



April 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 April 2017. No Business Meeting planned at this time.

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First Sunday May 7th

Coordinators: Rena Kindregan & Harriet Lamberson

Fall Festival Booth Sept 2017

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Holiday Market Booth Dec 2017

Coordinators Ginny Gibson & Sandy Houtman

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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

There will be no general meeting this month and no business meeting is planned at this time. The next planned meeting is scheduled to be the Spring Pot Luck Meeting May 8 at Hal and Jill Bohn's house. More details on that will be in the May Newsletter. Put that date on your calendar as it is always a fun chance to get together before the summer hiatus and share stories, yummy food, and the WCG community!

- At our February General Meeting Chris Neely, the new LBCC Coordinator of Community Ed. talked to us about her vision to develop "makers spaces" in our community, possibly in the form of a large structure where clay, wood, glass, metal, digital and other arts/crafts could all be housed. The idea would be to separate the spaces as needed but one could have access potentially to them all, and to common areas where participants could interact. WCG members might start looking closely at any communal ceramics centers they might run across or seek out. We will be called upon to help develop the blueprint for a pottery area. The more info we can get the better! I hope to visit Club Mud at the Maud Kerns Art Center and Clay Space, both in Eugene. Maybe we could carpool there with interested WCG members?
- It was great to hear from Annclaire Grieg that the WCG preparations to curate an exhibition at The Arts Center is moving forward and that the committee is gaining members. We look forward to updates as the committee continues its progress!
- The recent Ramiro Diaz Rodriquez workshop at BC was awesome!
- Retirements: As you will see from the General Meeting minutes in this Newsletter - our Treasurer of 5 years, is retiring from his position as of December 2017. Thank you Richard Kuensting for doing such a great job all these years! Those of us who have chaired the WCG shows and festivals know how important you have been in helping us navigate so many things - from making the digital credit card reader work, to advice on so many things, and keeping track of costs and revenue ! Thank you Richard. Now - we need someone in WCG to step forward to be our new treasurer!
- Also - Sheryl Van Fleet began preparing to be president of WCG with Suzanne Getz in Sept. 2016. Sheryl's goal is to have someone prepared to take over the position as either co-president (or out right president if preferred) with Sheryl in Sept. 2017 and then take over the position by the December Pot Luck of 2017. Sheryl would remain as past-president support for as long as helpful! Thanks to Suzanne for being so great to work with in this capacity! So - WCG members - think about jumping into this office as well! It is interesting and many of you would enjoy it! - Sheryl

WCG News and Events

- From Lynda Farmer: Greetings and happy Spring to you all. After several years of co-leading the OSU Holiday Market Place (HMP) Show/Sale with my good and beautiful friend Ginny Gibson, I am stepping out. Sandy Houtman will be partnering with Ginny to administer HMP. Together, I predict HMP will be bigger and better than ever! Thank you Ginny, for bringing grace and calmness, being the "feet" to get peripheral things done, and overseeing set up and tear down. You are an inspiration to all in so many ways. And Sandy, thank you for your willingness to share of yourself, your experience, and your equipment with us each HMP sale. Your confidence and gentle approach will be welcome and effective :~D You two will make an incredible team!



Local Events

- **Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis
www.theartscenter.net
 - *Main Gallery—
April 4-8 Art Connections Artwork by youth in the Young Artists Education Outreach Program
Celebration April 8 3:3-5pm
April 13-May 27
"Microbiomes: To See the Unseen"
Reception and CAW April 20 4-8pm
Artist Brown Bag April 27 12:15-1:15
 - *Corrine Woodman Galleries:
March 28-April 21 Youth Poetry Celebration
Celebration and Poetry Reading April 21 6:30pm
April 25-May 27
Microbiology goes to Elementary School
Brown Bag May 4 Noon
 - *Yoga in the Gallery Mon 7-8pm and Wed 9:30-10:30 am. Gentle Yoga in the main gallery. \$5 suggested donation.
 - *LuLaRoe Pop up Sale-Get your yoga gear here!
Tuesday, April 4, 5-8 pm
Support the arts in style. Shop the LuLaRoe Pop-Up. Thanks to the FIVE LuLaRoe reps donating 25% of their proceeds to The Arts Center.

Info-Maker Spaces

- Check out these maker spaces that Steve Aulerich found. Very inspiring! Thanks Steve.
<http://www.yakimamakerspace.org/event-2410808>
<https://dallasmakerspace.org/>
<https://artelements.net/my-ceramic-clay-studio-makerspace-leipzig/>
<https://www.slomakerspace.com/ceramics-studio/>
<http://blogs.lawrence.edu/makerspace/2017/03/03/3d-printing-and-ceramics/>

Workshops

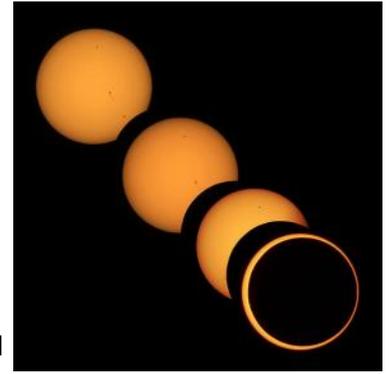
- Are you ready to explore a different side of your creativity? Elaine Henry, international award winning ceramics artist, juror, and teacher will be offering two courses at the Sitka Center this summer -"The Art of the Critique" and "Teaching and Learning Creativity". 31 JULY-1 & 2 AUGUST. Get the details on Sitka center's website. www.sitkacenter.org

Call to Artists

- The City of Albany is seeking artists interested in showing art at Albany City Hall the later part of this year and beyond. Albany City Hall has an expansive area that is available on a rotating monthly basis for art shows. It is best suited for 2D hanging art- Ceramics work fine as long as they are hangable. Sales can be done through City staff which are in the building at a prominently located desk all day. The city requires 15% back to the city on all sales. See link for details & form you will need to complete and submit. The Art Commissioner's review requests on the second Tuesday of each month. <https://www.cityofalbany.net/city-council/bcc/art>
Rinee Merritt, Albany Arts Commissioner - Ward II
Text: 541-974-2703 or rinedesign@me.com

Call to Artist

- **Artful Solar Eclipse at The Arts Center**
Deadline: June 25,
The Exhibit will be in August.
Never seen a full solar eclipse? This is the moment to start thinking about it. On August 21, 2017 a full solar eclipse will be on/over/in Corvallis. Solar activities are a source of historical and cultural significance. Some people travel the world over to view these events. Our area is predicted to receive over 400,000 visitors the week of August 21. The Arts Center has reserved August in the Corrine Woodman Gallery for an exhibition about this most auspicious occasion. Check their website for applications details and related events.
- The Jansen Art Center Ceramics Studio invites ceramic artists to submit work for the *5th Annual Juried Cup Show*. Through sponsorships from Whatcom Artists of Clay & Kiln (WACK), Clay Art Center, and Tony's Coffee, we are offering over \$450 in cash and prizes for the top entries. Opening Reception on June 1.
It is free for artists to submit up to 3 of their best cups. Submissions are accepted online at <http://jansenartcenter.org/cupshow>. The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 8 at 11:59pm.
Jesse Rasmussen, Ceramics Program Director, Jansen Art Center, [360-354-3600](tel:360-354-3600)
ceramics@jansenartcenter.org
www.jansenartcenter.org
- 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> 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
- 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
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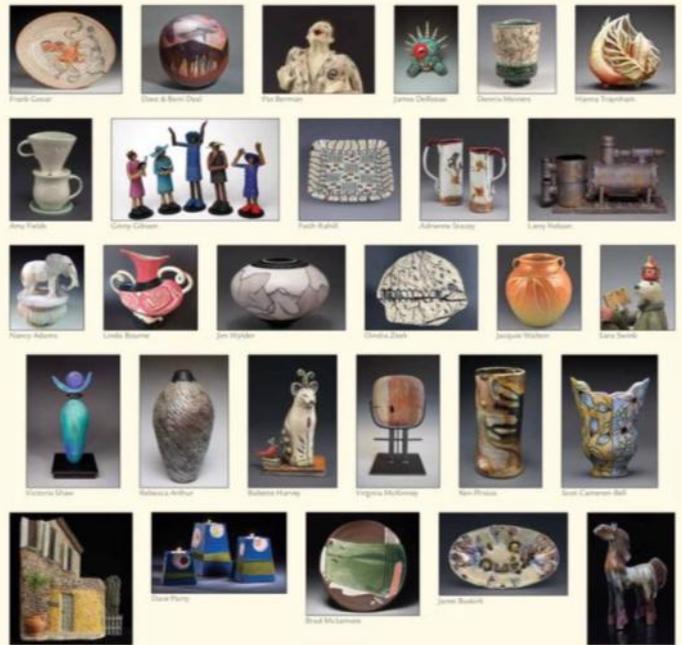
Shows

OPA Ceramic Showcase is coming up soon. Many of our lovely members will be showing work at this amazing and inspiring event. It is an all day all weekend long ceramic indulgence. All day ceramic demos, a giant hall full of everything you could imagine you might make with clay, hundreds of artists to talk shop with as well as good friends to hug. Well work your time. See ya there. ;-)

NCECA

A few pieces shown by members at NCECA

Oregon Potters Association
35th Annual Show & Sale **CERAMIC
SHOWCASE**
April 21-23, 2017



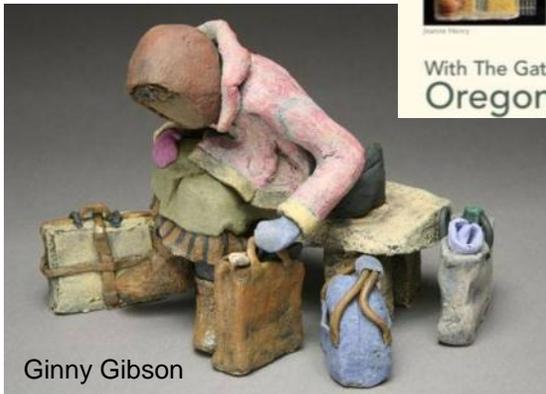
With The Gathering Of the Guilds at the Oregon Convention Center
www.ceramicshowcase.com @ceramicshowcase



Pat Berman



Anthony Gordon



Ginny Gibson



Ramiro Diaz Rodriguez Workshop



WCG Meeting Minutes March 2017 submitted By Carrie Gibbs

Thank you Carrie for keeping us all informed.

Willamette Ceramics Guild General Meeting Notes Monday, March 13th

1). Guest Speaker Chris Neely- She is the new Coordinator for LBCC Community Education. She has a vision for the future that is really exciting! She will talk to us about the potential for Makers Spaces being developed in our community. She has a strong pottery background as she worked her way through college as a potter. Community education is merging with Small Business Development and Contracted Training. What does this mean for Ceramics? Well, Chris is happy to announce that Makers space of many artistic origins right here in Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon. The Maker's Space will be located????? South town? They are still looking for a good big space. This maker's space will have many different arts in it. Possibilities are Ceramics, metalworking, woodworking, digital design, electronics, glass, fabric, and sound engineering. Possibilities are endless right now. Chris would love for the guild to be involved in design of ceramic studio part of Maker's Space. Lots of upcoming new stuff. So keep posted on developments of Maker's Space and how you can be involved!

2). Susan Pachuta, Anneclaire Grieg, and Rhoda Fleischman

Are the organizers putting together the guild's application to The Arts Center to curate an Exhibition In 2019. They filled us in on the exciting project "Blown Away by Oregon Clay!" This show is still a long ways off, but It takes a lot of time to get these shows organized and put together. The show :Main Gallery, Juried Show, pieces fired with wood , raku, soda ext... Atmospheric Firing! Guild is allotted the small gallery right before big gallery.

Also guild members are welcome to be juried into the show. Over the next year or so the hope is to have a few firings available for guild members to get some work atmospherically fired. Information on these firings still to come in the future. A sign-up sheet will come around at potluck for subcommittee.!

3). Laurie Childers discussed the workshop being held at the Benton Center March 17, 18 and 19 with Cuban Artist Ramiro Diaz Rodriguez!

4). Spring Garden Festival Rena Kindregan and Harriet Lamberson gave us an update on the Spring Garden Festival. The garden festival is full right now, but if you would like to be put on the wait list please contact one these sweet ladies, because someone always drops out. May 7th is Spring Show date!

5.) NCECA-Sheryl would love to put a picture show together from the show, please email her pictures you take while at the show!

6.) Keith is the new Webmaster! Thank you Keith for stepping in since Michael is moving. Please contact Keith Olsen if you need anything to do with our website. keith.a.olsen@gmail.com

7.) Richard would like to retire from being treasurer for the guild by Dec 2017. Who would like to step up into this position?



More flowers for TAC going into Anthony Gordon's wood kiln.

Ginny Gibson's "Church Ladies" appearing in this years Ceramic Showcase poster.



Fun bird by Anthony that will appear for the fundraiser at Rhoda Fleischman's Garden Festival June 24.