



April 2020

"The Willamette Ceramics Guild promotes the ceramic arts by supporting and encouraging artistic expression and creativity at the individual and community levels."

WCG General meeting:

Future meeting dates will be announced once the COVID-19 situation is resolved.

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Empty Bowls

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Spring Garden Festival

May 3 10-4pm

Canceled

DaVinci Days July

Coordinators needed

Fall Festival Booth Sept

Coordinators needed

Holiday Market Booth Dec

Coordinators needed

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: **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.*

WCG News

From Gary: I'm still waiting for suggestions on our display storage. We will need to vacate the storage area after the COVID-19 is managed.

We did squeeze in our General Meeting March 9 just before everyone was advised to stay home. Orion Langdon made a very well received presentation on micaceous pottery based on his extensive experience making and cooking in this beautiful and versatile pottery. We're all just dealing with this new reality in our distancing way. I did have a fun first time experience with a Zoom conference. The Evergreen Artists studio group lead by Leslie Green had a meet up where we showed our latest artistic explorations using this adapted online studio. Along this line, I'm really been enjoying some of the ceramic videos Jeff Gunn and Lynda Farmer are posting on our Guild Facebook page. I'm now working on a sculptured head inspired by Cristina Cordova in her Crafts in America free online video. So ceramics flows through the ups and downs giving us creative ways to cope and express our unique way of dealing with these COVID-19 days. Stay well, Gary

Minutes, WCG General Meeting, March 9,

Minutes approved

Treasurer Update, Marcella Henkel reports having around \$5,400 in our bank account.

Membership, Betty McCoy reports that Mary McDermott is our newest member.

Art Center Activities, Susan Getz. Unfortunately all events at the Art Center including our Spring Garden Sale have been cancelled for the spring season.

Looking ahead, Trish Browning reports that all guilds have been invited to show their work in a combined show for November/December 2020. We will need a lead person or committee to help coordinate this show with members. The show's theme will be food which is an area where ceramics excel. Let Gary House know if you can lead this project, 541-971-2116 or garyhouseone@yahoo.com.

Program review, problems, needs, accomplishments

*Canceled///Spring Garden Festival, Mothers' Day in Central Park

*Cancelled///Art is Wild Charity Auction for the Chintimini Wildlife Center

*DiVinci Day and Empty Bowls, Sandra Houtman and Dawn Jones date to be announced

*Fall Festival, Central Park, lead person needed to help coordinate, Sept. 25 in Corvallis Central Park

*Cancelled///LBCC Student ceramic awards, around May 1, 2020

*On Hold/possibly cancelled-Potluck location for Spring Potluck Meeting, May 1, 2020, 6:30pm at Deb Sether's home, 121 NW 26th, Corvallis. Do not miss this meeting and opportunity to see Deb's sculpture garden and integrated pond and stream.

*Orion Langdon's presentation on micaceous pottery and his unique involvement in this ceramic art from New Mexico was well received. A follow up workshop is being planned once the COVID-19 situation is resolved.

*The WCG has made the following donation as of March 31st, 2020, \$100 to The Art Center and \$100 to the Empty Bowls/Food Share program with the approval of Board Members. Since the LBCC student awards event was canceled the board decided that the best way to support our community would be thru the Food Bank and the Art Center.

Local Events:

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

*Main Gallery–

The Arts Center is closed till further notice. This might be a good time to renew your membership or send a donation if you can so we dont lose this unique support of our local art community.

Workshops

- There is a FaceBook group, called Clay Buddies, that is streaming live instruction. Will also be posted for access later on Youtube and FB. One must be a FB member to view but you can see them on utube later. Harriett
- Check out Craft in America. They have a huge list of videos. Lynda Farmer has posted some to our facebook page.
- While you are busy in your studio, take a break from viral news and send us some shots of what you are working on, call a pottery friend and check in on art thoughts, find a video about a technique you want to try and send a link to the facebook page. For goodness sake take a walk and enjoy the gorgeous spring weather. Many have been posting shots of local beauty and what is going on in their kitchens. So inspiring. Thank you.

Some of Gary's work fresh out of the kiln.



Member News

Anthony Gordon and Pat Berman attended a figurative sculpture workshop with Kendall Jones held at Sara Swink's studio in Oregon City in February. Cool stuff. Thanks for sharing Anthony.



Anthony's latest share clearly inspired by the workshop. What fun!



Hi: Since the community studios are closed, I went ahead and realized my plan for the future and set up my own studio at home. I've been marketing some of my pottery for a little while online at vkeramik.com and have some orders to fill. It'll be great to work from home and in the public studios when they open again. I hope every-

one is well. I miss my pottery colleagues and friends. Stay well! Ute Vergin