



February 2023

President's Message

Hi there,

February at SACA is starting off full of fun! If you haven't registered yet for the Geronimo Plaza show on March 4 & 5, there's still space. But hurry, as registration closes on February 1.

We're just a few days away from the SACA Show & Sale at Tohono Chul on February 3 & 4. Come on out and support your fellow clay artists, and bring a friend along, too! Our show at Tohono Chul is one of the best in Tucson and is made even better because of its lovely setting within the gardens. It is certainly one you won't want to miss!

Read on for more details about the shows, get to know a couple of our great board members, and other goings on (like membership renewal - do that asap!). And if you've ever considered getting more involved in SACA, we're looking for a Member Programs Chair. It's a great way to make an impact on our organization!

See you at Tohono Chul,

~melissa

Melissa Henshaw
President



Due to scheduling and logistical difficulties, we will not be having a show at the Tucson Botanical Gardens this Spring, as had been anticipated. We are, however, still on track for a show in the Pavilion in late October.

New Show New Format

Geronimo Plaza

Over 100,000 people are expected at this year's Tucson Festival of Books and SACA will be there, too!

SACA members will be hosted by the Marshall Foundation for a show and sales event, March 3-4, in the Geronimo Plaza on University Blvd – one of the main entrances to the Festival of Books. Geronimo Plaza is on the streetcar line,

which is free until June, which means many people will use it to get into the Festival of Books, one of Tucson's biggest events and SACA will be a part of it!

The Marshall Foundation will support the SACA event with on-line promotion, a video featuring artists' works on the big screen in Main Gate Square, as well as street-level signage.

Geronimo Plaza always attracts visitors during the Festival of Books with its shaded surroundings and restaurants like Starbucks, Sinbad's, Pasco and Snakes and Shakes and the SACA event will be in the middle of it all.

We still have spots available, so sign up now! Tents and tables will be provided and best of all, you will keep 100% of every sale you make. You will handle your own sales and packaging.

Don't miss out on this unique, first-time event! Registration closes February 1, 2023. We look forward to seeing you at Geronimo Plaza.

[REGISTER NOW](#)





Elaine Walsh, Marketing Chair

I'm a proud Arizona native with a profound love and respect for the plants, animals and landscapes that make the Sky Island region of Southern Arizona distinctive in all the world. My exploration of clay began in earnest about 10 years ago and I've had the opportunity to study with artists including Debra Fritts, Cristina Cordova, and Kristine Poole. While the Sonoran Desert influences my sculpture, there are other factors that shape it including wildlife and domestic animal rescue work, and the unique and powerful bonds women share in support of each other. All pieces are one-of-a-kind and sculptural, finished with stains, slips, glazes, cold wax, acrylics and semi-precious stones. The faces of many pieces reflect the peace and calm happiness I felt as a child, growing up in the Arizona sunshine. www.arizonaclayartist.com



Upcoming Jury Session

If you are not already a juried SACA member, we have just scheduled our spring jury session. Juried members are eligible to participate in our SACA shows and sales.

Jury Session Date: Sunday, April 30, 2023

Registration Closes: Friday, April 28, 2023

Location: The Romero House Pottery at TMA, 102 W Washington Street

For more details or to register, follow this link. [Jury Session Registration](#)



Just a friendly reminder to renew your membership for 2023, and a big thank you to those that already have! I'll be working on "cleaning up" the membership list on our website in the coming weeks and I would like to have it as updated and accurate as possible.

Cheers to a creative and successful 2023!

Dawn Heinemann
Membership Chair



Member Programs Chair needed!

After the past few years of low-key activities, we are ready to watch SACA grow in 2023 and need your help! If you are excited about creating events and activities throughout the year to strengthen our clay community and bring our members together in a casual and fun setting, then the Member Programs chair role is for you. If you have any questions or

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