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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WAC?

Board President's Message

At the Willamette Art Center, we are committed to community involvement. Our largest project is Empty Bowls. We have begun preparations for the sale in November by scheduling Clay-a-Thons where volunteers build or throw the items to sell. We are also seeking sponsorships and financial support to cover the cost of producing the bowls and other items offered at the sale.

Additionally, we offer Family Clay on Sundays, opportunities for schools to come to the center for field trips, and scholarships for individuals who cannot afford to participate. Each of these allows us to make connections or help others in our area.

We rely on grants and donations to keep these programs going. As members, we can volunteer our time to these events, donate supplies or funds, or speak to others we know regarding sponsorships or support. Please support our efforts by participating in the Throw-A-Thons or making a donation.

—Coni Raikes

Empty Bowls

The Willamette Art Center is proud to announce that thanks to our sponsors, potters, and patrons, we were able to send a check for \$20,000 to the Marion Polk Food Share.

The annual race to complete 1,200 bowls begins again, prepping for the sale November 21 and 22. If you throw and hand build quality bowls or bowl-like pots, Empty Bowls needs your participation. All sizes of bowls are requested with carefully trimmed feet. Bowls can be produced at any time using studio clay and glazes. If you throw or build it, you need to plan to glaze it, unless you make special collaborative arrangements with another potter. Be sure to mark Empty Bowls on the bottom of the pot and your name. If you'd like to join us for our Clay-a-thons where we throw, create, laugh, and snack, see the schedule and mark your calendar. Good Times!



Empty Bowls Clay-a-thon Schedule

Saturdays from 2:00-5:00

Feb	22
March	14 & 28
April	18
May	2 & 16
June	6 & 20
July	18
August	1 & 15
Sept	12 & 26
Oct	3 & 17
Oct	31----DEADLINE



Gallery Refresh

The gallery committee is about to begin a total deep cleaning of the gallery and we are requesting that everyone remove all art work in the gallery by March 7th. Please do not try and store your work elsewhere in the studio as we are maxed out on storage space. Once we have completed the cleaning and reorganizing, you will receive a new email with the guidelines for showing your art. The sooner you can remove your work the sooner we can clean and prepare the gallery.

We appreciate your cooperation and please remember that Saturday, March 7th, is the last day to remove your art work as we intend to begin the clean up on March 9th.

—Gallery Committee

Membership—Do you have yours yet?

Year Membership: — \$25

2020 Membership effective: Jan 1, 2020 — Dec 31, 2020

Benefits include:

- A numbered membership card for the year
- A WAC Bumper Sticker
- Discount on clay (\$15 instead of \$17 per bag)
- Be considered for a monitor position
- Vote in elections and on Bylaw changes
- Be eligible to participate in bulk clay purchases
- Attend the annual General Membership meeting
- Run for a Board of Directors position
- Have work considered for sale in the Oaks Gallery
- Invitations to special events

Spring Open Studio Schedule

WH (wheel) and HB (Hand building) means the studio is open for that activity.

Hand builders may work in the Gallery if it is not in use for a painting class or a party. Check the studio or online calendar for scheduled gallery events.

	10:00-1:30	1:30-4:00	4:00-6:00	6:00-8:30
Monday	WH	HB	WH/HB	WH
Tuesday	WH	WH/HB	WH	WH
Wednesday	WH	WH/HB	WH/HB	HB
Thursday	WH	WH/HB	WH/HB	HB
Friday	HB	WH	WH/HB	WH
Saturday	HB	WH/HB	WH/HB (5:00)	CLOSED

Rain or Shine----Gigantic Garage Sale at the WAC

If you walk through your house or garage and think, "I really need to get rid of that stuff!", please save those "treasures" and plan to donate them to sell at the Willamette Art Center's massive Garage Sale, Saturday, May 9, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm under our parking lot canopy.

- Just clean the unbroken, safe items, price them (\$1 minimum; price to sell), and deliver the boxed items to the WAC Monday, May 4 through Friday, May 8.
- Large items should be delivered to the WAC on Friday only.
- No edibles or liquid open containers, please.
- Any items not sold Saturday will be donated to a local charity. No items will be returned to donors.

If you have questions or need assistance with sale items, please call the studio at 503-365-3911 and leave a message for Judy Hellman. Enter through the yellow gate off Silverton Road at the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

Lots of volunteers are needed to help run the sale. Please check out the Garage Sale sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the studio.

All proceeds from the sale will boost the art center's emergency fund and support our facility updates and community programs. So, purge those cupboards and closets. That odd whatzit will be greatly appreciated at the WAC!

New Spring Class Offering

Doug Dacar is teaching a Friday Extruder Clay class spring term from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. Using the two extruders in the studio, students will work individually and collaboratively creating functional and sculptural works. Multiple clays will be used for dynamic streaked, swirled effects in solid and hollow shapes. The projects are limitless and no experience is necessary.

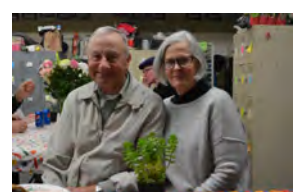
Scholarships

Adult and Youth scholarships are available to those who need financial assistance in order to take a class. Applications are online at willametteartcenter.com/forms to print, complete and mail in. They may also be picked up at the art center.

Volunteer Appreciation Potluck

Congratulations to the art center's Coni Raikes who was named the Volunteer of the Year for her excellent work as President of the Board of Directors. Outstanding Service

awardees were Pat Gruber, Jan Prowse, and Mary Snyder for their dedication to the success of our special events throughout the year.



Straub Outdoor School Visit

The Willamette Art Center hosted a clay party for students participating in the Straub Winter Science Camp. Gordon Minten created and bisqued bonsai planter pots, ready for the students to paint in preparation for planting mini-habitats. This was a fun, creative collaboration by local non-profits.



New Wheel Throwing Parties

A new party offering is the option for participants to experience throwing clay on the wheel. For party details, go online to willametteartcenter.com/event/parties.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The WAC is available for Birthday Parties, Scout troops, teams, clubs and other groups. Be sure to bring your cake and ice cream!

You have lots of options for party activities. You could...

- Hand build clay objects (select from our project ideas!)
- Learn some basic wheel throwing techniques
- Paint a ready-made piece
- Have a Raku party — paint pieces and get them fired in just an hour!

We'll provide clay and/or glazes, an instructor to guide you through a project, and fire the pieces once they're finished. (see willametteartcenter.com/event/parties)

Spring Field Trips

Schools interested in having their students visit a working art studio are invited to the Willamette Art Center. Students create a variety of projects and tour the studio.



2020 Board of Directors

Officers---Coni Raikes (President) Karen Hackney (Vice President), Dea Edwards (Treasurer), and Judy Hellman (Secretary). Directors-at-large---Pat Gruber, Mary Snyder, Ed Daly, Gordon Minten, Cindy Nelson.



Committee Sign-ups

As the WAC grows it's inevitable to see change. It's important to go with the flow. Everything the WAC does is for the benefit of our patrons and community. If you're interested in becoming part of the decision-making process, we welcome you with open arms to join our committees. The more the merrier. Let the monitor on duty know of your interest and he/she will connect you with the committee chair. Committee's---Nominating, Scholarships, Fundraising, Marketing, Gallery, and Empty Bowls.

---Karen Hackney

HELP !!

The brave volunteers pugging the recycled clay are still discovering dangerous pieces of metal and bisque clay shards in the slip/slop bins. Please check your slip buckets for tools. NEVER recycle bisqueware. Only smooth, clean slip or greenware (unfired clay) should be in the bins. Our recycled clay must be clean and safe.

Family Clay Sunday



Winter Classes, Cont.



Winter Classes





Summer's **BIG FINISH**



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All call for artists & musicians:

Artisan's Village

at the Oregon State Fair!

August 28 thru September 7

Don't miss this exciting venue where you can sell your art and share your talent!

Application at:

www.willametteartcenter.com/event/artisans-village/

or call Roger Williams @
(503) 991-9475 for more information.

Deadline: June 15, 2020

Visit www.willametteartcenter.com/events for more information or to sign up as a vendor.

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