



July 2020

The Kiln Post

SACA continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Arizona. Our in-person events have been cancelled with no update on when we will be able to resume those programs. The health and safety of our members and community are our priority and we are developing alternative ways for our members to stay involved with SACA and the community.

Making A Difference

SACA has a new project to add to our Community Outreach efforts. We're calling it **Making A Difference. M.A.D.** for short.

M.A.D. programs and projects will allow SACA to reach out to our members and friends to make something out of clay for the benefit of others. The program could be of benefit to our scholarship students, our teacher grant applicants, local organization or anything to support our local community through our love of clay.

SACA's Outreach Committee has been developing several ideas. They have already told you about Ben's Bells and you'll find all the details in this edition of *The Kiln Post*.

Here's another idea for when the day arrives that we can co-mingle again - selling potted plants at local fairs and farmers' markets. What do you think about making planters? Perhaps buyers could choose a handmade artisan pot

and a succulent or seedling. SACA volunteers will put it all together for pickup after shopping is done. If you have time to make some planters, don't forget the saucers!

Do you have any ideas for a M.A.D. project?

Email Linda Baker, [Outreach Committee Chair](#), and let her know.



M.A.D. Kick Off

Making a Difference with Ben's Bells

Ben's Bells will have grab and go (curb side pickup) kits available for 10 SACA members to help them create their Bells.

Here's how it works:

- Kits can be picked up on Tuesday, July 21 or Thursday, July 23 from 10 AM until Noon at the downtown Tucson studio
 - Use Ben's Bells back door, located on the north side of the street across from the parking garage at 58 W Jackson St
 - Masks are required
- Your kit will contain everything you need (except a rib) to make all the components for a minimum of 10 Ben's Bells

- A block of clay for you to slab & rib
- All tools and materials
- Step-by-step instructions
- You may return your Bells, either bisqued (^04) or greenware.
- The deadline for returning all completed work, scrap clay and tools is on or before Thursday, August 6, 2020

Registration is limited to 10 SACA Members. Click the link below to sign up.



Karen's Korner

A message from the President

Pets in a Pandemic

My husband and I have been hunkered down since early March with our two dogs, Whoodle sisters who will turn 10 in October. Cinnamon and Nutmeg are a non-shedding mix of Wheaton Terrier (the WH) and standard Poodle (the OODLE). All they know of a pandemic is that they get more cuddles and the comfort of having the whole pack together all day every day.

They have been a comfort to us as well. It's well documented that pets, especially dogs and cats, can reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, ease loneliness, and even improve your cardiovascular health. Caring for an animal can help children grow up more secure and active. Perhaps most importantly, though, a pet can add real joy and unconditional love to your life.

Even non-furry companions add joy, as in admiring the deliberate movements and personality of a backyard tortoise or pecking chickens, listening to a canary's song, or de-stressing to the calming swish of colorful aquarium fish.

I was pleased to read articles about the high rate of adoptions from animal

shelters across the country during our imposed sequestrations. Many of my friends are pet parents, and we frequently share stories about our animal kids. I have a friend who borrows a dog to exercise with and to share the day with a cuddly companion. If you don't have pets, there are always YouTube kittens and photos of zoo babies to swoon over.

This is not an adoption ad, by any means, but a look at how we are comforted by our pets during difficult times. This is just my way of sharing how I've been coping during sequestration. I have clay work in my garage studio, I have cross-stitch Christmas stockings underway for grandsons, I have frequent conversations with my spouse, friends and family. I have Nutmeg in my lap during TV shows, and Cinnamon at my feet while I sleep. Whatever negativity arises from Covid-19, I know I am blessed to have these sources of activity and comfort available. My sincere hope is that my SACA friends have similar sources of connectivity, companionship, and comfort as we stay home and stay safe. If it includes a pet, you are fortunate indeed.



Shows

UPDATE

Summer is a slow time for the Shows committee, especially with the advent of Covid-19. At this time we are setting up a schedule for next seasons shows. Save the following dates:

Tucson Botanical Gardens **2020**

Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7

Juried SACA members only

Joel Valdez Pima County Library **2020**

December 1 thru December 30

Non-juried SACA members only

Tohono Chul Gardens **2021**

Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27.

Juried SACA members only

Tucson Botanical Gardens **2021**

Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8

Mother's Day Weekend

Open to all SACA members.



In the Spotlight

We like to hear about what our members are doing.
Send us some pics of what you are working on.

Janet Burner tells us she has been accepted to
[2020 ICAN Exhibition: Spring Form](#)



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[Join the Group Now!](#)

Tell your friends to join us. Membership in SACA is not required.
You will always find a link in the footers of our newsletter and website.

Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets
&
50/50 Drawing Tickets

Still Available



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