



# May 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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Suzanne Getz

### **Empty Bowls**

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### **Spring Garden Festival**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: What's happening with the Ceramics guild? Well, honestly the guild has not been doing very much these last few months. However, the guild is its members and this stay at home business has given us more free time to spend with our studio, our art and our garden. I've been trying new things and I have noticed that members are setting up studios at home or workspace dedicated to their crafts. Many of us are integrating new crafts into our art life trying new things, painting, drawing, designing. I think that any activity can contribute to our art. Of course there's all the great web programs to watch: Clay Flicks, YouTube, Pinterest. So many sources of inspiration for new work and new ideas. We can show our work on our website on our Facebook page, on Instagram or on the Art Centers new on line, Virtual Art Gallery OMG Facebook. Share your new work, what are you doing? take a few pictures, learn how to use these online tools. Facebook is very user-friendly and it opens up a whole new world of communication with family and fellow artists. One of the biggest setbacks for many potters is that it's a little more difficult to get clay and ceramic supplies when they run out. George is still open and has a pick up service available.

I'm very sad that we were not able to have a Spring Garden show this year and I'm sad that we need to cancel our May, Spring potluck. Maybe we can put it off until a little later in the summer when more people can attend. It is hard to have a potluck with everybody wearing masks.

We still need new storage space for all our display equipment and it's just not coming available short of renting an expensive storage locker. We will need to move that stuff fairly soon. I've been making some space in my basement maybe I can fit in part of it there. Others might have a little space in their garage. Let me know if you have any space available. I'm still hoping that we will have a Fall Festival. I haven't heard that it has been canceled. In any case it's spring, time of renewal of refreshment and growing. I miss all of you and look forward to our next meeting, Ceramic Workshop with Orion and our next sales event.

I hope you're doing well and staying healthy.

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.

From LBCC : Dear Gary House,

Our Annual Student Art Show will be digital this year. We anticipate some wonderful submissions and plan to hold an award ceremony via Zoom on May 21 from 5-6pm. We are reaching out to ask if you would like to continue your generous support by donating an award? Your Creative Clay Award is a tremendous affirmation for our student artists. We thank you for your consideration and would love to see you at the digital award ceremony!

Thank you so much for your consideration and support, The Gallery Team Jaymie Parr, JJ Bolden, Courtney Foster (Student Gallery Coordinators) Anne Magratten (Faculty Mentor)

From Gary: Hi Jaymie and Anne,

The Willamette Ceramics Guild will provide two \$100 awards each for outstanding ceramic work in sculpture and functional work in this year's online LBCC Student Art Show. We will be happy to present these awards in the Zoom awards program, May 21, 5-6 pm. Please be sure to send me the appropriate links so that we may judge the ceramic show and participate in this innovative art show and awards program.

Stay creative, Gary House Willamette Ceramics Guild, President

**Local Events:**

•Corvallis Arts Center 700 SW Madison, Corvallis  
[www.theartscenter.net](http://www.theartscenter.net)

**\*Main Gallery-**

The Arts Center is closed till further notice but there is still lots going on online. Check out the website for all the doings. ArtsCenter staff is working hard to keep as many programs going as possible-Online artists zoom meetup, virtual artist talks, digital tour of the Howland Open, childrens art activities and so much more- all for free! TAC is definitely in the line of fire for budget cuts so please do what you can to protect and promote this amazing organization as their staff works so hard to do for us. If you are not a member -join. It is a small thing you can do to keep arts afloat right in your own community.

Arts Center Fundraiser-Jennifer Lommers, 2D, is hosting a mini-fundraiser that may also be a good one to checkin on, Thurs May 7, 6-9 pm. Jennifer is a local artist who has harnessed social media and online sales over the year, and is always willing try new things. She is going to unveil a new body of work in a virtual art opening, and is donating 10% of the proceed to The Arts Center.

[Here's the link to her Facebook Event >>](#)

**Member News**

Anthony Gordon has some lovely new work from a recent firing of her wood kiln. Thanks Anthony.

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From Harriett Lamberson, new work: COVID19 isolation work. Lots of time to explore and experiment. These two vases are inspired by the work of potter Carol Long, gourd carver Debra Williams, and the gourds themselves. Sierra Gold clay from Quyle Kilns in Murphys CA, with Amaco glazes, fired cone 6 in electric kiln. Thank you for sharing Harriett. Lovely work.

