the Aquatic Boundaries) June3-July3

This show is to enhance a large fish research conference we are holding. Most of the participants at this meeting will be either engineers that work with waterways or biologists that work with migratory fish. Quick scope: On- line submission (deadline Mid may) Selected from digital images Up to 5 pieces from any one artist Any medium accepted Tina Green-Price-Associate Director

LaSells Stewart Center, OSU Giustina Gallery Curator

WCG Meeting Minutes Feb, 2017 submitted By Carrie Gibbs

Meeting Attendance:

Suzanne, Sheryl, Susan, Ted, Lynda, Dixie, Anneclaire , Carrie and Betty .

1. Sponsoring a show at TAC for 2018

Rhoda, Anneclaire, and Susan's have insights into the Guild potentially curating/sponsoring a show at TAC .

These beautiful people put together a wonderful announcement of "BLOWN AWAY BY OREGON CLAY". A Celebration of Atmospheric Methods!

This show is for 2019 TAC exhibit, we have plenty of time to get the show off to a good start. We are looking for volunteers to lead the committee for this show.

2. When is the WCG Spring Pot Luck scheduled? May 8th

Where is it held? Jill and Hal Bohm

Special things going on?

Short Meeting and eating!

Ceramic Showcase this year is earlier than usual April 21 thru 23, 2017

At Oregon Convention Center!

3.Ted will talk to us about his discussion with Chris who has a background in pottery, is very supportive of Community Ed Ceramics, and has some interesting ideas.

Ted has met Chris Neely who has stepped up as one of the head community ED coordinators for LBCC. She is a potter and is interested in expanding Artist work space, metal arts, Co-op gallery and many more fun and exciting things. Keep posted for more details as they arise. This could be a great opportunity for artists to gain more work space and be part of a multi artistic group.

JUST A SIDE NOTE FOR RECORDS

This is just a note that Suzanne sent me wanting it added to their President handbook.

This would be included in the black notebook as a general guideline for future Presidents. Let me know if you want to add something I missed.

1. keep in the notebook when the last sponsorship show was so we can begin the process in good time.

2. remind members of the upcoming show and start to come up with ideas.

3. form a committee to help put the show together as there are many aspects to a show of this magnitude. Committee members come from general membership and it has been recommended to have 5 to 7 on the committee.

4. decide on a date for members of the guild to submit pieces to be considered for the Corinne Woodman gallery part of the show.

5.Make TAC application for "Call to Artists" form to submit the Guild's proposal and this is usually done by the deadline date in February in the year prior to the show.

6. If accepted, committee begins to do what they deem necessary to create the show.

7. Financial responsibility for the show depends on the show, artists we invite, advertising. Consult with Treasurer. TAC covers insurance on the artwork.

8. presidents and other officers of the Guild are not required to be part of this committee; in fact, officers of the Guild are considered "on all committees and no committees". Thank you Carrie for keeping us all informed.