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# The Kiln Post

## President's Message

Hope your summer is going well, clay friends!

SACA needs you! We have several board members that are finishing out their terms we are looking for new faces to join us. I invite you to get more involved in our community and this core group that is passionate about helping SACA grow. Read below for more details.

Speaking of our community, we have been thrilled at the outcome of our most recent member events. The "Getting Started Selling Online" in July was a huge hit and very informative to our members looking to expand their selling opportunities. And I hope to see you at our "Clay Circle," on August 26. where we'll take an in depth look at our work and see how we could improve our technique. And don't forget to RSVP for the Annual Member Meeting on September 30! You can find all the details below.

See you in August,  
~melissa

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## **Elections for Expiring Board Positions**

**2024-2025 Elections Coming in September**

**Once again we find ourselves in the position of dissolving this organization if we don't get these positions filled. If you have ever considered getting more involved in SACA, now's the time.**

Are you an active member of the clay community looking to get even more involved? Join the SACA board! These positions carry 2-year terms. Several of our members are finishing their Board terms and we are looking for new friends to join us!

Board elections will take place in September at the Annual General Meeting and we are still looking for a Nominations Committee Coordinator. Please message President, Melissa Henshaw if you'd be willing to help us find members to fill our open board positions.

## **2024-2025 Open Positions**

### **Vice President**

Helps fill gaps if board positions are empty and assists President and others as needed.

### **Shows Chair**

Coordinates the organization's shows and sales.

### **Website & Technology Manager**

Maintains SACA's web presence and website.

### **Member at Large**

Represents membership at board meetings.

### **Member Programs Chair**

Provides opportunities for members and other clay enthusiasts to get to know each other in a casual and fun setting, or to provide seminar opportunities for members.

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## **SACA Marketplace**

The SACA show at Geronimo Plaza, originally scheduled October 7 and 8, 2023, will be held in April, 2024. The show will still be open to non-juried members and will allow all members to sell work their do in other media besides clay. Specific dates will be announced soon.

## **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. There will be room for approximately 30 artists. Please take time to review the [Shows Policy](#) on page 15 of SACA Board Policies & Procedures.

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

More details will be forth coming as they become available. Keep you eyes open for emails from SACA.



# MEMBER PROGRAMS

*always free and open to the public*



Join us for the SACA Clay Circle, an opportunity to take a closer look at the techniques and construction of your work. See what areas could be improved upon. Ask questions you may have.

Bring 1-3 pieces of your own work to review with other members. Everyone is welcome, it will be a great learning opportunity for all.

For those looking to participate in our upcoming October Jury session and feeling some jury jitters, this will be a helpful meeting to attend.

Murphy-Wilmot Library Meeting Room  
530 N Wilmot Rd  
Tucson





## Children's Museum Fun



**Creative Clay Workshop** at **children's museum** ✦ **orovalley**  
at **Tohono Chul** with **Southern Arizona Clay Artists**

Friday, Aug 18  
10AM-11AM

storytelling  
9:30-10 am  
Lizard Stencil  
drawing  
10am-12pm  
collage mixed media



SACA is excited to announce our new collaboration with the Children's Museum Oro Valley at Tohono Chul!

Each month we'll be working with the kids on a clay project based on the storytime book of the day at the Creative Clay Workshop. This is a great opportunity for our SACA members to share our love of clay with the youngest members of our community! We had a great time at our first Creative Clay workshop on July 28. The kids added stamped texture to clay javelinas that they took home with them.

We're looking for volunteers to help at the next Creative Clay Workshop on Friday, August 18 from 9:30-11am. [Send Melissa a message if you're excited to get involved.](#)

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## Tips & Tricks

### Dollar Store Garden Cloche

They have an adjustable vent on the top. Walk away from your piece without disturbing it by trying to wrap with plastic.

Also good for use as a damp box.



### Pipe Cleaners

Use to replace twist ties on clay bags.

Clean glaze out of holes.



## 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,

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Have a new piece of work you want to show off? Or trying out a fun technique

submit a photo or two of your own work 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 SESSION**

Coming in October

Visit the SACA [website](#) for preliminary information.

new to you? SACA would love to share your work on our Instagram and Facebook Stories. Be sure to tag us @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!



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