



March 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:

March 12 6:30pm @ The Arts Center 700 SW Madison Ave
Talk, slide show & demo about the figurative sculpture 10 day workshop attended by members.

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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 2018

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: Our March 12 General Meeting will be in the Art Center Basement starting at 6:30PM.

From Gary: Guild news about upcoming shows, community activities, awards, new sales display work, and sign up for those interested in participating in the Spring Garden Show, May 6th, in front of the Art Center. We have arranged for a double booth this year so there will be more room for members wanting to show and sell their work. Avie Meadows and Harriet Lamberson will provide more information on this show. All members are invited to attend to catch up with friends, learn how the Guild is working for you and be inspired by members creative explorations. From Suzanne:



Susannah Zucker

Pat Berman, Becca Lemon, Deb Sether and Suzanne Getz attended a 10 day workshop last year in Elmira, Oregon with Susannah Zucker. At our upcoming Guild meeting, March 12th, they will give a slide presentation of the workshop, and perhaps a demo of one of the techniques they learned during the workshop. The 10 day workshop was on the human figure, nearly lifesize. They will also show a few slides of their work since the workshop. Hope you can come!



Work of Susannah Zucker

WCG News:

February Business Meeting Minutes: from Carrie Gibbs

Attendance: Carrie Gibbs, Gary House, Beth McCoy, Suzanne Gets, Trish Browning, Ted Ernst, Marcella Henkels and Dixie Daniel!

•Some members still owe membership dues 5-9 people

•Treasurer Report—

Account balance: \$4500.00

This was after \$500.00 gift to Arts Center.

•During business meeting we had a few votes on money requests.

Requests:

1. \$10.00 allocated to shows during vending times for use of the square card reader.

2. LBCC 2-\$100.00 gifts to LBCC Ceramic art winners for 2018 students "Best of Show"=\$200.00

3. LED lights for Guild shows \$150.00

4. \$100.00 gift card to Richard for all his wonderful years of service in the WCG! "Thank you."

All these money requests were voted on and all unanimously passed.

Also requests for 8 black wire panels for ceramic show displays. Dixie is checking on cost!

Ted is going to make 2 more weights for our 3rd canopy we use in shows.

•Spring Meeting 2018: Milt and Levy Roselinsky have offered their place for potluck.

•Trish Browning has been the Art Center WCG Coordinator for 3 years! The time has come for someone else to step in. The person that takes this on cannot show in the Art center for the whole 3 years. Other than that it's a very gratifying position. This volunteer position is due for a new leader please we need someone to take this on. And a huge thank you to Trish for all your work!

WCG News

- McMinnville Show: This spring show is in McMinnville we have been invited! If anyone is interested in doing this show contact Gary! Otherwise we are writing a thank you letter and not participating in this show this year.
- WCG Spring Garden Booth space still available!



One of the harbingers of spring in Corvallis is the Art and Garden show held every year on the Art Center plaza at Central Park, and the Willamette Ceramics Guild booth is always a major part of the event. It's a great opportunity for all members, but especially newcomers, to show and sell in a low key, no pressure situation. It's just one day and the cost is minimal, reimbursement to the Guild for the \$70 booth fee. After comments on the tight space in previous shows, the Guild has secured a double space for this year, still in a prime spot in front of the Art Center.

Each participant/seller must commit to working at both set up (7:15 am) and break down (4 pm), as well as a short, usually 2 1/2 to 3 hour, shift during the day. More details will be sent out to participants once sign up is completed.

Enrollment for the event is now open and traditionally the number of participants has been held to 10. If interested please send your name to Harriett at lamberson1989@gmail.com within the next couple of weeks. First come -first serve. Often the huge ceramics show in Portland is a conflict but being held on a different weekend in 2018, so many more of our members will be able to offer their wares at the Corvallis show.

From your Spring Festival booth co-chairs, Harriett Lamberson and Avie Meadows

Local Events:

- Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis www.theartscenter.net
- *Main Gallery
Feb 6 – March 15
Howland Community OPEN
March 15 deconstruction of the OPEN
March 21– April 28 Set the Stage:
An Illusion of Space
About theatre design,
OSU Theatre Design Program
Reception: March 23
Brown Bag Art Talk: April 5 Noon
- *Corrine Woodman Galleries
March 6 - 31 Carol Chapel, Vicky Hollenbeck prints, photography
March 8 Conversation from the CWG
April 3 - May 4 Youth Poetry
May 4 Open mic for kids, 5:00 - 6:30
CAW March 15 4-8 pm

Free Stuff!

From Laurie Childers: I have 9 electric kiln shelves to give away: <26" x 12.5" Thick and sturdy. My new kiln is smaller diameter, and these need a new home. Laurie Childers 541-908-4518

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www.lauriechilders.com

Member News

- Recent Obvara firing at LBCC with Trish Browning, Becky Arthur and Susan Pachuta.
From Becky Arthur: Obvara is a Medieval Eastern European technique developed around the 12th century and used to make kitchen earthenware more water resistant and food safe. Rural peasants believed these pots provided health and longevity. Many "eyes" on the surface were considered good luck. Today there is a resurgence of interest in obvara for the unusual surface textures it produces and to insure this historic technique is not lost. I learned the technique in Italy. It is also called Baltic raku. Bisque fired ceramic ware is heated, unglazed, in a raku kiln to approximately 1650 degrees F. The hot ware is pulled from the kiln and quickly dipped in a fermented mixture of water, flour, yeast and sugar, scalding the finish on the hot



Becky Arthur

ware. The ware is immediately placed in a container of cool water to stop the process. The ware is then air cooled. The resulting finish seals the porous surface. Obvara pieces are for decorative use only.



Diana Ryan

- Diana Ryan's new studio is finished and up and running! She has been

so enjoying the space for her studio classes and has been working on several new exiting art projects!

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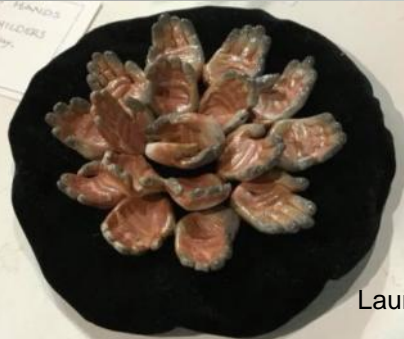
Ann Lahr won the professional artists top award with her Tidepool piece at the Howland Community Open this year! Congratulations Ann!



Ann Lahr



Isabel Prusinski



Laurie Childers



Ginny Gibson



Suzanne Getz



Sandy Segna



Anthony Gordon



•“Peace Pole/Totem” workshop at Rhoda Fleischman's studio in February. Pieces were started for the OPA fundraiser that takes place during Ceramic Showcase in Portland April 27,28,29. The pieces will be installed stacked on metal stands with spacers separating them and displayed for sale at the entrance of the show. Proceeds support the OPA Clay in Education program that helps fund children's clay education in NW schools. Lots of fun and more to come.

Call to Artists

•Kiln to Kitchen connects artists to the restaurant world by showcasing the ties between local food, chefs, and ceramics. The goal is to bring handmade ceramics to the chef's handmade food. Dinnerware and all functional vessels for the service of food and beverage are being called for this show. All work must be for sale. Exhibition to be held at Eutectic Gallery, July 6-28, 2018. Entry deadline: April 30, 2018. Entry fee: \$35. For all the entry info and forms, <http://www.kilntokitchen.com/entry>

•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.
 See www.theartscenter.net for more detail.

•Looking for someone to sell pottery at the upcoming Helvetia Lavender festival, near Tualatin, and ideally have potter wheel and demo. The event is July 6-8th and there are more than 5,000 who attend. Contact: Tamara 503-901-0116 tamara.Jaynes@gmail.com

Workshops

•In August, Creative Arts Community offers two weeks of residential arts workshops for adults. Instructors and participants stay together at the Menucha Retreat Center in the Columbia River gorge. Offerings include painting, drawing, writing, printmaking, ukulele, ceramics and more. With 24-hour access to the studios, you can work to your hearts content. Details for all workshops including costs and scholarship details can be found at www.creativeartscommunity.org Registration begins April 1st.