



The Kiln Post



Hi there,

Can you believe that we are already halfway into March?! This month has already been full of art and clay related events and looking ahead, I bet the rest of March will be flying by as well!

I hope you had a chance to stop by the Geronimo Plaza Show & Sale on March 4 & 5 to support our artists and make it down to the TMA Spring Artisans Market where several of our SACA members were also showing. It was a beautiful weekend to be out seeing the wonderful creations our members have made. The ICS Empty Bowls fundraiser also happened this past weekend. It's been heartwarming to see our clay community come together to coordinate our potters (thanks, Mary Swallow and Linda DeBoer!), make bowls in home and community studios, and then support the event on the day of. Be sure to check the SACA social media posts for pictures from all these events!

Coming up we have our first SACA workshop of the year, the multi-day Salt Fire with Joni Pevarnik. I'm sure I'm not the only one who can't wait to see photos of the amazing work our members are going to create at this workshop. Thanks to Joni and our Board for organizing the workshop!

And to top it off, NCECA is almost here! Thousands of clay enthusiasts from all over the world will be meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio March 14-18 for this once-a-year conference jam packed with all things clay. If you're going, we'd love to know! Look for more details below.

Whew, that's a lot happening in one month! Have a great time this March and I hope to see you around sometime,

~melissa

PS...Have you checked out the brand-new SACA Member Gallery on our website? Go see the amazing work created by our artists at [Member Gallery](#) and while you're there, submit a photo or two of your own work.

Upcoming Jury Session

If you are not already a juried SACA member, consider applying for 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](#)



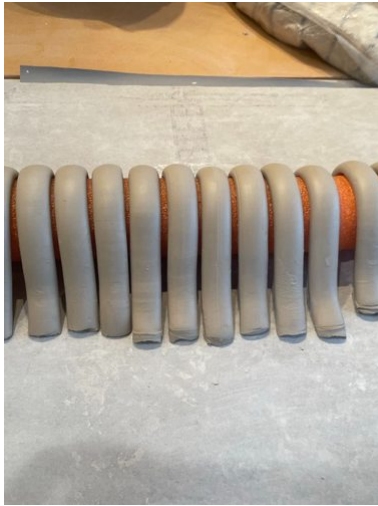
Member Programs Chair needed!

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 would like more details, [email Melissa](#).

Pottery Tips & Tricks

Pool noodles make a great tool to support your wet or drying clay, help pieces hold their shape, and even make a great form for drying handles. And they are super inexpensive – even better! - when you buy them from the local dollar store and are easily cut to size with just a kitchen knife. Try it out!

Have a great tip or trick that helps you in your clay work? Let us know! Submit your tip or trick to our [Newsletter Publisher](#).



NCECA 2023 CURRENT, Cincinnati, Ohio

March 14-18, 2023

Will you be heading to NCECA in Cincinnati this year? Let us know!

[Send Melissa a note](#) and let her know. We'd love to snap a group photo of our SACA members at this fun and educational event.



A Beautiful Weekend in the Gardens

by Elizabeth Garber

Thirty-three ceramic artists came together for the Tohono Chul show February 3rd and 4th. The weather was clear and warm and crowds persisted throughout the event. Sales also remained steady, grossing over \$42,000. Participating artists exchanged stories, clay tips, and enjoyed each other's company.

The show was held in the Pavilion, a location SACA artists have occupied in prior years, with the brief interlude outside the Education Center last year. The Pavilion provides covered spaces and good crowd flow and is easily found by visitors entering the gardens.

As with last year, Tohono Chul offered free garden admission to all visitors and advertised the event widely. They also provided tables. They have proven a wonderful host and partner.

Shows Chair Suzanne Poirier is investigating adding a fall show at Tohono Chul: updates about this will be found, as they unfold, in the newsletter. Thanks to Suzanne and all participating artists who made this show such a success.



Of Interest to Our Readers

The Tucson Clay Art
Center on Ft. Lowell
Road and the NWAC

APRIL 15 & 16, 2023
SATURDAY 10AM-5PM
SUNDAY 11AM-4PM



ceramics studio at Shannon and Magee are looking for a studio tech.

Duties are loading, unloading and firing kilns, glaze mixing etc.

Hours may be compensated with a combination of pay, classes and/or membership in the studio.

Please contact [Rebecca Pincus](#)

From metalwork to locally-designed fashion, the open-air La Encantada Fine Art Festival is an opportunity to support local artisans and fine art crafters while strolling the lush and ever-blooming garden walkways of the outdoor La Encantada Shopping Center.

Live art demonstrations and music will be presented in the Southern Arizona Artists Guild (SAAG) Gallery throughout the weekend.

Current Show

Desert Expressions

Thru May 6, 2023

Gallery Hours

Tues - Saturday

10 am - 4 pm



Together Forever
Gerri Bringman



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