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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WAC?

### Sign up Now for Summer Classes

Summer classes start next week on Tuesday, June 13th! Don't miss out - sign up now for your favorite class. Just go to our website [www.willametteartcenter.com](http://www.willametteartcenter.com), click on the News tab, and click on the link for the Summer Class Schedule.

### Throw-a-thons:

Hey potters, please rendezvous in the studio on **Thursday, June 8**, any time between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm and **Sunday, June 11** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to throw and hand-build pots for our Art Jam and Artisan Village Raku sales. We'll supply the snacks and pizza. Have a 15-day pass? Throw 10 pots and earn one extra open studio day on your pass.

### Open Studio Sundays

Many students made a request on the class evaluations, and we listened. Join us on Sundays throughout the summer for Open Studio from noon to 4:00pm. (Sunday, June 11 only—10:00-4:00).

### Calendar: (June & July—closed July 3—9 due to fair events)

June 8—Throw-a-thon—(10-8:00 pm)

June 11—Throw-a-thon and Open Studio—(10-4:00pm)

June 12—Summer Classes begin

June 16—Applications and fees due for Art Jam at the Fair

July 6-9—Art Jam at the Marion County Fair (10:00 am—8:00 pm)

August 12—Englewood Forest Festival (11:00 am—5:00 pm)

August 25—September 4—Artisan Village at the Oregon State Fair

### Taking the Raku/Pit Fire Class?

Students—plan to bring some ready-to-fire bisqued pots. Instructor Fred

Hamann's class will focus on glazing, firing, and discussion of firing results. So, come prepared to make fire and shiny pots!

### I'll Help! What do you need?

Whole families settle around a table and paint their pots to be Raku fired. Bands rock, bright flags flap, artists demo and share their art, caramel corn and fry bread smells waft through air, animals cluck, grunt, quack, whinny...okay, you get the idea. These are just some of the joys to be experienced at the Marion County and State Fairs this summer at the State Fairgrounds. And the Willamette Art Center will be there in full force, sponsoring Art Jam and Artisan Village to ensure that the Arts are represented.

A troop of hearty WAC volunteers is needed to make this magic happen. So what can you do to help?

**Art Jam is July 6,7,8,9** from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Thursday through Saturday; 10:00am to 5:00 pm on Sunday.

#### Volunteer Outside among the artist booths:

Help set up WAC booths  
Help fire the Raku kiln in the annex  
Explain how to apply Raku glazes to patrons at our booth  
Cashier and wrap pots  
Help kids paint rocks at the free pet rock table

#### Volunteer in the studio:

Demonstrate wheel throwing or hand build pots  
Greet our visitors and share info  
Cashier and wrap pots  
Help tear down our booths and close up

**Artisan Village is August 25 — September 2, 10:00am — 8:00pm.**

Help set up our booth  
Prep the Raku area  
Cashier and wrap pots  
Assist patrons to glaze  
Help fire the Raku pieces  
Help close AV

Art Jam and Artisan Village are the WAC's two major fundraisers of the year, and your support is vital. Please volunteer! Everyone is welcome to help. We need workers for three shifts each day. Volunteers receive a free entrance pass to the fairs. Sign-up sheets are posted in the WAC studio on the bulletin board by the main desk—first come first serve. Come laugh, hang out with fellow artists and WAC supporters, and enjoy the sensory delights that only happen at the fairs!

### Policy

The WAC board of directors has implemented a new grievance policy. You can see the policy on our website [www.willametteartcenter.com](http://www.willametteartcenter.com) under Forms/Policies. It is also posted on the bulletin board in the Studio.

### New Shed

The tent behind the studio has sustained irreparable weather damage hampering our storage needs. We are replacing it with a shed, which is well on the way to completion thanks to Dave Jarrell who volunteered to build it. Thanks Dave for your hours of hard work!



## Gallery Highlight

The WAC is celebrating its emerging artists with a show in the Oaks Gallery through June.



Be sure to stop in and see the excellent display of hand built and wheel thrown pots by our talented emerging artists.

## Englewood Forest Festival

Plan to come celebrate summer at the Englewood Forest Festival to be held at Englewood Park on August 12 from 11am to 5pm. The WAC will be there with an informational booth and a kids 'Play with Clay' table. The Festival will include artists selling their art, with music and fun for all ages. For more information, go to [www.facebook.com/englewoodforestfestival/](http://www.facebook.com/englewoodforestfestival/) or [englewoodforestfestival@gmail.com](mailto:englewoodforestfestival@gmail.com).

## Memories of Ken Jacobsen

July 24, 1945 – May 26, 2017  
By Cindy Nielsen



Ken was not a big man... he was a mountain of a man. And, he created mountains of Empty Bowls not to mention whole ranges of beautiful large carved vases. Despite his size, Ken was the calm voice of reason at the

Willamette Art Center and he was there when a newbie needed help. Ken is the first of what I call the "firsters" at the WAC to leave the clay and soil of this earth to continue his good works in heaven.

My first memory of Ken was forty years ago, as a pottery teacher for the Chemeketa Continuing Education program. I had just arrived in Oregon from Hawaii with a degree in Art Education and thought I knew my stuff but Ken taught me some basics that I'll never forget. Foremost of them all was, 'clean up after yourself'. His pottery classroom at South High School was the cleanest studio I had ever been in.

My second pottery teacher in Salem was Burkhart Kleiber who was also one of Ken's students. Burk now teaches pottery at Chemeketa and by-the-way also makes monumental pots. Ken's legacy will continue in the potters that he has taught including those in the wheel throwing

class Ken taught at the Center for nine years.

Years later, around 15 years ago, Ken showed up as the quiet man who made the big pots at the Visual Arts Center on 12th Street. Ken had retired from teaching and was then free to do his art. Ken joined the cadre of dedicated potters at the Visual Arts Center who called themselves the "Friends of the Visual Arts" and the rest is history.

As a "Friend" Ken was a founding member of the Willamette Art Center, a firster if you would. Ken served on the board as treasurer for many years only retiring from that position this past year. Ken became the lead monitor early on and became responsible for ensuring that there was always coverage at the WAC. This was no mean obligation because not only Ken but also all monitors are volunteers. The Willamette Art Center could not be the only community art center in Salem, without its volunteers.

The Memorial for Ken will be at the Trinity Covenant Church on 5020 Liberty Rd South at 4 PM on Wednesday, July 7th, 2017. From the Statesman Journal, "The family requests that those attending the celebration bring a can of food for the Marion Polk Food Share. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Willamette Art Center."

The following are tributes from the community.

**Phil McCorkle**, former Vice President of Development for Marion-Polk Food Share, "I didn't know Ken well, but he was there for Marion-Polk Food Share, year after year and he went beyond making bowls for the annual fundraising event to help feed our community's hungry. I saw him every year at the reception, too, giving that little extra that to me made a statement that he really cared."

**Susan Schroeder**, "He will leave a void not to be filled."

**Kathy Cervantes**, "Wonderful artist and an even better man. He will be missed."

**Dave Lovejoy**, Los Angeles Installation Artist and potter, "So sorry to hear. Ken was a master of his craft."

**Linda Lyons**, Salem OR, "Ken was such a fixture at the Art Center. He always wore a kind welcome to all. I have 2 of his beautiful vases and they are cherished as a reminder of a wonderful man. He spoke often of his wife and family and when we

met, the first thing he told me was that he was a Christian. There is definitely a void now when I walk into the art center and he is not sitting there working on one of his beautiful vases. He will truly be missed."

## Meet Amanda Ohrn

Amanda is an outstanding student in our wheelthrowing and handbuilding classes and a talent to watch. See her pottery on Instagram--#wacglazes. She shares her exciting glaze combinations, pottery forms, and detailed glazing tips. Thanks Amanda and others for making Instagram a valuable glazing resource. Check out her work @willametteartcenter #wacglazes.

## Youth Blitz

The WAC has been the center of high-energy clay activities hosting several school field trips and birthday parties this spring. On Friday, June 2, over 100 Washington Elementary School 3rd graders packed the studio in two shifts with Instructor Nikki Svarverud. They created clay turtles. They will return Friday, June 9 to paint their turtles so they can be fired.



## Drop-In Drawing and Painting In the Oaks Gallery

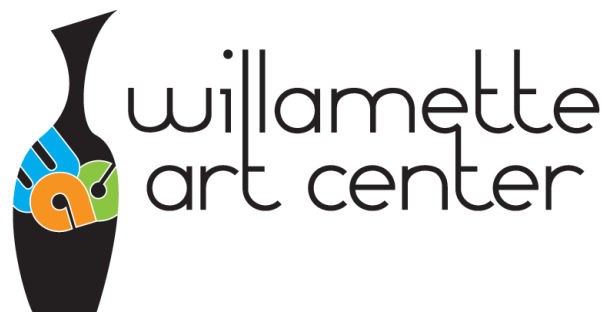
**Mondays:** June 5, 12, 19, 26  
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Members:** \$5 for 1 day or \$20 for 5 days

**Non-Members:** \$6 for 1 day or \$25 for 5 days

2-D and all mediums—enjoy making art while socializing with other artists. Bring your lunch, bring your stuff, and enjoy making art with other artists.

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or Call 503-365-3911



All call for local artists:

# Art Jam

at the Marion County Fair!

**Who:** Fine arts & crafts artists from Marion County or surrounding area.

**What:** Bring a 10x10 booth, display your artwork & give optional demonstrations! Artists keep all proceeds!

**Cost:** \$100 fee for all 4 days, + \$45 for electricity if desired.

**Where:** Willamette Art Center at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

**When:** July 6-9, 10:00am-8:00pm daily.

**Apply online** by June 16th:  
[www.willametteartcenter.com](http://www.willametteartcenter.com)

# Pottery Classes!



**Summer classes begin June 13th**

- wheel throwing
- handbuilding
- sculpture
- Raku

**We welcome all ages and levels of experience!**

Sign up: <https://www.willametteartcenter.com>

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