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The Kiln Post

March 2024

Hello, clay friends,

Lots of fun things are happening in SACA these days! I do hope you had the opportunity to visit our Tohono Chul Show and Sale in February! We had an amazing line-up of artists with incredible work on display in the covered (and heated) pavilion. If you came on Saturday, thanks for braving the cold! Be sure to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for some fun videos. And a huge thanks to Suzanne Poirier for planning this, her last event with SACA, and for teaching our new Shows Chair, Ruth Reiman, the ropes. Suzanne, we appreciate your years on the SACA Board and enthusiasm planning our shows!

Many of you have been busy the past several weeks making and glazing bowls for the ICS Empty Bowls fundraiser which was this afternoon, Saturday, March 2. Thanks to all of you for your contribution to this wonderful community event! We're looking forward to seeing pictures of the hundreds of bowls that attendees had to choose from.

Our Buy, Sell, Swap is coming up in late March. This will be a great chance to clean out your studio/closets and find new homes for items you no longer need. If you plan to attend, please [RSVP](#) on our website so we can ensure we have table space for you.

Then in April we're gearing up for "Art in the Gardens" with the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association. This will be lovely a day to enjoy our famous spring weather and support our artists, plus others from the community, while visiting the gardens in the beautiful Palo Verde neighborhood. See announcement below for more details.

Hope to see you sometime in March,

~melissa

PS...Will you be at NCECA in Richmond, VA? Let us know so we can meet up for a group pic. Details are below.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

JOIN the SACA Board and help us grow! Contact [Melissa](#) for more information. 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.

Get ready to share your creativity!

SACA is excited to invite ideas for our upcoming events. Do you have a unique clay technique that you're eager to showcase? Or a studio that deserves attention? From guided tours to fun activities, we're all ears for your ideas. Reach out to any of our board members with your suggestions and play an active part in shaping our future events. Your input is truly valued, and we can't wait to hear from you!

[Contact Us](#)



Ignite your creative spark by renewing your membership for 2024! Revel in the tangible delight of molding clay and the camaraderie of fellow artists. With upcoming activities to stimulate your artistic senses, seize this chance to renew. Know of a potential member? Spread the word!

[Member Registration](#)



SACA Mini-Master Class Easy Mishima Surface Design

Demos to inspire and encourage exploration

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:30am - 12pm

Nanini Library, Large Meeting Room

7300 N Shannon Road

Come learn how to do Mishima the easy way! Melissa Henshaw will walk us step-by-step through the process she uses to add detailed and colorful designs to her pieces. It's an easy and fun surface design technique and a great way to add style to your artwork.

BUY, SELL, SWAP

Sunday, March 24, 2024

1:15 - 2:45 PM

Randolph Center Auditorium - 200 S Alvernon Way

Come to browse and find something new or old to trade, sell or give away - the choice is up to you!

Get ready for an exciting opportunity to declutter your studio and help fellow potters.

We're looking for gently used, operational clay related items that can find a new home in another artist's studio. From extra pottery-making tools to items used for selling or displaying art, the possibilities are countless!

Seize this chance to discover something new or even trade, sell, or generously give away your items. The decision is all yours and the benefits manifold!



RSVP

Register for Mishima

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!

Come volunteer at the next
Creative Clay Workshops on the following dates, from 9:45-11am:
[Friday, March 8, 2024 - Storytime Book: "Who's Up at Night"](#)
Save the date: June 8, 2024 - Art after Dark at the downtown Children's
Museum Tucson

Send [Melissa a message](#) if you're excited to get involved or click to RSVP.

RSVP

Spring Jury Session

Sunday, April 7, 2024!

SPACE IS LIMITED to the first 12 applicants. Only current members may apply. If you want to be placed on the wait-list, complete the entire application, pay the fee, and the Jury Coordinator will notify you if the session can accommodate you. The registration fee will be refunded if there is no room.

Detailed information can be found on our website
www.southernarizonaclayartists.com
or contact our Jury Coordinator, [Janet Burner](#).

Walk-ins are not accepted on the day of the session.

Register

Of Interest to Our Readers

ARIZONA BIENNIAL 2024

The prospectus for the Arizona Biennial 2024 is now available. The Arizona Biennial is the oldest running state-wide juried exhibition exclusively featuring Arizona artists. Artists over 18 years of age working in any media are welcome to submit artwork(s) to be considered for Arizona Biennial 2024.

The guest juror is Natasha Becker, Curator for the Arts of Africa at the [Fine Arts Museums](#) in San Francisco, California.

This exhibition will be on view at the Tucson Museum of Art from October 19, 2024–February 9, 2025. All entries, fees, and images must be received by 5 p.m., May 3, 2024.

Prospectus

Submit Entry

**Romero House
Ceramics**
Mudroom Gallery

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.

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Food Truck! Live Music!
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To many artists to list!
April 6, 2024



Julia Hechtman

March 9 through April 19
 102 West Washington St
 Tucson, Arizona 85701

Opening Reception
March 9, 6 to 8 PM

romerohousepotters.org/mudroomgallery

 mudroom gallery

10 AM to 3 PM
 Forty Niner Country Club
 12000 E Tanque Verde Road

Print Making Demos
 by the artists at [Lew Sorensen Center](#)



Tucson Trades
June 29, 2024

Spirit Birds By Julia Hechtman
 Opening Reception
 March 9, 2023
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

"Spirit Birds" Is an ever-growing collection of hand build ceramic birds. They are meant to provide solace to those who are in need of support or cheer.

Hechtman began the series in 2022 after encountering many dead seabirds in Iceland that had been killed by bird flu. She has been making the birds ever since.

Julia Hechtman is a multi-media artist focusing on the intersections of absence and presence, the real and imagined and life and death.



2024 is packed with exciting shows at SACA, and it's time to mark all these dates on your calendar. Use this opportunity to unleash your creativity in your studio and prepare an enchanting collection of art for these upcoming occasions.

Remember, most 2024 Shows are open to **all** our members. We encourage you to share the buzz about these events with your friends and family. Let's make them a grand success together!



Palo Verde Neighborhood Art in the Gardens

Saturday, April 6, 2024

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Palo Verde Neighborhood, between Grant and Speedway
and Country Club and Alvernon**

April 6, 11 am to 4 pm

**12 host sites and over 30 artists, including 15 SACA members
displaying and selling ceramics, jewelry, fused glass, silk art,
furniture, digital prints and hand-painted cards.**

**The event is free and open to the public. Come out to shop, see
beautiful art and stroll through some midtown gardens. Watershed
Management Group will also be open for visitors.**



Museum of Contemporary Art

May 16, 2024

5 pm to 9 pm

265 S. Church Ave

**SACA will be participating in Free Third
Thursday at MOCA. Registration
information will be announced later this
month. This show will be open to all
members.**

**Tohono Chul
Holiday Show
November 16 and 17, 2024
10 am to 4 pm**

SACA has been invited to stage a holiday ceramics sale in the Pavilion for two days. This event will be similar to the February show. Registration information will be coming in September.



December 5, 2024 to January 5, 2025
3800 E. River Rd.

The JCCA event will be an art exhibit of our members most creative and skilled work. The show will be curated by the JCCA staff. All SACA members are invited to apply. Application information will be coming in September.

The First Show of the Year A Huge Hit!

February 2024





Even with so so weather the Tohono Chul show was a success. We moved the show from the original location at the park to a new outdoor spot with much more space, but with the threat of rain we went indoors to the Pavilion. The Pavilion worked out really well. We had loads of space and heaters to help keep us warm.

Over 30 SACA juried members participated and I think it's safe to say they were all happy with the results. Tohono Chul recorded \$39,468 in sales. With record sales in the last two years Tohono Chul has invited SACA to do a holiday show and sale in mid-November.

Thanks to the Tohono Chul staff and Suzanne Poirier, the outgoing SACA Shows Chair, for their hard work and success with another great event.



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