

Serving artists from Oregon City and the surrounding communities.

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Beginning January 12<sup>TH</sup>, meetings will now be held upstairs in the Pioneer Community Center.

Pioneer Center  
615 5<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Oregon City, Oregon

#### Meeting Dates:

Meetings are held at the Pioneer Community Center on the second Monday of every month. The business meeting begins at 6:15PM. The regular meeting begins at 7PM. All members are welcome to attend the Business Meeting.

- **January 12.** Guest speaker: Arts Action Alliance of Clackamas County
- **February 9.** Clinic: Mask-making with Melanie Monge
- **March 9.** Panel Discussion: Art v. Craft
- **April 13.** Open Studio Social

**Mailing address:** Three Rivers Artist Guild  
P.O. Box 2648  
Oregon City, OR 97045.

**Meeting address:** Pioneer Community Center  
615 5<sup>TH</sup> Street (at Washington) in Oregon City.

### Holiday Show and Sale a Success

Vendors declare sales "better than expected"

Congratulations, Everyone! We had a wonderful Holiday Art Show and Sale. There was a good turnout and our customers stayed and visited with the artists. All of our vendors were friendly and enjoyed discussing their art. The quality of work presented was exceptional.

The Pioneer Community Center treated us royally and is excited that we plan to do the sale again next December. Our vendors indicated that overall sales were better than expected, which is always great to hear. And, we received numerous compliments from our guests.

Everyone who had a part in making this sale such a wonderful success should now pat themselves on the back and take a bow. You deserve it.

Lynda Orzen, Janice Gunderson, and I have already met to brainstorm next year's sale using your helpful ideas. We will do things a little differently as we learn how best to make your participation enjoyable and, of course, profitable.

—Holiday Art Show and Sale co-chair, "Pat-the-Hat" Wendt

Oregon City Mayor Alice Norris visits Pat Wendt's hat booth.



Clackamas County Commissioner Bill Kenemer looks at Ingrid Aubry's digital collages.

### A Few More Thoughts on the Holiday Show from Lynda

I just want to congratulate everyone who participated in the show. Our guests felt so comfortable shopping and visiting with the artists and some even stayed several hours. I noticed Mayor Norris was there for at least an hour!

It was very touching to have all the artists come together to thank the staff of the Pioneer Community Center and take up a collection to help with their programs. Kathy Wiseman, director of the Pioneer Center and my good friend was so pleased with the show that she is already looking forward to the next art event.

Thank you all for your kind thoughts and deeds!

—Lynda Orzen, Immediate Past President

## Note From the President



Hello everyone! In my first newsletter message, I wanted to give you my vision for the Guild for the coming year.

I know that we each seek something different from our Guild. Some of you seek opportunities to show and sell your work. For you, we offer the heART of Oregon, the Holiday Show and Sale, and the chance to exhibit your work at our new display space. We will also offer one meeting a quarter geared toward selling and marketing your work. In

January, we are pleased to welcome the Arts Action Alliance of Clackamas County; their staff will tell us how each of us can work with the Alliance to gain exposure for our work and increase our visibility in the arts community.

Some of you seek the opportunity to extend your craft and learn new techniques. For you, we will offer at least one meeting a quarter geared toward teaching a new technique. In February, our meeting will feature a mask-making clinic by Melanie Monge. We will also hold a weekend "retreat" this summer that will allow you to participate in several different workshops.

Some of you (and I put myself in this category), like to hang out with friends and talk about art. For you, we will have a "theory" meeting once a quarter, in which we will have the chance to discuss artistic questions, talk about great artists, or look toward the past or future of art. Our March meeting will be the first such meeting, where we will discuss the difference between "Art" and "Craft" (guest speaker to be announced). We will also hold one "social" meeting a quarter at the studio of one of our members so that we can have a chance to get to know each other better and learn more about each other's working habits.

Finally, I hope that we will continue a close relationship with our friends in the community: City officials, Howden Gallery, Heritage Partners, the Chamber of Commerce, Arts Action Alliance, and everyone else who has helped us move forward. I hope we will continue to nurture these relationships while building stronger ties with our artist friends in Canby, North Clackamas, and the surrounding areas we serve.

I ask each of you to do three things in the coming month:

1. Renew your membership! We are nothing without our members.
2. Invite a guest to come to one of our first-quarter meetings. We welcome, and need, fresh ideas to keep our Guild vital.
3. Think about how you can volunteer your time this year. Would you like to plan a field trip? Host a social event at your studio? Help organize one of our shows? We need you, and we welcome your ideas. Please let me know what you want to do to make our Guild an exciting group to be a part of in 2009.

Thank you!

Anne Jennings Paris  
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## Membership Renewal Due January 12

Membership dues for 2009 are due as of January 1<sup>ST</sup>. The board unanimously voted to keep dues at only \$25 per year (\$35 per household) in light of the tough economic times we all face. Please send the dues along with a completed application form (enclosed in this newsletter) to:

Three Rivers Membership Guild  
PO Box 2648  
Oregon City, OR 97045

### January 12<sup>TH</sup> Meeting Agenda:

#### —6:15 Business Meeting—

- Introduction of New Business
- Review of Minutes from last Meeting
- 2009 Budget Discussion and Adoption
- heART of Oregon Status ReportNew Business

#### 6:45 Business Meeting Ends



#### —7:00 Membership Meeting—

- Welcome and Introduction of Guests, New Members
- Report on Holiday Show & Sale
- Report on 221 Molalla
- heART of Oregon Call to Artists
- Guest Speaker
- Show and Tell

Please Note: we are asking all existing members to fill out a **new** membership form as well, so that we may update our records. Don't forget to bring your checkbook to our January 12 meeting!

What does your membership pay for? Here is just a sampling:

- Insurance for events
- Newsletter production and printing
- Nametags and other miscellaneous office supplies
- Scholarship fund
- Chamber of Commerce Membership
- P.O. Box
- Professional services (attorney and CPA)
- Guest speakers for our meetings

In return, we get 11 exciting and educational programs a year, plus the opportunity to show our work in multiple venues and contribute to the artistic enhancement of our community. We are pleased that we can continue to offer the membership at such a reasonable rate. See you January 12!



## heART of Oregon Show Finds a New Home

The Pioneer Community Center was so thrilled with the success of the Holiday Art Show and Sale that they have opened their doors once again to our art community. TRAG's annual show and fundraiser, the heART of Oregon, has been offered a venue at the Pioneer Community Center on April 3, 4 and 5, 2009.

Over the years, the heART of Oregon has built a reputation for offering the finest art Clackamas County has to offer. Now that TRAG has been entrusted with the heART, we will continue to seek out the best artistic talent we can.

Because this is a "by invitation show," there is no formal application process. However, if you are a TRAG artist who has not participated in the past but would like to be considered for the show, please send at least 3 to 5 jpgs of your work to [orzep@bctonline.com](mailto:orzep@bctonline.com), along with a brief description of your work, as soon as possible.

If you have participated in the past but are now working in a new medium or creating distinctly different work, please resubmit your work as well.

An independent panel of jurors will consider the new interested artists (TRAG and nonTRAG members), as well as artists who have participated in the past. Due to the need to continually display new talent, the panel will not necessarily invite all former participants to display each year. We want to keep the show fresh and lively. We hope to send out invitations to selected artists by the end of January.



## "Main Street Oregon City" Program Updates

Lynda Orzen, our now past-president, has agreed to keep us updated about the progress of the Main Street Oregon City project. She offers these notes:

During the November meeting, we discussed the position of the Downtown Manager and fine-tuned the job description and requirements. The Human Resources director for the city of Oregon City is reviewing the document and will present the final version to the Main Street board at the next meeting. The next big job will be to begin fundraising in earnest so we can provide funding for the position. A Memorandum of Understanding is also being developed between the City of Oregon City, Clackamas County, and the Main Street Board. The County is providing funding for the Main Street Program, as well as oversight and training for the program. We will be working very closely with entities such as the Urban Renewal Commission, Historic Review Board, and Planning Department, to name a few. We will also be planning events to bring more people to our Main Street. 2009 should be a very eventful year, although it will take several years and lots of work to create a vibrant, attractive, and profitable Main Street. You can find out more about the program at [www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/community-develop/main-street-oregon-city.htm](http://www.ci.oregon-city.or.us/community-develop/main-street-oregon-city.htm).



## Businesses Looking for Artists/Artwork

We have received several requests from local businesses looking for artists to show or sell work in their establishments. We have no way of setting up contracts with these businesses, so please make sure you have an agreement in writing regarding your work, how and when you will be paid, and whether the business will take any commission.

**Salute, Café Italiano** 1721 Willamette Falls Drive, West Linn, Or 97068, phone 503-722-1722. Owner Dan Frenchko is looking for Italian art for his restaurant. His interest is in photos of Italy, but he is open to suggestions. Please contact Dan for more details. He is a Chamber member and just took over the restaurant about a month ago.

**Crossroads Coffee Café** 250 Princeton, Gladstone, Oregon (by the Safeway store and Harley Davidson dealership). The Café will be open the beginning of January, and the owner wants to devote an entire wall to local art and is willing to sell it for the artist. She plans to take a commission but is willing to negotiate the percentage with you. Contact her after Christmas through her husband's e-mail: [Bryan@thesignguy.com](mailto:Bryan@thesignguy.com). Please put the word "Artwork" in the subject line, so he knows it's for her and not his sign business. Her name is Bonnie Dear.

## 2009 Budget D R A F T

### Income

Carry over bank balance	1300.
Membership	2250.
Registration fees	500.
Donations	
Total	4050.

### Expenses

Supplies	200.
Postage/Box Rental	100.
Printing	200.
Professional Services:	
Attorney	200.
Insurance	400.
Speakers	300.
Newsletter	600.
CPA	100.
Chamber Membership	155.
Website & Domain Fees	545.
Postcards/Business crds	150.
Library	100.
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3050.</b>
<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>1000.</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4050.</b>



### Wanted

The Guild needs a locked two or four drawer file cabinet with key. Can be new or a used cabinet. Contact Glenda Richards at gmrartsy@aol.com, or 503.723.4248.



### Needed

A few strong men and a large truck are needed to help transport the wood and glass display case from the EOT gallery to the Pioneer Center. The move needs to take place the end of the year. Please contact Glenda Richards, gallery co-chair for more details at gmrartsy@aol.com, or 503.723.4248 for more information.

## Board of Directors

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### Next Month

Featured at February's meeting is a Mask-making Clinic with Melanie Monge. See you on Monday, the 9<sup>TH</sup>.





### Membership Application

*To mutually enhance artistic and business skills through presentations, discussions and educational topics; provide networking and information regarding gallery openings, art shows in the community, and art event updates.*

For new members only! Please mail along with check to PO Box 2648, Oregon City, 97045 or bring to next meeting and give to Treasurer.

Name of artists(s)
Business Name:
Mailing address: City, State, Zip
Email and Web Address:
Telephone numbers:
Day:                      Evening:                      Cell:

In which media do you work? (check all that apply, and add brief description in the space below)

Drawing	Painting	Printmaking
Book/paper arts	Photography	Film/video
Sculpture	Fiber/fabric	Ceramics
Glass	Jewelry	Woodcraft
Other		

Please give a brief description of your work:

Galleries that currently represent you:

Website(s) on which your work is displayed and/or sold:

Please attach any current curriculum vitae, artist biography, or artist statement.

Membership dues are \$25.00 per person and \$35.00 for a household. Dues run from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year. **Please note, membership dues are not prorated.**

Dated: 2008

Your Initials:

Membership Paid on:

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