



January 2018

"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 January

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Empty Bowls

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Spring Garden Booth 2018

First Sunday: May 6

Coordinators: Harriet Lamberson
& Avie Meadows

Fall Festival Booth Sept 2018

Coordinator: Avie Meadows

Holiday Market Booth Dec 2017

Coordinators Ginny Gibson &
Sandy Houtman

willametteceramicsguild.org

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: No meeting in January

Last Meeting:

Willamette Ceramics Guild Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2017
The annual holiday potluck meeting was held at Dawn Jones warm and beautifully decorated home. Gary House welcomed new members including Milt and Letty Roselinsky, Lyn Thompson, Theodore Langton, Doug Shabold and Carol Sparkling. Special guests, Bob and Pat Newton, Dianna Cook and Hisae Kunuui were also recognized. Betty McCoy gave a membership report and asked that all members renew their 2018 membership this December. We currently have about 70 members. Marcella Henkels gave a brief Treasurers report on her work transitioning into the treasurer's duties. Richard distributed checks from the Holiday Marketplace show and sale. Sandra Houtman, Holiday Marketplace coordinator, stated that the show was well received, had good member participation and made \$3007.00 in sales. Cynthia Spencer presented information about The Art Center's shows and educational programs. She thanked Guild members for their participation in receptions, providing flowers and for sponsoring scholarships. The guild provided a \$500.00 donation to The Art Center. Pat Berman reminded members of a special art installation on gun control and violence at the Art Center. Trish Browning, our Art Center Coordinator, made a beautiful Membership poster with tear off tabs for prospective members wanting more information about the guild. Lynda Farmer proposed providing a \$100.00 award to be shared by LBCC ceramics students recognized for outstanding sculpture and functional work. Details of this proposal, discussions and decisions will be covered at the next business meeting. Gary encouraged members to take WCG business cards and membership posters. He also reminded members that our monthly newsletter, coordinated and published by Holly Dubrasich is available in print, through email, on our willametteceramicsguild.org website and on our Facebook WCG site. A calendar of meetings, sales events, shows and potlucks is also available on the guild web site thanks to the innovative work by Kieth Olson. Hal and Jane Bohn announced that they are retiring. Many thanks to the Bohns for the many wonderful garden parties and potlucks at their home.

Guild News

- SAVE THE DATE:** Monday, January 8, 6:30-8:30 pm. WCG Empty Bowl making party at the LBCC Benton Center Ceramic Studio. All WCG members welcome! Sale proceeds benefit hunger projects.



Gary House Footwise window display December 2017

Local Events

•Corvallis Arts Center 700 SW Madison, Corvallis
www.theartscenter.net

*Main Gallery–

Dec 27-Feb 1-Where Are We? Contemporary Interpretations of Landscape Art: Jill Baker, Nancy Helmsworth and Rebecca Mannheimer
Reception Thurs Jan 4 5:30-7:30

Brown Bag Art Talk: Thurs Jan 11 @ noon

*Corrine Woodman Galleries

Jan 9 - Feb 3 Angelica Neileen

•Corvallis Arts Walk Thurs Jan 18 4-8pm

Call to Artists

From The Arts Center :

Howland Community OPEN Exhibition

Exhibition dates February 6 – March 14, 2018

Drop off dates:

•For general public: Saturday, February 3, 2018,
12 noon – 4 pm ONLY

•For The Arts Center members Sat Jan 27 & Tues
Jan 30 – Saturday, Feb 3 between 12 noon and 4
pm, ONLY

Time again for the annual Howland Community OPEN exhibition! Our most popular exhibits for good reason. *Everyone* is invited to participate. The Howland Community OPEN Exhibition invites everyone living in Linn or Benton Counties to show their art. The exhibit reflects the joy of art-making and the engagement of our community with the arts. Art making is a valuable means of expression for beginners and seasoned professional artists alike. See website for more.

Also from TAC Call to Artists

“I Came From Far Away, But I Am Here Now”

Deadline April 29, 2018; online submissions only

Exhibition July 11 – August 24, 2018

This could be a very interesting subject. If you know of any immigrants in our membership or even just in the community please share this one. Please see www.theartscenter.net for more detail.

Member News

Footwise window display last month. Dianne Cassidy left and Leslie Green below. Beautiful work all.



Member News

- Free: I have a good supply of thick electric kiln shelves - 24” half-shelves - that I would love to give away to someone. Text/call Laurie Childers 541-908-4518 Thanks! Laurie Childers childers@peak.org
- For Free: Anyone need a bottle of flame retardant? I got this at Valley Fire a few years ago and didn't use this bottle. Some shows require it for curtains. If anyone can use it just let me know. Holly D holly@peak.org
- Anyone have a copy of John Britt Complete Guide to Mid Range Glazes I can borrow? I stumbled upon a facebook group that is using John's book to learn from eachother. People are posting results– good and bad-and also asking for help. It is really cool. It is called “Exploring Mid Range Glazes together using John Britt's Book” It is a closed group but you can request to join it. Members are posting some interesting test results, using all sorts of claybodies and even including commercial and other glazes in testing. It is inspiring and if you are into the idea of mid range glazes it might be informative. Anyway, I would love to look at the book before buying it. Thanks, Holly hollyd@peak.org.
- Oregon Potters Assoc. puts on Ceramic Showcase every spring in Portland. As part of their non profit status and as out reach to the community there is a installation project and sale that benefits ceramic arts instruction in public schools. This year the challenge is building stacked “peace poles”. Creating pieces that stack on a steel pole welded to a base similar to some that Cynthia has done in the past and even led a workshop. “Theme: “NW Potters Interpret Their World.” The wildlife, geology, NW's natural world, any interpretation of NW identity, care for the environment, even global citizenship, cooperation and peace. BE CREATIVE!! You may make it on your own, form a pole group, make one with a theme, or technique. Wood fire, soda, raku, pit, under glaze, luster, any glaze, no glaze.” My thought is that we could do this either to donate to the project or to create our own local fundraiser. It is a very open ended idea, could be done in a group workshop, as individuals, small groups in our separate studios or as members of OPA. I would just like the chance to do a collaborative project with whoever might be interested at whatever level and see what comes about. This has already been sent thru the email loop but if you didn't see it or were too busy this is another shot at it. Contact me if you are interested and let's have fun. I will be out of town till Jan 10 but will contact anyone interested when I get back and organize some way for us to get together. Google ceramic peace poles and you can get an idea of the possibilities.