



April 2019

"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 April

Next Meeting May 20 at Calapooia Clay Studio in Albany !

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Needed

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Empty Bowls

Dawn Jones

Spring Garden Festival 5/5/19

Gary House and Milt Roselinsky

DaVinci Days 7/20-21/19

Sandy Houtman

Fall Festival Booth Sept 28-29

Carrie Gibbs and ? Need help

Holiday Market Booth Dec 6-7

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

No Meeting in April

Our next meeting will be May 20 at Calapooia Clay Studio in Albany hosted by Ed and Felicia Sweet. Get it on your calendar.

Last Meeting "Why I Art," We had a great discussion with a small group of members sharing what drives their artistic pursuits. Gary shared a couple of videos with us highlighting the work and spirit of Beatrice Wood and Rick Bartow. Good stuff. Here are the links if you are interested.

Beatrice Wood by DAVIDASTERISCO <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yxv8k6g3i-A>

Rick Bartow Remembrance Oregon Art Beat PBS <https://www.pbs.org/video/oregon-art-beat-rick-bartow-remembrance/>

Also, check out the Artist Accelerator Program on the Arts Center web page <https://theartscenter.net/artist-accelerator/> There are several videos on the page of speakers for the program about being a working artist and marketing your work.

WE STILL NEED A CO-PREZ

There is some concern that no one has stepped up for this job yet! We need a future President, so please someone find the inner strength to stand up for this position, remember folks it is people like you and me that make being a volunteer happen and the guild is made up entirely of volunteers!

From Gary: The Spring Garden Festival is scheduled for May 5th in the Corvallis Art Center Plaza area. All members are invited to show and sell their work in this event as long as space is available. We have a double booth by the Art Center entrance. This is a one day event and offers us a great opportunity to connect with gardeners and those looking for some fresh Spring garden ideas. Flower vases, sculpture, planting pots, spring table settings, bird baths, fairy gardens, wall tiles and more are welcomed for this show. Just let Gary House or Milt Roselinsky know that you would like to participate.

3rd Annual Corvallis
Spring Garden Festival

Sunday May 5th
10 am - 4 pm

- Plant Sale
- Live Music
- Local Bakeries
- Kids Activities

Art Center Plaza / Central Park
7th St. & Madison Ave.

All Guild Members are invited to attend board meetings, champion projects of mutual interest, contribute news items to Holly Dubrasich for publication, help with various projects like the Fall Festival and educational programs. We currently even have an opening for Copresident. So get involved with ceramics, meet good people having fun doing good things.

WCG Meeting and Event Schedule 2019 - 2020

May 5, 2019 Spring Garden Festival Booth, Art Center Plaza, Central Park Corvallis, 10-4pm

May 20, 2019 Potluck Meeting, Calapooia Clay, 1533 Seventh Ave. Albany. 6:30pm

September 28-29, 2019 Fall Festival Booth, 10-6pm and Sunday 10-5pm, Central Park, Corvallis

November, Empty Bowls Program, TBA time date and place

Nov 4, 2019 General Meeting with Professional Development Activity, 6:30-8pm, Art Center Basement– got ideas anyone?

Dec 6-7, 2019 Holiday Marketplace Booth, 10-6pm, OSU Memorial Union Ballroom

December 9, 2019 Holiday Potluck Meeting. Time and place TBA,

Local Events:

- **Corvallis Arts Center** 700 SW Madison, Corvallis
www.theartscenter.net
- *Main Gallery
Feb 26-April 18 Howland Community Open
April 23-June 14 Annette Sabater: An Iris Stands Tall
Reception May 9 5:30-7:30 pm
CAW and artist visit May 16 4-8 pm
- **Arts Alive 2019-Guild Members** have the opportunity to participate in the Art Center sponsored creativity sharing event in the Art Center Plaza on Friday, Aug 23-24. Local artists, ceramicists and the public are invited to interact in hands on experiences exploring their interest and skill in the arts. Artists stipends of \$150 per artist are being offered and sponsorships requested from local businesses, individuals and organizations. Rebecca Arthur will have more information on how to participate in this program at the Guild Potluck Meeting, Calapooia Clay in Albany May 20.

WCG News

Join us for DaVinci days July 20 and 21 at the Benton County Fairgrounds! The WCG board agreed that WCG would once again participate in DaVinci days. We will be coordinating with the Benton Center's Ceramic department. This is what we're thinking about doing:

1. We'll have wheels so we can do demos and mini throwing lessons.
2. We'll have a children's clay area.
3. We'll have empty bowls for sale.

BC will supply the clay for DaVinci days and will fire the bowls and provide clay for Empty bowls. We'll have a throwing party at BC the first week of summer session. In addition to the WCG board, both Renee and Jeff Davis are enthusiastic about participating!

If you'd like to help with this community outreach project please contact me, Sandy Houtman, Houtman@aol.com or 541-602-1515. Let me know if you have a particular area you'd like to help with.

In the past this has been a fun event for us and a real crowd pleaser. It's a great way to get to know each other better and do some good for our community.

WCG Member News

- Last week we learned the Bob Newton has passed away. Bob was one of the original members of WCG formerly Clay Clan. Cynthia says they used to be very experimental: digging up and trying a lot of local clay, doing an infamous riverbank kiln firing along side the Willamette River that collapsed on everything and of course many workshops, potlucks and sales. The guild had sales to support the early days of The Arts Center and to help move our building to its current location. Bob was treasurer for over 20 years and always hosted the annual holiday party where he would bring out an array of homemade wines. He got into pottery because he was an avid bonsai artist and didn't like the commercial pottery that was available to him and wanted to make his own with local clays. -thanks Cynthia. He passed surrounded by loved ones and they took his ashes to his favorite fishing spot in Neskowin. Such a sweet kind man. Happy fishing Bob

WCG Member News (continued)

- From Gary: On a recent Corvallis walk, I stopped in at the Art In the Valley Gallery where several new works by Guild members Jeff Gunn, Rhoda Fleischman and Rebecca Arthur were on display. The beautiful glazes, designs and signature character of these pieces must be physically seen to fully appreciate the artistry displayed.



Jeff Gunn



Rebecca Arthur



Rhoda Fleischman



- Anthony Gordon's latest work loaded and ready to be fired this week. Wow.

WCG Member News

•Ceramic Showcase is April 26-28 at the Convention Center in Portland. Ted Ernst, Sandy Segna, Louie Gizyn, Anthony Gordon, Sandy Houtman, Rebecca Arthur are all participating. So invite everyone to come up and see the show, watch the demonstrations, get inspired, talk to all their clay friends and generally have a really good time. It is worth the trip-so much to see and talk about.

•Diana's cups shown at Imagine Coffee in March!



Diana Ryan -I am now taking registration for Spring Classes at Diana Rose Studio. Please contact me if you/ your young artist is interested in clay/ drawing/ painting classes. Current class info is located on my [website](#) and I've updated my [blog](#) to include some of the fun shows/ classes from this term. Thanks so much for supporting my passion & the arts! Diana Ryan www.dianarosestudio.com

• Wow! The Howland Open at The Arts Center is showing a lot of work from guild members. Carolyn Sparling received the 3D Award for her clay sculpture titled "Topsy Cups (or Ode to Starbucks)". Curator Hester Couke said "Love her piece: elegant, funny, timeless, both "just form" as narrative, representational!"

Gary House piece was noted as Curator's Choice for non-professionals for his clay sculpture "Politics".



Carolyn Sparling "Topsy Cups"



Gary House "Politics"

Gary House At GTF



Suzanne Getz



Isabel Prusinski

•Gathering Together Farms store/restaurant in Philomath is showing recent work by Leslie Green, Gary House, Dianne Cassidy and Lida Schuster (the Evergreen Artists Group) for the month of April. Stop by for some fresh veggies and delicious lunch in a beautiful spot.



Trish Browning

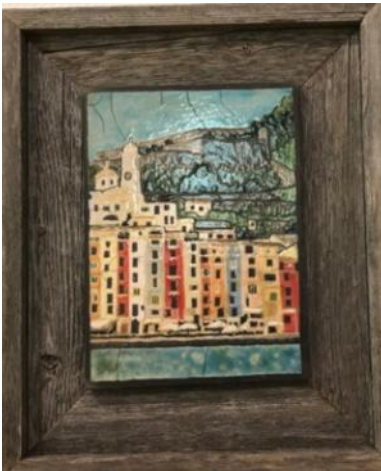
Wow! More Howland Open!



Rhoda Fleischman



Ann Lahr



Marcella Henkels



Diana Ryan



Jon Boyd

More WCG member news

•Suzanne Getz new work. This is the back of my newest piece w. Sun face and 1/4 moon on top. About 40 " total. Not quite finished...details. Yes please we want to see the finished product. Thanks for sharing Suzanne.



• Laurie, Carrie and Keith at the East-creek Anagama March firing.

Workshops and exhibits

•Watch "MOVING MOUNTAINS WITH ANNETTE BELLAMY" on YouTube <https://youtu.be/pgLKPtp1AtQ> Moving Mountains is at Portland Art Museum now. This interview was in Alaska
•Calapooia Clay Studio Albany, OR calapooia-clay.com/ Handbuilding class with Debbie VanDerSommen starts April 13th. Dont miss out! Calapooia got their new raku kiln up and running so keep your ears open for more to come.



Clayfolk presents:

The Magic is in Details:

Sculpting Large Forms
with Penelope Dews

Southern Oregon artist Penelope Dews received her BFA in Ceramic Sculpture from the San Francisco Art Institute in 1984. She is best know for her myriad whimsical animals.

Students will gain hands-on experience in handbuilding using modified coils, attaching and altering slabs, thrown elements, and extruders. Basic Four Legged, Columnar and Urn shapes will be demonstrated. The adding of animal features, ears, eyes, & beaks/muzzles will be developed to create movement and narrative. Clays, slips, firing and glazing techniques will also be discussed.

Saturday-Sunday
May 18-19, 2019

South Medford High School
1551 Cunningham Ave, Medford

Cost: \$120 Clayfolk members (includes cost of sculptural clays); \$130 for non-members.
Details and registration forms: www.clayfolk.org
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