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# The Kiln Post

## President's Message

Hi there,

It's June. And I'm a little surprised. The first part of 2023 has definitely flown by for me, as I'm sure it has for you, as well. But that's alright because our board has been working hard behind scenes to plan more SACA fun, like our Member Programs and Shows, for the rest of the year! We have lots in store, read on for information about the upcoming June Member Program at Tohono Chul. Plus, see the preliminary details for our shows later this year and next – be sure to save the dates on your calendar! One of them is for all our members who would like to sell, both juried and non-juried members. It's going to be great! As we work to get more events planned and scheduled, I want to personally invite each and every one of you to join in on the fun.

I know from experience that it can be hard to rsvp for an event. Especially if you're an introvert (like me!) new to SACA, or even a longtime member but feeling a bit out of the loop. But please, take the leap, step out of your comfort zone and join us! We want to create a supportive and friendly community and we need you there to help make that happen. If you're still feeling unsure, just shoot me a message; I'll be sure to introduce you to some new friends.

Stay cool as the weather warms and I hope to see you soon,

~melissa



## Introducing Something New! The SACA Marketplace

SACA is pleased to announce a new concept to showcase SACA member talent: The SACA Marketplace.

At events designated as a Marketplace, ALL our members are eligible to show and sell their work in any medium, not just their clay work. Your work must be original, created by you and you must include your pottery work.

You do not have to be juried to participate. You may request a mentor when you register to coach you with showing and selling your work. And best of all, at a SACA Marketplace, there is no commission. Each artist keeps 100% of their sales.

Are you a painter? A glass artist? Photographer? Woodworker? Jewelry maker? Bring your art and craft to the Marketplace!

The very first Marketplace will be hosted by the Marshall Foundation and

## Annual Tohono Chul Show February 9 & 10, 2024

The Annual Tohono Chul Show is open to all juried SACA members on a first come, first served basis, and will follow our standard shows format. There will be room for approximately 30 artists. Please take time to review the [SACA Shows Policy](#).

**Registration will open on the website at noon on December 1, 2023.**

More details will be forthcoming as they become available. Keep your eyes open for emails from SACA.

held at Geronimo Plaza, 812 E. University, on October 7 & 8, 2023.

**Registration will go live on the SACA website at noon on July 10, 2023.**

Geronimo Plaza can accommodate approximately 24 artists so mark your calendars and be ready to register. Tables, chairs, and pop-up canopies will be provided, and you need to be able to process your own sales.

Additional details will be provided through upcoming Kiln Blasts and newsletters.



MEMBER  
PROGRAMS

# Fun at the Studio Social Sabino Stoneware Studio & Gallery

What a lovely time we had at Janet Burner's Sabino Stoneware Studio & Gallery for the SACA Studio Social on Saturday, May 2. Close to 20 of our members joined us for the return of our Member Program events. Light snacks, refreshing drinks and mingling in the gallery garden made it a great afternoon. It was a reunion of sorts with a few founding members seeing each other for the first time in a few years. And newer members getting to meet some new friends, too.

Guests each brought a favorite clay piece of their own to share with the group. We spent some time chatting about construction and glaze techniques (or trying to remember what the glaze combo was!). Reminiscing about the story behind each piece was fun. It was a great opportunity to see the unique and varied work of our members.

A huge thanks goes out to Janet Burner for hosting! We appreciate you and your support of our SACA community!





# Chillin' at the Chul with SACA

## Saturday, June 24, 2023

### 5pm

Chillin' at the Chul is open-to-the-public and admission to the garden is free during this summer event. Food and drink are not included.

Let's get together for another Member Program at Tohono Chul for a casual evening of fun. Stroll the gardens where the temps are cooler, grab a refreshing drink from the bar or even a Sonoran inspired snack.

We'll meet at 5pm, spend some time socializing in the gardens and at 6pm check out the latest gallery exhibit, "The Exotic Sublime: land and sky". This exhibit features work by fellow SACA members Terry Moss and Ric Maledon, Samirah Steinmeyer, and Matthew Valiquette. Afterwards the evening is open to wander the gardens, listen to the featured musicians, and spend some more time visiting.

Feel free to bring a friend along, too! If you plan to join us, please RSVP so we can lookout for you. Details about where to meet will be sent closer to the event.

Find more information about the event here: [Chillin at the Chul - Tohono Chul - Tucson, AZ](#)

SACA Member Programs are free and open to all

RSVP

#### MEMBER GALLERY

Remember to visit our brand new [Member Gallery](#) to see the amazing work created by our fellow SACA artists. And while you're there, submit a photo or two of your own work

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Have a new piece of work you want to show off? Or trying out a fun technique new to you? SACA would love to share your work on our Instagram and Facebook Stories. Be sure to tag us

for the community to see. We love this new member feature and are excited about the opportunity to share the work of our members.

### JURY RESULTS

Congratulations to the newest juried members of SACA!

Clara Ochoa

Shazieh Gorji

Julie Jacques

Anne Neunschwander

@SouthernArizonaClayArtists and use the hashtags

#SouthernArizonaClayArtists and

#SACATucson the next time you post!

You can also join the Southern Arizona

Clay Artists and Friends group on

Facebook to connect with our members

and others in the community!

### IN MEMORY

Kathy Hacker, longtime clay instructor, SACA member and dear friend passed away in March 2023. She will be missed and always in our hearts.



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