



October 2020

The Kiln Post

2021-2022 Board of Directors

A heartfelt welcome to our new board members!

The slate of candidates for the 2021 & 2022 term presented to the members on September 21st, was accepted by all members who participated in the electronic vote:

Elizabeth Garber - Vice President
Vivian MacKinnon - Secretary
Dawn Heinemann - Membership Chair
Denise Gullett - Newsletter Publisher
Suzanne Poirier - Shows Chair
Joanne Fisher - Web Manager

Cory Aaland contacted the Nominations Committee shortly after the vote and put his name forth to be our 2021-2022 President.

Due to personal circumstances, our President (Karen Phillips), Vice President (Elaine Dow), and Membership Chair (Carol Mullen) have resigned, effective immediately. Therefore, the current remaining board members voted on the following motions:

1. That the SACA Board of Directors elect the 2021-2022 Vice President, Secretary, and Membership Chair to fill the unexpired terms of their respective positions for the remainder of 2020.

- ***Vice President, Elizabeth Garber***
- ***Secretary, Vivian MacKinnon***
- ***Membership Chair, Dawn Heinemann***

2. That the SACA Board of Directors elects Cory Aaland for the position of president for the 2021-2022 term and the unexpired term of the 2020 presidential position.

Both motions were carried unanimously by the current Board of Directors.

A Letter From the New SACA President

Dear SACA Members,

When I joined SACA last year, I did so because I was looking for connection. I wanted to meet other potters and ceramic artists that I knew were creating amazing work in our Southern Arizona community. The ceramic arts are rooted in community and mentorship, and SACA gives artists like me in Southern Arizona an invaluable opportunity to share techniques, celebrate excellence, and amplify each other's work.

As your new SACA President, I'm excited to work with all of you as we continue to explore this wonderful, expressive medium together. COVID-19 definitely makes connecting harder, but as you can see from this newsletter, we have a lot of great things in the works and there are still plenty of ways to get involved. We look forward to sharing even more in the coming months, and I'm also looking forward to connecting with more members as SACA continues to bring this group together and showcase its incredible work.



Karen's Korner

Final Message from President, Karen Phillips

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

An old Pete Seeger song from the '50s has been playing in my head a lot lately. You probably know the lyrics:

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under heaven.

Things change. Seasons come and go. Priorities shift. This is true even in normal times, and certainly, these COVID-19 times haven't been normal at all. Almost every change brings excitement and sadness, positives and negatives, the promise of good things to come as well as sorrow over things left behind. In a personal change like mine, all these feelings are hitting very close to home. We are moving permanently to Denver in October. We have sold our house and bought another. We leave here beloved family members, as well as great friends from all corners of southern Arizona. We are moving closer to more beloved family members, including our young grandsons. The elation of being able to spend more time with those little boys outweighs a lot of the sadness we feel about leaving Tucson.

The pandemic promoted very many priority shifts among thousands of people in the US and elsewhere. In one interesting twist, we viewed a Denver house for sale by a couple who are moving to Tucson to be closer to their grandchildren. I have two other close friends who are currently making the same type of move — to be near family. Stories abound of people moving across the country, and even upsizing has now become a thing, as people want/need to bring more family members together.

This Denver move holds great personal expectations and excitement, and the thought that SACA can continue is another source of excitement and comfort. The people who recently stepped forward to board positions, plus those board

members who will continue, ensure that our beloved clay community need not dissolve. Hopefully, a vaccine will soon be proven effective, the pandemic restrictions will ease, and we can resume our assemblies and programs in a healthy post-pandemic world.

A time to build up, a time to break down,
A time to dance, a time to mourn,
A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together.

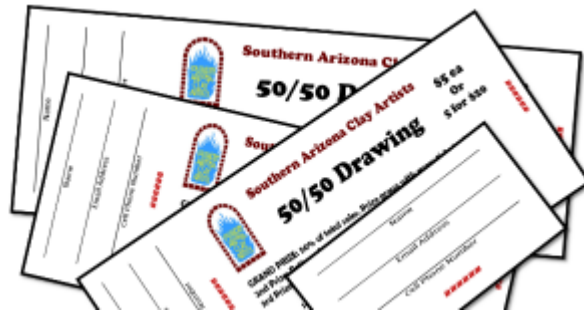
This is definitely a time to gather stones together and to support the SACA board as they work in new ways to bring members relevant programming. The pandemic has seen thousands of casualties, and it is welcome news that SACA will not become part of that flotsam.

The future looks bright on many fronts, for me personally and for our clay community. Whatever the future brings, I know this. I will always carry fond memories of our gatherings large and small, and heartfelt gratitude to all the beautiful, talented, caring people I met in the clay community we have collectively nurtured for decades.

Karen Phillips

**2021 SACA Membership Open
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Congratulations to our 50/50 Drawing Winners!

Marleen Moya, \$773 grand prize winner
Jane Peterson, 2nd prize
Dan Granger, 3rd prize

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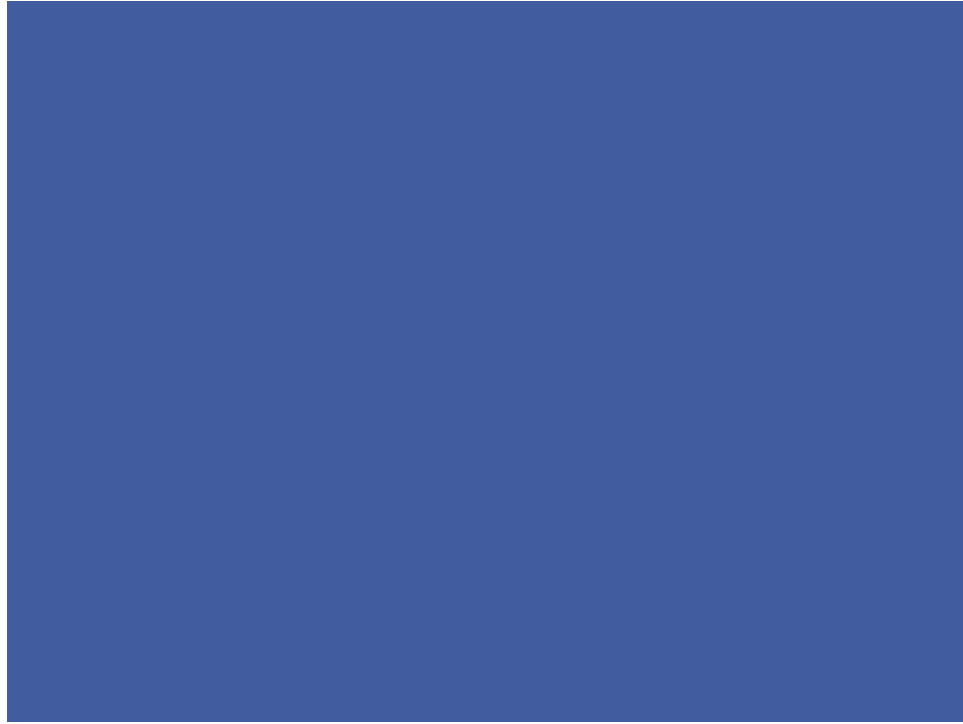
Shows

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.



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