



## President's Message for April 2017



I apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. I'm afraid more than the pottery bug attacked many of our board members and we have been scrambling to all get healthy. We are all ready to regroup now and take advantage of the inspiration of our beautiful desert wildflowers to end April with a bang.

I hope you were all be able to come to our April Social on Earth Day weekend at Glenda Neff's home on April 23. Not only did we visit with each other but Glenda was sponsoring her spring "Art in the Garden" fair, where artists from SACA and elsewhere were displaying and selling their works.

We also took a tour of her raku studio where she hosts firings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month.

Speaking of Socials, 17 of us toured the Tucson Museum of Art for our March Social. Whenever I go there I'm always reminded what a hidden treasure this is for our community and this time was no exception.

We were treated to both a guided tour and our own individual wandering and experienced a spectacular variety of master art, including Rodin and Picasso.

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Also coming up on April 29 is our "Art from the Attic" Fundraiser. We hope to have 1,000 pieces of artistic "treasures" (no charge for dust!) for you to re-discover & be inspired!  
Wonderful opportunity to add to your home's artistic treasures!

Also, and most importantly,...  
we will be donating the proceeds to our Young Artist's Scholarship Fund!  
This is even more important with federal NEA grants in jeopardy!  
Tucsonans need to "step up" & fill the void for our children!  
We hope to see you all there!

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Please see this newsletter for more information on these & other events.  
Thank you all so much for supporting & being part of SACA!

Craig Wunderlich, SACA President 2017

***Help us make this a Success!!!***



**Art from the Attic**  
***"Arts Education for Children" Fund Raiser***

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

*at the Junior League Building  
2099 River Rd., Tucson, 85718*

**Help us make our goal of 1,000 pieces of donated art!**

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**Our two goals:**

- 1) Raise funds for arts education!
- 2) Recycle art that's collecting dust in the "attic"!

**Who gets the funds and how will they be distributed?:**

All the sale proceeds, less costs (advertising, storage or facility etc.), goes into our grant fund. We'll alert art teachers & arts organizations and send them Grant guidelines about how to apply. The Arts from the Attic Committee sets the grant guidelines & is open to all forms of art.

**Current Sponsors:**

**Southern Arizona Clay Artists (S ACA) - event originator & organizer.**

**Southern Arizona Arts Guild (SAAG) - has joined us**

Has come aboard and will provide a board member for our committee.

They're also asking their member artists to collect & donate all art, not just ceramics.

**We also ask any like-minded organizations to join us in our worthy goal!**

**Help is greatly appreciated to accomplish the following:**

1. Distribute sale posters at the beginning of April
2. Distribute press releases
3. Collect & Organize collection sites and donation events.
4. Clean and price donations for sale
5. Reach out to art teachers and others that might qualify for grant after the event
6. Serve on the committee reviewing grant applications
7. **Volunteer the day of the sale to help!...**  
**20+ people needed to set up, clean & then help during the sale!**

**Mark your Calendars!!!**

## **May Social**

Saturday, May 13  
at 6pm

Janet Burner will share  
her recent visit to Cuba with us  
at our May Social  
in her beautiful studio!  
What a treat,...she'll regale us  
with stories & slides  
of the wonderful pottery  
& the friendly Cuban people!



Hopefully we can also  
"sneak a peek" at  
her newest creations too!

Pizza, Salad, Chips and Drinks  
provided by SACA.

We'll be sending a reminder  
with more details in a week or two!



**HELP!!!**

Desperately Need  
**Ideas or Inspiration**  
for our

**June & July Socials!**

*This is your chance!*  
please contact Laura.

**In August,**

We are working  
on a trip to

**Mount Lemmon**

*(With a TripAdvisor's 5 Star rating!)*

Don't have all the details yet,  
but as soon as we do;  
we will give you  
the dates and locations.

**A Fabulous  
Opportunity!**

Try out  
&  
learn about

**Raku**

with  
Glenda  
& Ray

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Every  
2nd Friday  
of the Month



at **Glenda Neff's Studio**  
the "Laughing Witch Pottery"  
1510 W. Avocado St.

**May 12th,**  
**4pm - 8pm**

[RSVP Glenda](#)

or, call Glenda for more info.



**SACA**  
**Members**

This space  
is reserved  
for you...!

Use it for  
Promoting  
your show,  
or other event!

Contact Louise  
at [RavenBirdStudio](#)

ICS Empty Bowls 2017  
**News from Jada!**

Thank you,  
all Empty Bowl Volunteers!  
You were fantastic!

It was a great event,  
bringing in an astounding

**\$74,000**



for the ICS Tucson Food Drive!  
WELL DONE!!!

### **An "Aside"**

*...One of our long time faithful potters volunteered to help at the actual event!*

*She was impressed with how large the event was and how mind-boggling 1200+ bowls look when spread out on the tables!*

*She also mentioned that if she knew how important this event was, she'd have donated better bowls,...mmmmm!*

*Well, I'm not naming any names, but her bowls ARE EXCEPTIONALLY GORGEOUS & many ended up on the VIP table anyway! Can't imagine what'll happen making "even better bowls" next year,...WOW!!!*

### **All our donations were fabulous!**

The attendees "swarmed" over the tables looking for the bowls that

**"spoke to them"!**

This is an event where handmade pieces make it into the hands of people who've NEVER experienced actually eating out of an Artist-crafted bowl!

I know many of these people come back year after year looking to add to their bowl collection!

You may take credit for creating a whole new generation of "Patrons of the Art",...

**BRAVA/BRAVO!**

**"My Heartfelt thanks  
to all you  
wonderful participants!"**

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*-Jada Crellin Ahern*





*This is a List  
of our wonderful  
**SACA Members**  
& contributors to  
**Empty Bowls!***

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*When you next see them,  
...please take a moment to  
**Thank Them!***

*...For sharing their  
**Time, Skill & Artistry!**  
to benefit their neighbors in need!!!*

**Amphi High School**

Jill Menaugh-SACA contact

Brandon Barry Erin Webber Lisa Millerd

**Romero House Pottery**

Frank Tomizuka-SACA contact

Sid Henderson Amy Oaxaca Ron Lyons,  
Annie Barton Littlefield Char Green

Luisa Garcia Angelica Estrada Carol Mullen

### **CJ Studio**

[Cynthia Jones-SACA contact](#)  
Don Robaszkiewicz Stephanie Andrews

### **Tucson Clay Coop**

[Maxine Krasnow-SACA contact](#)  
Rick Monte Bob Edwards Sharon,  
Andrew Rebecca Hill Tsipora,  
Lisa Falk Jordana Saletan

### **Independent Potters**

Linda Potter  
Roy Pearson

### **Rainbow Bull Studios**

[Christylyn Hess-Kretiv-SACA contact](#)

### **Del Fuego Pottery**

[Joni Pevarnik-SACA contact](#)

### **Sabino Pottery**

[Janet Burner-SACA contact](#)

### **Del Terra Pottery**

[Galen Miller-SACA contact](#)

### **Saddlebrook Clay Club**

[Stan Pomeranz-SACA contact](#)

### **Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Pima CountyNRPR**

[Marilyn Cleavinger-SACA contact](#)  
Karen Phillips Jan Streitmatter Joy Hughes,  
Marda Benjamin Sue Bromberg Jayne Stock  
Jeanne Hollabaugh Laurel Dambrosio

### **Randolph Clay Studio \_ \_ \_ Tucson Parks & Rec**

[Marilyn Cleavinger-SACA contact](#)  
Mary Swallow Jerry Turner Lashel Devich  
Ally Ryan Joy Hughes Jan Verhulst  
Chris Porch Jim Jones Jan Bell  
Maritza Islas Ed Zalewski Dan Woods  
Jennifer Treece Susan Yamamura

### **Hearth Stone Pottery**

[Kathy Dunning-SACA contact](#)

### **Shooting Star Pottery**

[Martha Kelley-SACA contact](#)

### **jashio.com**

[Jashio Pei-SACA contact](#)

### **StefStudio.com**

[Stef Greener-SACA contact](#)

### **Kathleen Wallace Greer Pottery**

[Kathleen Greer-SACA contact](#)

### **Sun City Oro Valley Clay Club**

[Joan Kelly-SACA contact](#)

### **Kino Community Center**

[at Mulcahy YMCA](#)  
[Lil Kinslow-SACA contact](#)

### **Udall Clay Studio**

**Tucson Parks & Rec**  
[Marilyn Cleavinger-SACA contact](#)  
Jerry Anderson Clydean Troner Dennis Coon  
Vera Sokol Lashel Devich Dan Granger  
Judi Condon Adora-Marie Higgins

### **Loma Prieta Pottery**

[Terry Parker-SACA contact](#)

### **Lori Kindler Pottery**

[Lori Kindler-SACA contact](#)

### **Lou Sorenson**

[Jerry Bird-SACA contact](#)  
Mark Rangel Steve Sorenson Linda Baker  
Colette Price Karen Reifschneider

### **The Clay Club at the Highlands of Dove Mountain**

[Sue Broberg-SACA contact](#)  
Sarah Wetter



## Northwest Art Center

Jada Crellin Ahern-SACA contact

Marian Morris	Melissa Miller	Kathy Hacker
Brenda Beeley	Jane West	Joy Williams
Sheila Lepley	Jim Miller	Jodi Saito
Glenda Neff	Wynn Maple	Laurie Dunham
Steve Blackburn		Leila Lindeman

## The Bird Studio

**Rincon Country West**

Jan Mulvaney-SACA contact

Jan McMillian	Mary Pascal	Norm Gonnella
Jan Chihrin,	Brad Bremer	MomiKai Dean
Karl Lamb	Colleen Neymeyer	

## CraigPots

Craig Wunderlich-SACA contact

# Clay Classes at Pima County

## Northwest Art Center

7770 N. Shannon Rd.

Tucson, AZ

(Corner Shannon & Magee)



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For more Class information & to register online!

[www.pima.gov/nrpr](http://www.pima.gov/nrpr)

### Clay Fun-damentals

Take as a fun class or preparation for more advanced clay classes!

### Throwing on the Potter's Wheel

Learn basic skills & create cylinders for bowls, cups and vases. Adv. students work on lids, closed forms, platters and altering.

**No Pre-requisite**

*Instructor: Jada Ahern BFA*

3 Sessions (3hrs) \$45 4 starting dates  
(Afternoon & Evening Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Pre-requisite: Clay Fun-damentals**

*Instructor: Leila Lindeman*

9 Sessions (3hrs) \$105-\$120 2 start dates  
(Afternoon Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Weekend Warrior**

Independent study time for clay students currently enrolled in weekly classes at NWAC. Weekend hours for self-motivated students who can work independently.

*Pre-requisite: Instructor Permission*  
*Instructor: Jada Ahern BFA*

1 Session (6hrs) \$25 4 starting dates  
(10am-4pm Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Spirited Sculpture (Clay)**

Students will create spirited human, animal or abstract sculptures with use and functionality in mind. We will work with your unique imagination and images!

*Pre-requisite: Clay Fun-damentals*  
*Instructor: Jane Norskog*

8-9 Sessions (3hrs) \$105-\$120 2 start dates  
(Afternoon Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Creative Clay for the Kitchen**

Create beautiful functional pieces for use in the kitchen. Special pieces for special foods will be discussed.

*Pre-requisite: Clay Fun-damentals*  
*Instructor: Leila Lindeman*

8-9 Sessions (3hrs) \$105-\$120 2 start dates  
(Afternoon Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Adv. Clay-Hand Built & Thrown**

Adv. experienced clay artists welcome with instructor permission. Students will be self-motivated & able to work independently.

*Pre-requisite: Instructor Permission!*

*Instructor: Kathy Hacker/Leila Lindeman*  
*Katy Hacker/Brenda Arwood*

8-9 Sessions (3hrs) \$105-\$120 2 start dates  
(Afternoon & Evening Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Classic Clay (Pottery/Clay)**

Includes many techniques including hand building, throwing on the wheel, sculpture, glazing, and firing.

*Pre-requisite: Clay Fun-damentals*  
*Instructors: Jada Ahern BFA*  
*Brenda Arwood*

8-9 Sessions (3hrs) \$105-\$120 8 start dates  
(Morning & Evening Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

**Independent Clay Study**

Independent study time for clay students currently enrolled in weekly classes at NWAC. Work on your special projects and improve the quality of your work in this class designed for any level to work independently!

*Pre-requisite: Instructor Permission*  
*Instructors:*

Jada Ahern BFA  
Brenda Arwood  
Kathy Hacker  
Leila Lindeman

3-5 Sessions (3hrs) \$30-\$50 7 start dates  
(Morning, Afternoon & Evening Classes)  
See online schedule for details!

### **Creating with Clay**

This class will take you through the process of making your own pottery. Class demos will reflect a student's areas of interest including hand-built and wheel thrown projects!

*No Pre-requisite:*

Instructor: Marilyn Cleavinger

7 Sessions (3hrs) \$87 4 starting dates  
(Morning & Afternoon Classes)  
See online schedule for details!



## **Advanced Southwestern Animal Sculpture Workshop**

(Previous experience helpful,  
but NOT necessary!)

with  
**Mariah Clearwater**  
a SACA Member

**Oct 7th & 8th, 2017**

**Mariah Clearwater  
is Tucson's  
hidden treasure!!!**

...an accomplished sculptor  
& equally wonderful teacher,  
she's a fantastic resource  
for SACA Members  
& others to learn new skills!!!

**(PS Learn about armatures  
for standing figures!!!)**



Your Choice of  
**Southwestern  
"Standing" Animal**

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**Horned Owl  
Javelina/Pig  
or Bull/Cow**  
**SACA Members \$165**  
(Non-Members \$185)

**The Tucson Clay Art Center**  
1703 E. Fort Lowell  
520-955-7350

[Click for More Info](#)



# Tile Trivet Painting Workshop

*With our own Robin Chlad*

Just in time for Mother's Day!  
& Robin's offering this twice in May!

This would be a great project for "Mom 'n Me"  
or "Grandma/Grampa 'n Me"  
(kids 5+ welcome with a parent!)

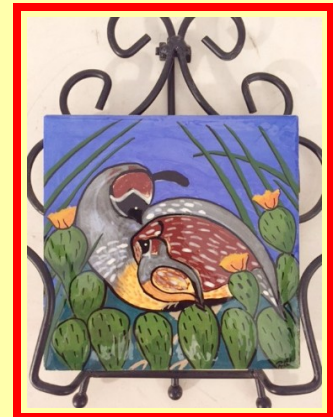
## **Make a tile trivet for yourself or for Mom!**

*Learn how to design and paint glaze onto a 6" square tile.  
Create your own design, or let Robin help you design something.*

1st Class: **Saturday-May 6 th, 10am-1pm**

2nd Class: **Thursday-May 11th, 5:30pm to 8pm**

Cost is \$65.00 for each class  
(Everything is included: Instruction, tile, glaze,  
a wood frame for a 6 inch tile, and firing!)



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## **Flower Wall Sculpture Class**

Jazz up your walls with whimsical 3-d art.  
Make a ceramic flower head with leaves from clay.  
This project is fun to make  
& fun to hang indoors or out!



**This class starts Wednesdays,  
May 10 from 5- 7 through May 31.**

You will work with slab clay and molds  
forming 3-d flower heads and leaves.

Price ( \$180) includes:  
instruction, firing, clay, and glazes, wire to hang  
(for one flower head with 5 leaves.)

Here is a sample of what can be made.  
One orange poppy or one of a red poppy.

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## **June and July Art Mosaic Class...WOW!!!**



**Make a unique art piece for your home!**

***Learn how to design, create unique tiles & glaze techniques.***

*Robin'll help you achieve your design,  
in this semi-private class!*

Begins June 5, Mondays from 5:30pm - 7:30pm

***This is a great 'best friends' projects for 2 or 4 ladies.***

Create a: mosaic stepping stone,  
Welcome sign,  
or 'tile carpet' for your front door

**Pricing:** is according to the project involved,  
but starts at \$125.00 for the 4 weeks  
(includes clay, instruction and firing)

**Remember:**

Robin can create a class for your group during the summer,  
for birthday parties, bridal showers, or retirements

***NEW!!! ...***

***This is a  
continuing  
experiment!***

**We've added clay videos  
to our newsletter!**

**With so many  
incredible videos  
of clay techniques available,  
...it's a wonderful resource  
& it's free!!!**

**We'll try to vary beginner thru  
advanced techniques  
& showcase the work  
of lesser known,  
but fabulous clay artists  
(of, course)!**

**We'll need  
your ideas  
& suggestions!**

[Click to leave Louise a suggestion!](#)

**Not knowing what to expect,  
we'll start with  
2-4 per month.**

**NOTE:**

**The video's pix here  
are small thumbnails.**

**...to watch larger videos  
on YouTube  
*click on the video image!***

**& then save the best ones  
to your own personal  
YouTube library!!!**



**Stack and Slam Wire  
Wedging by Michael  
Wendt**



**Building a Ceramic Jar:  
Time Lapse with Blair  
Clemo**

" With "stack and slam" wire wedging a potter can produce perfectly uniform clay in a very short time. It also good for mixing clays of different moisture content or clays of different colors with ease!"

Also good for sore backs, arms & hands from regular wedging!

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Time-lapse combining wheel-throwing, handbuilding plus a press-molded jar. More goodies at [www.objectiveclay.com](http://www.objectiveclay.com)

This is one of my favorite videos ! I chuckle everytime he "lights up the torch" to quickly dry his clay. His expression is priceless!

Blair is the author of the video, 'Simply Ornate' in the CAD Bookstore!

This video really gives enough info to try this technique yourself, but of course; you can always support CAD & Blair by purchasing his video!



A SILVER CITY ARTS & CULTURAL DISTRICT SIGNATURE EVENT

## The Silver City CLAY Festival July 22 - 30, 2017

### Opportunities for artists

Unique possibilities  
for artists  
to exhibit &  
sell their work.

[Visit the CLAY Festival website!](#)

## CLAYF est Market

## Clay Festival Competitions

### Tile + Vessel International Juried Exhibition

Artists are  
invited to  
submit up to  
3 entries.

Our Juror  
is  
Diego Valles,

his work expands  
the limits of both  
Mata Ortiz &  
traditional  
Mexican  
Pottery

Submission &



Pieces of Me by Diego Valles



We invite artists & entrepreneurs to offer decorative and utilitarian ceramics plus other clay-related items for sale!

on  
**Saturday,  
July 29, 2017**  
of the  
**CLAY Festival weekend, .**

For an early bird rate  
**enter by May 31, 2017.**

[Click here to view the application](#)

**Fee Deadline  
June 16, 2017.**

## **Tile + Vessel International Juried Exhibition**

### **Requirements:**

Each entry consist of 2 clay components:  
*(see Diego Valles pieces pictured above)*

**1st.** ..the artist's interpretation of a vessel

**2nd...**the artist's interpretation of a tile  
The 2 parts must relate to each other  
in design and/or function.

The pairing may exist as separate parts  
or as one physically integrated piece;  
however, each submitted pairing  
will be juried and sold as one work.

[For a Prospectus](#)

# **The Romero House Potters, Inc.**

**is pleased to announce  
a series of new classes...**

*taught by Tucson artist*  
**Julie Szerina Stein**

***"Create Your Own Mosaic"***



Wednesday, May 10, 17, 24, 31,  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

**Instructor: Julie Szerina Stein**

**Fee: \$140** (member) ; **\$160** (non-member)

***Creating Mosaic Tesserae*** can be approached in a multitude of ways: by hand forming, cutting, stamping, punching, incising, impressing and by utilizing sprigs.

Julie will cover these various methods, providing you creativity enhancing choices. You'll add color to your mosaics by applying underglazes & glazes to be fired in our kiln! Learn how to complete your mosaic composition by arranging and then adhering your mosaic tesserae to its backing board. For extreme durability, you'll learn how to seal your composition with grout.

**SKILL LEVEL:** All levels welcome

**Enrollment:** minimum 3, maximum 7



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### ***Beginning Hand Building:***

Wednesday, May 10, 17, 24, 31,  
1 pm - 4:00 pm

**Instructor: Julie Szerina Stein**

**Fee: \$140** (member); **\$160** (non-member)

***Learn the basic construction techniques of slab, coil and pinch.!***

A slab roller, clay extruder, and molds, as well as many hand tools are available to assist you in creating your own unique clay objects.

Glazing, as well as other decorative techniques, such as embossed surface texture will be demonstrated.

The fee includes use of studio glazes, slips, oxides, stains, bisque and glaze firings plus over 40 hours of open studio per week!

**SKILL LEVEL:** All levels welcome

**Enrollment:** minimum 3, maximum 7

Contact: [Romero House Potters](#)



**Tucson Clay Co-op**  
**New Mosaic Classes by Paul Waldron**

**Join the fun &  
learn how to make mosaics!**



Class: Monday Evenings 6 to 8pm  
8 weeks beginning May 1st

(NOTE: All our classes include  
14 free practice hours weekly.)

**In this 8 week class you'll learn:**

design imagery for your tile  
cut the mosaic pieces,



glaze the mosaic  
pieces,  
mount the  
mosaic pieces,  
& finally, grout  
the mosaic pieces.

**AND...**

You'll be creating  
your own original  
10 by 10 inch  
mosaic,  
as well as learning

the skills  
to continue doing mosaics on your own!!!

[Contact the Tucson Clay Co-op](#)

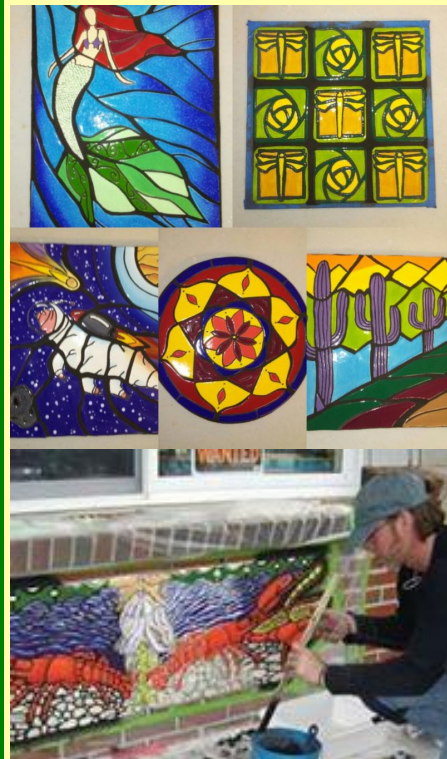
**Paul has been  
teaching & making  
mosaics professionally  
for over 20 years!**

You can see Paul's Lizard Mosaic  
on the Clay Co-op's front wall!

**He's also on display at  
the Tucson Museum of Art!**

Also see his work on  
Facebook at Paul Waldron Tiles.

[Paul Waldron on Face Book](#)



# Clay Community Information

*SACA offers a opportunities  
for those interested in clay  
to share their passion, inspire each other,  
& share resources*

Toward that end, SACA offers many possibilities to share information  
among its members  
and the clay community at large.

## **Among these are:**

- \* **SACA Facebook page**  
at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernArizonaClayArtists>
- \* **SACA Website** at [www.SouthernArizonaClayArtists.org](http://www.SouthernArizonaClayArtists.org)  
The redesigned website has a new events calendar, so check it out.  
There is a contact page where you can send your information as well.
- \* **SACA & Community Email Information**  
Contact Jan Bell
- \* **SACA Newsletter** direct to your email inbox via ConstantContact:

Contact Louise Buth

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## ***Share, & Promote Clay Related Events...!***

*Information about your upcoming shows, classes, events  
& possibilities in our community!*

Contact us by "clicking" on the "blue links" above to the

SACA Newsletter, Website, Facebook or Community e-mail

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If the event isn't SACA Sponsored,  
..We need to know the following:**

- 1. Name of the Event** (like Oro Valley Art Show)
- 2. Event's Sponsor** (like TSAG) ?
- 3. Names of SACA Members** involved?
- 4. Event's Date, Time & Location**
- 5. Fees, if applicable**

**PLUS:**

- 6. Brief Description** of event?
- 7. Photo** related to event in jpeg (any size) ?
- 8. Link to application or event, if applicable?**
- 9. Phone Number for More Info?**

**Southern Arizona Clay Artists.Inc**

<http://southernarizonaclayartists.org>

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