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The Kiln Post

January 2024

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a great holiday season with family and friends and are ready for 2024 (which seems so strange to write!). Our 2024-25 SACA Board has been busy planning new events for this year and can't wait to share them with you. Save the date for our upcoming Tohono Chul Show and Sale on February 9 & 10. You'll have the chance to view and purchase a wide array of work made by many of our juried members. And our Clay Workshop at the Children's Museum Oro Valley (located inside Tohono Chul) will be on February 10 during the show. This will be a fun day to volunteer and share your love of clay with the littlest members of our community. Plus, we're bringing back two favorite Member Programs, our Buy, Sell, Swap on January 27 and the SACA Clay Circle on February 17. Look for details below.

We want to send a huge thank you to our outgoing SACA Board Members, Elizabeth Garber (Vice-President), Joanne Fisher (Website and Technology Manager), Vivian MacKinnon (Member-at-Large) and Suzanne Poirier (Shows). These members have dedicated several years to making SACA a great organization and they will be missed. Be sure to share your gratitude with them when you see them.

Looking forward to seeing you out and about in 2024,

~melissa
President

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

JOIN the SACA Board and help us grow! We are currently looking to fill the following positions for the 2024-25 term:

Vice President

Fills in for empty board positions and assists the President and others as needed.

Member at Large

Represents the membership at board meetings.

Member Programs Chair

Plans assemblies for members and guests throughout the year in a casual and fun setting.



Renew your membership for 2024 and keep the kiln fires of creativity burning! Embrace the tactile joy of working with clay, connect with fellow artists, and let the activities in the works, now is the time to renew. If you know someone who might be interested in being a member, please share. And remember that our current members get a discount at Marjon's, so don't miss out on that!

[Member Registration](#)



Buy, Sell, Swap!
Saturday, January 27, 2024
1:15-2:45 pm
Randolph Center Auditorium
200 S Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ
85711

The new year is here, time to clean out your studio and share the wealth with other potters! Bring your gently used clay related items still in working condition that other potters could use. These could be extra tools for making and firing pottery, or items for selling, displaying, transporting. The list is endless! Come to browse and find something new or come to trade or sell or give away - the choice is up to you!

For more information and to register visit the website.

Buy Sell Swap!

SACA Clay Circle
Saturday, February 17, 2024
2:30-4:30 pm
Murphy-Wilmot Library
Small Meeting Room
530 N Wilmot Rd, Tucson, AZ 85711

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, or even ask questions you may have. Bring 1-3 pieces of your own work to review with other members. Everyone is welcome, from seasoned potters to those new to clay, it will be a great learning opportunity for all. For those looking to participate in our upcoming spring Jury session and feeling some jury jitters, this will be a helpful meeting to attend.

For more information and to register visit the website.

Clay Circle

OF INTEREST
TO OUR
READERS

**Tucson Museum of Art
Spring Artisans Market**

March 1-3, 2024
Friday & Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 10am – 4pm

**Tucson Trades
June 29, 2024**



COMMUNITY
OUTREACH



SACA is excited to continue 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 story time 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're looking for volunteers to help at the next Creative Clay Workshops

Friday, January 26, 2024
9:30–11:00 AM
Storytime Book: "Sherman: Tucson Tortoise"

Saturday, February 10, 2024
9:30 - 11:00 AM
Storytime Book: "Bringing in New Year"
*during our Tohono Chul Ceramics Show & Sale

Romero House Ceramics Mudroom Gallery



SCULPTURE IN THE WILD RECENT WORKS BY NAN WOLLMAN



'Tree in Sh
40x14x12",
stoneware

January 6-February 17, 2024
Opening reception January 6th,

mudroom gallery
102 W. Washington St
romerohousepotters.org/mudroomgallery

Send [Melissa a message](#) if you're excited to get involved or sign up on our website.

Empty Bowls 2024

Fellow potters and friends,

It's that time of year. ICS is hosting Empty Bowls again this year on Saturday, March 2nd at the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center located at 1288 W. River Road.

We are still looking for potters to donate bowls and we'd like to collect them before February 17th. Please contact [Linda DeBoer](#) or [Mary Swallow](#) to arrange pickup/handoff.

Please remember all bowls should be food safe. And if they need special care (i.e. handwash only or no microwave) please securely attach those directions to the bowl. Also if you have a business card please attach that also, attendees at the event often ask who made their new favorite bowl.

Tickets for the event are now on sale and often sell out well before the event. It's a great opportunity to pick up a handmade ceramic bowl by a local potter, sample soups, breads and deserts from local restaurants and enjoy the beautiful Tucson weather. Plus there is a silent auction and raffle. You can purchase your tickets here. <https://www.icstucson.org/emtybowls>

NCECA 2024



Will you be heading to NCECA in Richmond this year? Let us know! Send [Melissa](#) a note. We'd love to snap a group photo of our SACA members at this fun and educational conference.

Pledge



Ceramics Wood Firing Workshop

with Jaren Stroback

This workshop is designed for intermediate to advanced ceramists who wish to participate in an anagama wood kiln firing.

**Class Orientation
(Zoom)**

Sun, Feb 25
1 - 2 p.m.

**Glaze Session &
Loading Lesson:**

Sun, Apr 7th, and
Mon, Apr 8th,
12 - 3 p.m.
(only 1 day required)

Firing Shift:

A 6-hour firing shift
between Apr 21-24
(optional times
available)

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\$179 per person - Douglas Campus

To Register Call 520-515-5492



SOUTHERN ARIZONA
CLAY ARTISTS
SACA

CERAMICS
SHOW & SALE

FRI & SAT | FEBRUARY 9-10
10 AM - 4 PM

**FREE ADMISSION
DURING THE SALE!**

SACA Artists at Tohono Chul

Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10, over 30 SACA clay artists return to one of Tucson's most distinctive and beautiful settings, the Tohono Chul Gardens. Admission is free to Tohono Chul for those two days and the sale hours are 10am-4pm. This year, visitors will have a more relaxed environment to shop and buy because the [SACA show and sale](#) will be

held in the Performance Garden. Juried SACA members will have functional ware as well as items for garden and home décor.

Participating Artists

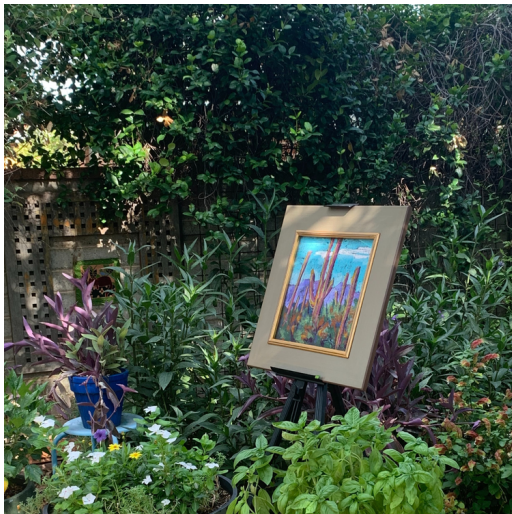
Brenda Arwood * Linda Baker * Jerry Bird * Janet Burner * David Campbell
Lori Coan * Linda DeBoer * Lisa Falk * Gail Ferens * Joanne Fisher
Kelly Frink * Judy Gans * Shazieh Gori * Denise Gullett * Melissa Henshaw
Doug Hively * Petra Juarez * Karina Knutzen * Karen Kos * Terry Moss
Vaughan Nelson * Anne Neueschwander * Suzanne Poirier * Teri Pursch
Ruth Reiman * Julie Stein * Jaren Stroback * Keita Tsutsumi * Clydean Troner
Jerry Turner * Mary Swallow * Matthew Valiquette * Elaine Walsh

SACA Marketplace Geronimo Plaza

Due to recent changes in the organization and procedures at the Marshall Foundation, we will not be going forward with a show at Geronimo Plaza in April 2024. The management at the Marshall Foundation remains interested in working with us to explore the possibility of future events.

From newly elected Shows Chair, Ruth Reiman,

I have some exciting news to share with you regarding events for 2024. We are adding more events across Pima County where you can show and sell your art. More details and registration information will come prior to the events.



April 6, 2024

Palo Verde Neighborhood Art in the Gardens

This will be the second year for this event in mid-town Tucson. Residents of PVN will host artists in their gardens for a fun art show and sale. The registration fee will be \$50, all members can participate.

Participants will manage their own sales and keep 100% of their sales. A minimum of ten participants will be selected on a first come first served basis. Your display space will be determined by your host and you can sell any type of art.

Registration will open February 3, 10:00 am



May 16, 2024

MOCA Free Third Thursday, 5 pm to 9 pm
MOCA, downtown, offers free admission on the third Thursday of each month. SACA has been invited to show and sell pottery on their outside patio for the May event. SACA members will apply to participate in this event and a committee will select the participants. Space is limited and we want a variety of techniques and types of pottery for this event. The registration fee will be \$50 and participants will manage their own sales and keep 100%.

Registration details will come next month.



December 5, 2024 to January 5, 2025

Jewish Community Center

Art Show

The JCC has a large gallery area where they hold regular art exhibits. SACA members will apply to participate and pieces will be selected by the JCC staff based on photos submitted by applicants. The curator will be looking for a variety of creative and artistic pieces that can be displayed on pedestals, the floor and wall. The JCC will manage sales and take a commission of 35%. Application information will come this summer, but now is the time to make some art.



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